

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS A. FLYNN KENNEDY CATHAOIRLEACH, T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, S. STOKES, E. TIMMINS, G. WALSH AND I. WINTERS (30)**

**APOLOGIES**

**CLLRS. M. BARRY (1)**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
MS. L. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MS. B. KILKENNY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. B. GLEESON, HEAD OF FINANCE  
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR  
MR. J. BOWES, SENIOR ENGINEER  
MS. H. FALLON, SENIOR ENGINEER  
MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER  
MS. S. WALSH, SENIOR PLANNER  
MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
MR. T. HUGHES, IS PROJECT LEADER  
MR. S. FOX, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
MR. G. HICKEY, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR  
MR. L. CULLEN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR  
MR. M. MCNAMARA, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MS. S. HALL, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER  
MR. G. MURPHY, IS TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER  
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER  
MR. P. SAMMON, CODLING WIND PARK  
MR. A. CHRISTIANSEN, CODLING WIND PARK  
MR. S. LAKE, CODLING WIND PARK  
MS. P. MCCANN, CODLING WIND PARK**

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised 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. Brian Thompson, Ms. Danielle Quinlan, Mr. Willie Dunne, Ms. Mary Murphy and Dr. Sean Byrne. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

### **ITEM NO. 1**

**To confirm and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Glennon and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **ITEM NO. 2**

**To consider the disposal of 0.32 hectares or thereabouts comprised within Folio WW2198F adjacent to Greystones Rugby Club, Mill Road, Killincarrig, Greystones, Co. Wicklow to Greystones Rugby Club Trustees:- Mr. Gene Murphy, Mr. Jerome O'Brien and Mr. Joseph Devine.**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. S. Stokes and agreed to consider the disposal of 0.32 hectares or thereabouts comprised within Folio WW2198F adjacent to Greystones Rugby Club, Mill Road, Killincarrig, Greystones, Co. Wicklow to Greystones Rugby Club Trustees:- Mr. Gene Murphy, Mr. Jerome O'Brien and Mr. Joseph Devine, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

### **ITEM NO. 3**

**To consider the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr. G. McManus in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.**

Proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed that Item number 3 be deferred until the January meeting.

### **ITEM NO. 4**

**To consider the vacancy to the Housing and Corporate Estate SPC arising from the resignation of Cllr. G. McManus**

Proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed that Item number 4 be deferred until the January meeting.

## **ITEM NO. 5**

### **To consider the vacancy on the Bray Area Partnership arising from the resignation of Cllr. G. McManus**

Proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed that Item number 5 be deferred until the January meeting.

## **ITEM NO. 6**

### **To consider and to make, with or without amendment the County Wicklow Polling Scheme 2023**

Ms. L. Gallagher, Director of Services advised that the Elected Members were circulated with a copy of the Draft Polling Scheme and a letter from the Senior Executive Officer in Corporate Services, Helen Purcell. Local authorities are obliged to make a polling scheme and review it at least once every ten years. The last polling scheme was made in 2013, adopted by the Elected Members in 2014. Wicklow County Council is obliged to put it out to public consultation, which has been carried out. The Council has consulted with the Returning Officer of the county, Ms. Mary Delahunty. There are no changes proposed to the previous scheme as the changes made to the Bray LEA were implemented by ministerial order in 2018. Therefore, there are no changes to the previous scheme. It is a reserved function of the Elected Members to adopt the polling scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Behan, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all to consider and to make, without amendment the County Wicklow Polling Scheme 2023.

## **ITEM NO. 7**

### **To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, November 2023.**

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive Monthly Management Report November 2023. Some of the issues raised included the following:

- Charlesland Wood/Burnaby Mill.
- The Murrough, Wicklow Town.
- Update on North beach coastal erosion in Greystones.
- Public lighting – car park – Enniskerry.
- Flooding - Quill Road, Kilmacanogue.
- Outdoor recreational infrastructural scheme.
- Bray/Greystones cliff walk.
- Blue flag and green coast awards.
- Status of Greystones Media Campus.
- ERDF funding.
- HAP figures.
- Rent arrears.
- Local authority home loans.

- Age-friendly initiative.
- Masterplans for Brides Head, Wicklow and Rathdrum.
- Funding for works in housing estates.
- Launch of Glendalough Masterplan.
- Extra funding for rural roads.
- Update on recruitment in the Fire Service.
- Role of councillors – approved housing bodies.
- Japanese knotweed.
- CLG and councillors role.
- Public lighting – Kilcoole.
- Parking permits and parking fines.
- Commercial rates.
- Social housing stock.
- Lugnaquilla masterplan.
- Update – pedestrian bridge – River Slaney.
- Cold weather initiative.
- Update – Arklow/Shillelagh Greenway.
- Sale of serviced sites Baltinglass area.
- Greystones, Delgany, Kilcoole L.A.P. process.
- SPC review.
- Clogga beach erosion.
- Pontoon, Arklow.
- Vevay Road and Southern Cross NTA schemes.
- Shop front improvement schemes.

**14.36 p.m.:** Due to technical difficulties, it was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all to adjourn the meeting for ten minutes in order to resolve the issue.

**14.50 p.m.:** Meeting resumed.

Elected Members raised questions which were responded to by the Chief Executive and the relevant Director of Services.

## **ITEM NO. 9**

### **To receive a presentation: Codling Wind Park briefing**

Mr. P. Sammon, Mr. S. Lake and Mr. A. Christiansen gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Context and need.
- Project overview.
- Project areas.
- Project programme.

- Offshore export cable – nature conservation areas.
- Wind farm.
- Project commitments.
- Codling and the community.
- The community benefit fund.

There followed a broad discussion in which the Elected Members raised questions relating to the visual impact, the community fund applications and community fund committee, impact on the environment and community engagement, which were responded to by the team from the Codling Wind Park.

### **ITEM NO. 8**

#### **To consider NOAC Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2022**

Elected Members were circulated with the NOAC Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2022. The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the report as read.

### **ITEM 10**

#### **Correspondence**

Ms. H. Purcell, advised the Elected Members of the following:

- Note joint meeting of Wicklow and Wexford JPC on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.00 a.m. Commissioner Drew Harris in attendance.
- Note circulation of CPG minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- Note circulation of Protocol minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.
- Uisce Éireann holding workshop early in the new year, date of 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00 a.m. agreed.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

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**CLLR. AOIFE FLYNN KENNEDY  
CATHAOIRLEACH  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**MS. HELEN PURCELL  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/  
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**