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19<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Dear Business Owner,

We promised to keep you informed of the outcome of our contact with Wexford County Council in relation to the payment of Rates.

As you might remember, following a survey of the Business Sector in Town we had informed Wexford County Council that rates payments would be withheld from the 30th of September until a series of questions were answered.

Following contact on the 30th, that the information was prepared, we agreed to meet with a delegation from Wexford County Council.

This meeting was held on Friday the 9th of October and attended by Marian McKenna, Niall Slattery, David Mc Cormack and Alan Smyth on behalf of Gorey Chamber and Niall McGuigan, Ger Mackey and Vincent Roche from Wexford Co Council, in addition to Colin Webb the Mayor of Gorey.

The entire presentation made by the officials on the day with answers to all our questions is available on our website [www.goreychamber.com](http://www.goreychamber.com), just click onto **Wexford County Council Rates Presentation and download the PDF format on the home page.**

In addition they have clearly committed to working with each rate payer and agreeing a new payment schedule should you so wish, by contacting them directly.

It is also your right to have your rate reviewed if you are currently unhappy with the level you have to pay, while current rate valuations are open to public scrutiny in the rate book.

On the whole, this was a positive meeting, with our questions answered and our threat to withhold rates now lifted.

I believe that we have now opened up a channel of communication with the local Authority, which will need ongoing work, but which can be utilized into the future, for the good of the Business sector.

Regards,

Dick White  
Gorey Chamber