



**Wicklow County Council  
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

**ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER 2014.**

**Members Present: Cathaoirleach Pat Fitzgerald  
Cllr. T. Annesley, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Sylvester Bourke,  
Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cllr. Mary Mc Donald.**

**Officials Present: Mr. Bryan Doyle, District Manager  
Ms. Linda Mc Donald, District Administrator  
Mr. Jack Kelly, District Engineer  
Ms Lorraine Lynch, Head of Finance  
Ms Iris Gould, A/Staff Officer.**

**Item 1 - Consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for Arklow Municipal District.**

The Cathaoirleach Pat Fitzgerald welcomed Lorraine Lynch Head of Finance to the meeting. Ms. Lynch outlined the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Arklow Municipal District which had been circulated to the Members in advance of the meeting. She explained that the meeting could not be adjourned and that a decision on the Schedule of MD works could not be made until after the main budget meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014. She advised that Arklow MD is now part of the countywide budget equalisation process aiming to bring all districts to a uniform level of service.

The Members expressed their disappointment with the reduction in the budget for 2015 compared to the 2014 budget for the former Arklow Town Council.

Cllr Pat Fitzgerald proposed that a Resolution be passed at the full Council Meeting requesting that the funding for Community/Arts grants be distributed fairly to each Municipal District. Cllr Sylvester Bourke seconded this proposal. Ms. Lynch agreed to convey this request.

District Manager, Bryan Doyle confirmed that all capital budgets would carry forward to 2015.

Cllr Sylvester Bourke stated that the reality of reducing the property tax now means that there is less money in the budget. Cllr Sylvester Bourke enquired about the possibility of lighting at the new memorial park in Woodenbridge. It was agreed that this request could be considered during the preparation of the Schedule of Municipal District works.

Cllr Pat Kennedy enquired about funding for street cleaning, playgrounds and the replacement of Christmas lights in Rathdrum. The Cathaoirleach suggested that a letter be submitted to the District Administrator requesting a contribution towards the purchase of replacement Christmas lights for Rathdrum.

Cllr Mary McDonald enquired about the expenditure associated with the Twinning Budget.

Cllr Tommy Annesley made enquiries about the provision of extra litter bins on Arklow Main Street, Cllr Pat Fitzgerald suggested that enquiries should be made to Jack Kelly, Municipal District Engineer.

**The following budgets were considered and agreed:**

***D0502. Management and Maintenance of Tourist Facilities - €5,000***

It was agreed by the Members that this funding would be used to continue a Bursary scheme for secondary schools in the AMD.

***D0903- Town Twinning - €3,000***

Agreed without amendment.

***D0905 – Economic Development and Promotion - €20,000***

It was agreed to fund the Tidy Towns from this budget along with another incentive to be agreed at a later date.

***E0601- Operation of Street cleaning Service - €49,535***

Agreed without amendment.

***E0602- Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins – €1,863***

Agreed without amendment.

***F0301- Op, Mtce and Imp of Parks, Pitches and Open Spaces – €12,755***

Agreed without amendment.

***F0302-Op, Mtce & Imp of Playgrounds – €40,695.***

Agreed without amendment.

***F0505-Festivals & Concerts – €20,000***

Agreed without amendment.

Cllr Tommy Annessley proposed the adoption of the Budget and this was seconded by Cllr Mary McDonald.

District Manager, Bryan Doyle suggested that a list of necessary upgrading works should be submitted to Joe Lane in relation to playgrounds in the AMD. This was proposed by Cllr Pat Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Miriam Murphy. Linda Mc Donald, District Administrator is to write to Joe Lane.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

**Minutes confirmed at Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Signed: 

**Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District**

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**Linda Mc Donald, District Administrator.**