

Newspaper Article — Wexford Echo — Tuesday, 4 October 2016

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REPORT PARAGRAPH

The Wexford Echo on the 4th October 2016 covered the story about the FOI files being released on the 28th September 2016. However, the lack of a third meeting with the executives to discuss the FOI files meant that the group were left in the dark.

EVIDENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE

1. The article establishes a **critical 12-day timeline**: FOI files were released on 28 September 2016; this article appeared on 4 October 2016; the Council issued its Review/Report on 10 October 2016. The affected group had fewer than two weeks to examine files described as extensive, complex, and spanning over 25 years before the Review/Report was published.
2. Martin Power, as public spokesman for the group, stated on record that the group **could not properly present their concerns to the executives** until they had received the files and carried out a detailed examination — a statement made six days before the Review/Report was issued without a third meeting.
3. The article confirms by name the **four-councillor liaison group** (Cllrs. Wadding, O'Connell, Hynes and Farrell) who had originally examined the files and selected relevant documents — directly connecting this article to the investigation structure agreed at the February 2016 Council meeting.
4. Former Mayor of Wexford Dominic Kiernan is recorded as welcoming the file release, confirming the matter had reached a level of public prominence beyond the directly affected parties.
5. The article records the group engaging with councillors to arrange a **reasonable timeframe** with the executives — demonstrating good-faith engagement at the precise moment the executives chose to proceed to a Review/Report without the promised third meeting.

KEY PASSAGES FROM OFFICIAL RECORD

"the group could not properly present their concerns to the executives until they had received the files and carried out a detailed examination"

— Martin Power, as reported in the Wexford Echo, 4 October 2016

RELEVANCE TO THIS REPORT

This source is central to the report's timeline. It establishes that, as of 4 October 2016 — six days before the Council issued its Review/Report on 10 October 2016 — the FOI files had only just been released and the affected group had publicly stated it needed time to examine them before presenting its concerns. The Council's decision to issue the Review/Report within twelve days of releasing those files,

and without holding the promised third meeting, is the central due process concern in this report. This source corroborates the report's account of that sequence of events with contemporaneous public reporting.

Article: 'Group welcomes release of files', Wexford Echo Newspapers, Tuesday 4 October 2016. No individual byline identified on the scan. The original newspaper scan is retained in the internal evidence file and is not reproduced publicly due to copyright.

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