



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2016

Present: Cllr. Sylvester Bourke, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. T. Annesley
Cllr. P. Fitzgerald
Cllr. P. Kennedy
Cllr. M. Murphy
Cllr. M. McDonald

Officials Present: Mr. M. Geaney, A/District Manager
Mr. J. Kelly, District Engineer
Ms. L. McDonald, District Administrator
Ms. F. Clinton, Assistant Staff Officer
Mr. Liam Fitzpatrick, I.T. Section, Wicklow County Council
Mr. Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer, Wicklow County Council

Item 1 - Vote of Sympathy:

The Members expressed votes of sympathy to the families of the following who recently passed away: John Appleby, Eileen Condren, Kevin McManus, Patricia O'Leary, Ciara Ryan and Fergal Keogh (of Wexford County Council).

Cllr. Bourke welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2 – Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting, held on the 9th of March 2016, were proposed by Cllr. Annesley and seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Item 3 - Matters Arising:

There were no Matters Arising.

Item 4 – A Presentation from Ms. Leah Kinsella and Ms. Fiona Downs of the County Wicklow Volunteer Centre:

Ms. Kinsella outlined the work of the County Wicklow Volunteer Centre explaining how it was founded in 2007 and now has 133 voluntary groups registered with them. She described how they place volunteers and also provide information on the

volunteer's rights and obligations and best practice in volunteering. She explained how their service depends on contributions. It was also noted that grants were received from Bray Municipal District and Wicklow Partnership. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Kinsella for her presentation.

Item 5 – To consider the 2016 Schedule of Municipal District Works for AMD:

A handout containing both the proposed budget and the outline of County Council activity within AMD had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. The proposed Arklow Municipal District (AMD) budget for 2016 was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Bourke. Ms. Mc Donald also gave an outline of County Council activity within AMD during 2016.

Item 6 – Update on the progress of the following projects:

- Bridge Street Junction Road Improvement Works.
- Arklow Flood Relief Scheme.
- Arklow Sewerage Treatment Plan

With regard to the Bridge Street Junction Road Improvement Works which had also been discussed at length at a previous meeting of the Members with the Arklow Chamber of Commerce, it was agreed that Margaret Hartnett, Senior Resident Engineer WCC, would be informed of busses and trucks appearing to have difficulty turning and illegal turns being made on this junction .

With regard to the Arklow Flood Relief Scheme, Ms. McDonald informed all present that Marc Devereux, Senior Engineer of Wicklow County Council (WCC) informed her that WCC forwarded a proposal to the OPW for completion of the revised preliminary report. He also advised that when the approval is received WCC will organize a public consultation session.

At the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce prior to the Arklow Municipal District meeting Mr. Geaney handed all present two documents – one was an article on how Irish Water are progressing the Wastewater Treatment Plant for Arklow and the other was an Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant Planning Roadmap. He went through the process and the timeframe involved. Ms. McDonald told all present that she would send any queries they may have to Irish Water.

Item 7 – The Road Traffic (Speed Limit) (County of Wicklow) Bye-Laws Review:

Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer, Wicklow County Council (WCC) informed all present that WCC has just commenced a review of speed limits for the county and aim to have the new bye laws drawn up by the end of the year and new road signs in place by the end of March 2017. He added that the 1st and 2nd drafts will go to public consultation and the 3rd will go to the full Council for adoption. Mr. O'Brien advised that the existing speed limit bye laws in Co. Wicklow are available for inspection on an interactive web page at <http://tinyrul.com/wicklowspeedlimits> and that any submissions should be made by email to speedlimits@wicklowcoco.ie or by post to Margaret Malone in the Roads Office in Wicklow County Council. Various Members told of roads/streets where they felt the speed limit should be lowered. Mr. O'Brien advised them to put their views in writing as outlined and he informed all present that

he would be in a meeting room near the Chamber at the next full Council Meeting so anyone can drop into him and he can record their submissions then.

Item 8 – Update on the 2016 Roads Programme for AMD:

Mr. Kelly, District Engineer, advised that the following roads will be improved this year:

1. Road number 750 – Seabank, Arklow.
2. Road number 6126 – Kirakee, Glenmalure.
3. Road number 6194 – Kilahurler.
4. Road number 752 – Garnagowlan, Castlemacadam.
5. Road number 6124 – Ballydowling.

A list of other roads, to be done, was circulated to all present. Mr. Kelly advised that these would be done after 2016. Mr. Kelly also advised that there are monies in for the work required on Seabank Road.

Cllr. Annesley said there is still a problem with flooding on the Templeraíney Road. Cllrs McDonald and Murphy both mentioned potholes in Kilcara (from Fosters).

Item 9 – Notices of Motion:

“That the Council install a disabled parking bay in Aughrim to allow for easy access and egress to the post office in Aughrim”.

This Notice of Motion had been proposed by Cllr. Bourke.

Mr. Kelly, in reply, stated that at present there are no disabled parking spaces in Aughrim, and subject to getting local agreement he recommends that Wicklow County Council provide a disabled parking space close to the Post Office. He added that the work for same could be charged to Regional Road Maintenance.

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

Mr. Kelly asked the Members to let him know if they have any ideas for more disabled parking in Aughrim.

Cllr. McDonald suggested putting some disabled parking at the GAA grounds but Mr. Kelly felt this was not a good location.

Item 10 – Correspondence:

1. Ms. McDonald read out an email she had sent to all Councillors which was an invitation to a presentation in Avondale Community College, Rathdrum, which was issued as AMD awarded a Bursary of €5,000 to this school.
2. Cllr. Annesley advised that he had received correspondence from the Twinning group from Wales and that Mr. Jenkins will confirm dates of their visit tomorrow.
3. Ms. McDonald advised that Dave Thomas of the Wicklow Pride Festival emailed her with regard to the recent presentation by the two historians Mr. Pat Power and Mr. Jim Rees regarding a proposed name change to St. Mary’s Park. It was agreed to defer this correspondence until the next meeting.

Item 11 – Any Other Business:

With regard to an email from Sorcha Burns requesting a disabled parking bay close to the library, Mr. Kelly said that with regard to the proposed changes to Bradshaw Lane he will look at where a disabled parking space could be made in the area. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked will this be advertised. They were advised it would be advertised in two weeks times.

Cllr. McDonald advised that the residents of Tigroney Avoca are happy that works are proceeding on the rehabilitation of the Tigroney West spoils area which is part of the Avoca Mines. However, they have concerns about the damage that will be done to the road. They have requested that AMD write to Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to request that funding be made available to Wicklow County Council to strengthen 300m of the L6155. Linda McDonald agreed to follow this up.

Cllr. McDonald offered her congratulations to those involved in the Avoca Tapestry.

Cllr. Murphy said that on Friday the 6th of May next over 1000 cyclists and their teams will be in town partaking in the Cycle Against Suicide. She asked if AMD could arrange a welcome for them. Cllr. Fitzgerald suggested they hold it in the park and do a type of formal receiving. Cllr. Bourke said he would phone Carmel McBride who is their spokesperson. Ms. McDonald mentioned that there is also a big concert on that night to commemorate 1916.

Cllr. Fitzgerald said there are currently 868 people on the AMD Social Housing List.

Ms. McDonald told all present that Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer, advised her that the works to restore the lights on the Wexford Road will commence this week and that WCC direct labour crew will be doing the work.

Cllr. Bourke asked Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer to look again at the lights on Beech Road.

Cllr. Bourke informed all present that the Twinning Committee want to make a presentation to the Council. Cllr. McDonald agreed to arrange same.

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 11th of May 2016 at 3.30pm.

Signed: *Cllr. Sylvester Bourke, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.*

Signed: *Linda McDonald, Arklow Municipal District Administrator*