

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2026, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA
MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS M. CORRIGAN CATHAOIRLEACH, D, ALVEY, M. BARRY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. LEONARD, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES, J. WARD, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY (31)

APOLOGIES

CLLR O. FINN (1)

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. J. CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. H. DENNEHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER**

DEPUTY JENNIFER WHITMORE TD

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised all present they are bound by the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Employees. Also, of meetings etiquette for online meetings and that the press and some members of the public were also present.

Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Mr. Bryan Doyle, Ms. Marian Canavan, Ms. May Nolan and Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice. A minute's silence was observed for the deceased.

ITEM NO. 1

Election of the Cathaoirleach. (Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended)

Prior to calling for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Corrigan, outgoing Cathaoirleach, said that representing Wicklow County Council had been a fantastic experience and that she enjoyed the privilege of travelling across every corner of County Wicklow meeting communities, organisations, volunteers and residents. She thanked the Elected Members and the staff of Wicklow County Council for their support and kindness throughout the year.

The Elected Members and the Chief Executive paid tribute to Cllr. Corrigan on the exceptional manner in which she carried out her duties as Cathaoirleach. It was acknowledged that meetings were carried out in a fair manner and that she was always fair, open and approachable.

Cllr. M. Corrigan called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council for the forthcoming year.

1. Cllr. C. Winstanley was proposed by Cllr. M. Barry and seconded by Cllr. D. Alvey.
2. Cllr. J. Behan was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard and seconded by Cllr. M. Duddy.

Both Cllr. Winstanley and Cllr. Behan accepted the nomination.

Following a roll call Cllr. C. Winstanley was elected as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council by a margin of 20 votes for Cllr. C. Winstanley, 11 votes for Cllr. J. Behan and 1 not present viz:-

CLLR. C. WINSTANLEY (20)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, M. BARRY, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, L. FENELON GASKIN, S. LANGRELL, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, P. O'BRIEN, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES, J. WARD, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY
CLLR. J. BEHAN (11)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, I. NEARY, G. O'NEILL AND J. SNELL
NOT PRESENT (1)	CLLR. O. FINN

Before calling for nominations for Leas-Cathaoirleach, the newly elected Cathaoirleach addressed the Council.

She thanked the Elected Members in electing her to the position of Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council and paid tribute to Cllr. M. Corrigan for her exceptional service to the county during her role as Cathaoirleach over the past year.

ITEM NO. 2

Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

1. Cllr. A. Cronin was proposed by Cllr. S. Langrell and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien.

Cllr. Cronin accepted the nomination.

As there were no other nominations Cllr. A. Cronin was elected as Leas- Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council.

ITEM NO. 3

To agree a schedule of Ordinary/Special meetings for the coming year

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to the schedule of meetings for the coming year as circulated.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING


CLLR. DR. CAROLINE WINSTANLEY
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL


MS. HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 6th July 2026.