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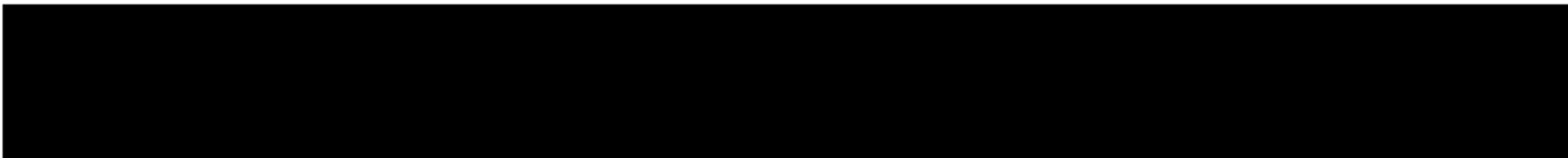
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11th January 2026

Dear Councillor Kelly,

1. I heard your interview with Alan Corcoran on South East Radio on Thursday the 8th January 2026 where my property at Custom House Quay, Wexford was discussed in detail.
2. I note from the interview that you intend to raise the dereliction of this building at the Council meeting on Monday 12th January 2026 to see if the Council could use its CPO powers to acquire the property from the Receiver, which for me is not the way forward.
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5. The core problem with this property is the title, which was altered by Wexford Borough Council in 1994 when they assembled an adjoining site for Government offices in Anne Street.
6. The title problems on the Custom House Quay property were raised in the Dáil on the 13th January 2016 by then Deputy Joe Higgins, which resulted in Wexford County Council agreeing to carry out an investigation into how the site was assembled in 1994.
7. As a result,  issued a report on the 10th October 2016 which has transpired to be inaccurate and incomplete as a result of new facts that subsequently emerged.
8. In fact Tom Enright rang me on the 12th January 2022 to discuss the new facts I had relating to the Anne Street Report and he invited me to meet him to discuss the new facts.

9. As a result I met Tom Enright in his office on the 20th January 2022 and the then County Secretary David Minogue was also present.
10. At this meeting on the 20th January 2022 Tom Enright accepted that new facts had emerged that required the 2016 report to be rectified.
11. Accordingly on the 2nd February 2022 I provided David Minogue and Emma Kennedy a file of documents that set out the new facts and David Minogue said he would pass the file on to [REDACTED] who had prepared the October 2016 Anne Street report.
12. [REDACTED]
13. Shortly after, David Minogue told me he was retiring and that Tom Enright had nominated Liz Hore to rectify the report and related issues, and accordingly he agreed to give Liz Hore the Anne Street Report which I had given him on the 2nd February 2022. (**Attachment 1 - David Minogue & Elizabeth Hore Emails re Proposed Meeting**)
14. Arising from this I and another party met Liz Hore, Anthony Bailey and Anita McLoughlin on the 31st May 2022 in the Council offices from 2:30 pm to 5:45 pm.
15. My file relating to the Anne Street matter was discussed in detail along with issues relating to Park/Carcur.
16. A further meeting took place with Liz Hore and Anita McLoughlin on the 7th June 2022.
17. I sent notes of the two meetings to Liz Hore, Anita McLoughlin, Anthony Bailey, Tom Enright and David Minogue. (**Attachment 2 - Notes of Meetings**)
18. I specifically sent the notes of the two meetings to Tom Enright and David Minogue, as I had originally discussed these issues with Tom Enright and David Minogue when I first met them on 20th January 2022, and I felt it appropriate to keep them updated on progress.
19. The notes of the two meetings were an accurate account of what was discussed at both meetings.
20. Accordingly, I was very surprised to get an email on 13th June 2022 from Liz Hore while acknowledging receipt of the notes, claimed they did not represent what was discussed at the two meetings. (**Attachment 3 - EH Email to MP - 13th June 2022**)
21. This email made no sense, as the notes I sent her represented what was discussed at both meetings and if Liz Hore felt they were inaccurate in any way, it was open to her to send me her own notes from the meeting.

Letter from Eddie Taaffe 10th July 2024

22. On the 8th July 2024 I asked Cllr Forde, amongst other things, to check with Eddie Taaffe what progress had been made with regard to rectifying the 2016 Anne Street report.

23. Accordingly, Eddie Taaffe replied on the 10th July 2024. (Attachment 4 - Eddie Taaffe Reply - 10th July 2024)
24. In his reply Eddie Taaffe says the previous Chief Executive had provided ample answers and that no further answers were necessary unless or until new information was brought to the attention of the council.
25. This reply completely ignores the fact that new information was brought to the attention of Tom Enright in January 2022 almost six years after [REDACTED] completed the report on the 10th October 2016.
26. You will see from the above the importance of having the 2016 Anne Street report rectified without further delay.
27. [REDACTED]
28. I brought the historical problems re: this property to your attention by email on the 6th, 9th and 24th September 2019, the 14th October 2019, the 31st January 2020, the 13th January 2022, the 9th July 2022 and the 11th December 2023.
29. Now that you have raised the issue of this property in the local media, you need to ask at the Council meeting on Monday the 12th January 2026, why Eddie Taaffe is ignoring the new information that was submitted to the Council in 2022 and subsequently discussed at two meetings with Council executives on the 31st May 2022 and the 7th June 2022.
30. I have arranged to attend the county council meeting next Monday the 12th January 2026, by video link and I would appreciate it if you could let me know at what stage of the meeting you intend to raise the custom house quay property issue.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Power

[REDACTED]