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Mission Statement

“To improve the quality of life for the people of County Wicklow, drive economic and community development, adhering to the principles of sustainable development, social inclusion, human rights and equality and accessibility for all. We will maximize the use of resources to deliver efficient, effective and value for money services, be open and receptive to change, working in partnership with all our stakeholders”.

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As Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council I am delighted to introduce the Annual Report for the year 2019. This report outlines the very many and varied activities of Wicklow County Council across all services. Wicklow County Council provides and funds a broad range of services including; housing, roads, playgrounds, libraries, fire stations, sports facilities, arts centres, recycling centres, as well as serving as a platform for local democracy.

During 2019, 330 community groups participated in the Wicklow County Council's Community Grants Schemes, benefiting from grants totaling €177,000. The CLAR programme delivered €134,000 to three projects in Knockananna and Rathcoole, while the Town & Village enhancement programme provided €250,173 to five projects in Dunlavin, Coolkenno, Aughrim, Redcross and Delgany. I would also like to congratulate all of the tidy towns groups around the county who participate annually in the Tidy Towns competition and to commend the dedication of

all the volunteers. The hard work of these volunteers saw success for Arklow, Wicklow and Aughrim in the 2019 Awards.

I was delighted to be present at the launch of the Age Friendly business programme in Arklow which endeavours to make age friendly a way of life with older people continuing to be at the heart of the initiative.

As a Council, we are proud to have produced a series of familiarisation videos to help members of the public with accessibility arrangements for County Buildings and the five Municipal District Offices. This Digital initiative was part-funded under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Digital Innovation Programme and aims to assist people with learning difficulties, Autism, physical disabilities, and with anxiety concerns encountered when visiting Council offices. Wicklow County Council were also delighted to be to continue to take part in the national 'Make Way Day' highlighting to the public to make way for people with disabilities.

The launch of the Council's new mobile library unit in October has proved to be a great success, emphasising that being a member of the mobile library gives members of the public the same benefits as being a member of a branch library, especially with regard to it providing access to all the online library facilities and the ability to request items from any of the 330 libraries nationwide.

In May, we were proud to host a reception at Powerscourt House to welcome Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to County Wicklow. The

visit provided Wicklow County Council with a great opportunity to showcase Wicklow on an international stage. The Royal Couple visited Glencree, Killruddery, Avoca and Glendalough during their time in the County.

The Glen Beach Cliff Walk in Wicklow was officially re-opened in July, having been closed to coastal erosion since 2003. The cliff walk encompasses one of the most spectacular stretches of the Wicklow coastline, offering a unique opportunity to experience nature and to explore local history and archaeology. The collaborative approach of officials of Wicklow Municipal District, Wicklow County Council and the Community “Friends of the Murrough” and Wicklow Golf Club, made this re-opening possible.

Wicklow continued its success from previous years in the Bank of Ireland Enterprise town Awards with Rathdrum being recognised as Leinster Runner-up at the award ceremony in December. The award aims to promote enterprise by bringing businesses and community groups together in towns and villages across Ireland to showcase the spirit of enterprise in their local area. I would like to commend and congratulate the Town Teams throughout the County who are making a valuable contribution to the revitalization and economic viability of our towns.

The Council was also extremely proud of the two silver awards achieved in the National All Ireland & Community Awards; Bray Air Display (best tourism initiative) and Summer in Bray (best art/culture).

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to my fellow Elected Members and to thank them for their co-operation and assistance to me during the year, particularly the members of the

Corporate Policy Group and each of the six Strategic Policy Groups who were instrumental in contributing to the policy and decision making forum affecting the entire Council.

I would also like to take the opportunity to record my appreciation to Chief Executive, Frank Curran and to the entire staff of Wicklow County Council for the manner in which they assisted me in the performance of my role as Cathaoirleach.

COUNCILLOR IRENE WINTERS
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL





It gives me great pleasure as Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council to welcome the publication of the 2019 Annual Report and to highlight a number of achievements over the last 12 months which are further contained within this report.

The Council continues to deliver significant efficiencies and innovation, while focusing on its leadership role to drive local, community and economic development, in line with the Corporate Plan 2019-2024, to ensure that Wicklow remains an attractive place to live, work, do business and visit.

May 2019 saw the local elections take place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous members of the Council, and welcome and thank the newly elected members, for their ongoing co-operation, support and their commitment to serve the people of County Wicklow.

Wicklow County Council hosted its “Making Wicklow Great for Business” Business Breakfast Briefing in February 2019. This annual event aims to encourage with business stakeholders within the County in order to drive economic activity and increase employment in collaboration with local businesses, state agencies and the Local Enterprise Office. Following on from the successful annual

Business Breakfast Briefing, a high level Business Advisory Council has been established with key business leaders from throughout the County.

A number of successful projects and strategies progressed during 2019:

- A contract was signed to supply and install CCTV for Arklow Town
- The Healthy Wicklow Strategy 2018-2021 was launched
- The County Wicklow Food and Beverage Strategy 2019-2021 was launched
- Three projects were awarded funding in the first round under the Urban Regional Development Fund, Arklow Historic Town Core (€1,645,000), Wicklow Library/Fitzwilliam Square (€1,626,000) and Bray Public Transport Bridge (€3,450,000)
- Ecotrail Wicklow took place in September, with more than 1100 participants partaking in events through iconic locations over four distances
- Fifty-five new homes opened in Arklow in two new developments. Heatherside is a 38 house development of energy efficient 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses, while Delaney Park is a 17 house scheme of energy efficient 2 and 3 bedroom houses
- Work commenced on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Social Housing Project (Bundle 1) at Convent Lands, Wicklow which will provide 51 social housing units.
- The second public consultation began on the N11/M11 junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme
- Wicklow County Council was allocated €1,434,000 through the Regional Enterprise Development Fund to develop a Content Creation Enterprise Hub at Wicklow County Campus
- The contract for the N81 Knockroe Bends realignment Scheme was awarded

- The Climate Action Charter was signed by Wicklow County Council committing the Council to play its part in tackling Climate Change
- Work continued on the construction of the Florentine Town Centre Development

FRANK CURRAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Underpinning all of our activities is the Wicklow County Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2024 which sets out the Council's strategic direction and goals over the next five year period. A key objective of this plan is a commitment to take a lead on climate change and biodiversity. A sixth SPC (Climate and Biodiversity SPC) was established in 2019 to assist in leading policy in this area.

The Corporate Plan also provides a framework and context for the Annual Service Delivery Plans, which in turn identify the services to be delivered and the standard to which they will be delivered, monitored and measured.

I would like to commend the elected Members of Wicklow County Council, the Members of the Strategic Policy Committees, the Corporate Policy Group and the LCDC and to acknowledge all the work that is carried out at Municipal District Level and by the various other hardworking committees.

I would especially like to thank the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Irene Winters for her commitment and co-operation in the delivery of the Council's high level goals in 2019. I would like to commend and thank the entire staff of Wicklow County Council for their continued hard work and contribution to the delivery of high quality service to the public in 2019.

I am confident that the work of the Council and the progress achieved will enhance the quality of life for the people of Wicklow.

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Declan Marnane

Helena Fallon

- Housing Management
- Social Inclusion
- Building Control
- Corporate Estate

The Housing and Corporate Estate Strategic Policy Committee met on four occasions in 2019 and focused on a number of key areas including:

- Budget 2019 – Implications for Housing Authorities nationally in terms of future housing supply, management and investment issues
- Housing priorities for 2019 including future housing supply and management
- Management of housing stock
- Social Housing Assessment
- Rent Review
- Housing Assistance Payment
- Rebuilding Ireland
- Housing Construction Programme to 2021
- Traveller Accommodation Plan – 2019-2024
- Approved Housing Bodies collaboration
- Action Plan for Homelessness
- Choice Based Letting Scheme

Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery



Direct Housing Delivery.

Wicklow County Council have an active Housing delivery programme, with an increasing use of

Housing and Corporate Estate

- Social Housing Provision & Planning

design and build which results in significant time savings. 39 units were delivered in 2019, and we expect to deliver 189 in 2020.

PPP Social Housing Project (Bundle 1)

Development Site at Convent Lands, Wickow for 51 Social Housing units. Construction is ongoing with units expected in August 2020.

Part V

Wicklow County Council continues to liaise closely with Agents and Developers in respect of Part V requirements. Some Part V units are delivered through CALF in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies e.g. Glenheron in Greystones and some directly to the Council e.g. Kirvin Hill, Rathnew. 46 Part V units were delivered in 2019 through a combination of LA acquisition and CALF.

Turnkey

The Council are actively seeking and encouraging the provision of social housing via the mechanism of turnkey development. 68 turnkey units were acquired into Council stock in 2019 in Wicklow, Rathnew, Arklow and Tinahely. The Council regularly invites applications for further turnkey units and expects to continue to augment supply with further turnkey units in 2020.

CALF Leasing

Wicklow County Council continues to facilitate applications from Approved Housing Bodies for delivery of units through the CALF leasing scheme. Over 130 CALF turnkey units were delivered in Rathnew and Ashford in 2019.

Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)

Wicklow County Council continues to work with Approved Housing Bodies to increase the supply of social housing. A number of sites have been allocated to AHB's to progress following a selection procedure and progress has been made on designing schemes for these sites.

Housing Management

The total budget for housing repairs was €1.6 million for 2019. This was distributed evenly between the Municipal Districts on a pro rata basis based on the number of units in each district.

Central Heating was also provided in a number of houses while servicing and maintenance of central heating systems has continued.

When houses become vacant they are upgraded as follows:

- Electrics check and repair/rewire;
- Plumbing check;
- Replacement of kitchen units/sanitary ware where necessary;
- Upgrade of properties to enhanced energy efficiency.
- Any other works required

VOIDS Refurbishment Programme 2019

A total of 9 units were returned to productive use in 2019 through funding available under the VOIDS Refurbishment Programme.

Housing Allocations

Wicklow County Council allocates houses in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities adopted by Council Members and

approved by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Any person in need of housing and unable to obtain it from their own resources may be included on the Council's Housing Waiting List.

A total of 4,360 housing applicants were on the housing list for County Wicklow at 31st December 2019. A total of 320 houses were allocated during 2019 at various locations throughout the County (203 Wicklow County Council and 117 Approved Housing Bodies) as per the table below:

Other Housing Options

In terms of other housing options, Wicklow County Council continued to promote a broad range of additional housing options in 2019 including:

- Mortgage Allowance Scheme
- House Purchase Loan
- Housing Grants
- Mortgage to Rent

Other housing options promoted by Wicklow County Council included RAS, HAP Long Term and Short Term Social Leasing.

RAS (Rental Accommodation Scheme)

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) caters for the accommodation needs of persons who are in receipt of rent supplement, normally for more than 18 months and who have a long-term housing need (excluding asylum seekers or non-nationals who do not have leave to remain in the state permanently, students and persons in receipt of rent supplement such as a “back to work” incentive).

The aim of RAS is to improve the quality and standard of rented accommodation and to provide greater security of tenure for the tenant.

The total number of RAS properties at 31st December, 2019 was 347.

Long Term And Short Term Social Housing Leasing

Efforts continued throughout 2019 to promote leasing as a social housing option in County Wicklow.

This is where properties are leased from the private sector and used to accommodate households from local authority waiting lists. Leased properties will be allocated to tenants in accordance with the local authorities allocations schemes.

A total of 21 units were leased to Wicklow County Council as of 31st December, 2019 and interest in the scheme is increasing.

HAP (Housing Assistance Payment)

HAP is a form of housing support provided by local authorities. HAP means that local authorities can now provide housing assistance for households who qualify for social housing support, including many long term rent supplement recipients. Under HAP Local Authorities will make the full rent payment, subject to rent limits, on behalf of the HAP recipient directly to the landlord. The HAP recipient will then pay a rent contribution to the local authority. The rent contribution is a

differential rent – that is, a rent based on income and ability to pay.

HAP will provide a more integrated system of housing support and aims to :

- Allow all social housing supports to be accessed through one body – the local authority and
- Allow recipients to take up full –time employment and still keep their housing support

A total of 1,662 households were in receipt of HAP rental support at 31st December, 2019.

Estate Development

Estate Development Grants were allocated through the Municipal Districts to Residents Associations within the districts.

Tenant Liaison Officer

In 2019 the Tenant Liaison Officer continued to support Wicklow County Council’s Tenants throughout its estates in the Wicklow, Arklow, Greystones and Baltinglass Municipal Districts. 98 cases of anti social behaviour were recorded in 2019. These included cases such as addictions, mental health, noise, rubbish etc. An Inter Agency approach involving An Garda Siochana, H.S.E. and Tusla has proved to be the best possible outcome in dealing with anti social issues. Going forward it is hoped to involve An Garda Siochana in new measures in tackling anti social behaviour i.e., asking their attendance at meetings with Tenants where there are severe anti social issues.

Housing Rents

A total of 111 new dwellings were added to the Council’s housing stock in 2019.

At the 31st December 2019 there were 4,429 tenanted units.

The total rents collected in 2019 was €13.1 million. The closing arrears at 31st December 2019 stand at €1,355,377.79.

The Council carried out an extensive rent review in 2019. The Rents Department work diligently to reduce the rent arrears while also working closely with tenants in sustaining their tenancies and avoiding court proceedings and eventual eviction.

Housing Grants

In 2019 the grant funding for private houses was €1,768,217 with €1,765,111.36 spent at 31st December 2019. The grant funding for social houses was €500,00 with a total of €724,545.02 spent at 31st December 2019.

Of this 80% can be recouped from the Department.

Traveller Accommodation

The members of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) met regularly during 2019. Implementation of the objectives under the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014 to 2018 continued to ensure the accommodation needs of Travellers living in Co. Wicklow were met during 2019. This included planning for the provision of standard housing, halting sites, group housing, rural houses and temporary/emergency sites.

During the latter part of 2018 and early part of 2019 the LTACC prepared a Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan for 2019-2024. This Plan went through the various stages for approval and was adopted by the members of Wicklow County Council in September 2019.

Homelessness

Prevention of homelessness continued to be a key focus and the homeless team provided advice and support, (phone, counter and appointment) to persons homeless or at risk of homelessness. The homeless team engaged with Landlords and Agents, to sustain and progress tenancies.

Emergency accommodation was provided by the Council, where necessary, following a full assessment of need.

- 711 cases (families/individuals) presented as homeless during 2019, with 45 emergency accommodation placements provided during 2019.
- Mid East Region Action Plan for Homelessness 2018-2020.
- Protocols/policies implemented during 2019 included Prisoner Release Protocol in conjunction with the Prison Service, National Quality Service Framework for service providers and Housing First.

Homeless HAP

The Homeless HAP Placefinder provides assistance in:

- seeking out potential properties suitable for households currently identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- liaising with specific households to establish their specific needs;
- establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords; and, supporting those homeless households to (a) prevent the necessity to enter emergency accommodation or (b) to exit emergency accommodation and secure a tenancy.

To date, 193 households (149 families & 44 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from

the inception on 1st October 2018 to 31st December, 2019. (101 homeless cases and 92 prevention cases to date. 69 properties were sourced by WCC.

Partnership Approach – working with Approved Housing Bodies

In order to target specific cohorts of vulnerable people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and those who need supported accommodation, Wicklow County Council continued to work collaboratively with a number of Approved Housing Bodies to deliver accommodation to individuals with support needs. This housing led approach ensures a sustainable solution to homelessness in individuals who are initially hard to reach and ultimately have tenancy sustainment issues.

The Council operates the management of these properties through either Service Level Agreements, or License Agreements and Leases. These units provide wraparound, supported accommodation for vulnerable individuals using the Housing First model. This housing led approach to combating homelessness is enshrined in Rebuilding Ireland and is a commitment in the Mid East Region Homelessness Action Plan for Kildare, Meath and Wicklow.

In partnership with the Simon Community, the Council continues to provide a supported accommodation facility at Kilmantin Hill in Wicklow Town, for people experiencing homelessness. Ten individuals are accommodated in medium support, transitional units at the facility.

The Council continued to move away from the model of providing emergency homeless accommodation from large units, towards a best practice Housing First model. This

involved a number of different approaches including the use of smaller units with visiting support for up to 3-4 clients per house. Two four bedroom properties, which provide low to medium supported accommodation for eight individuals, under licence agreement for a period of eighteen months, continued to operate successfully in, Bray.

Sonass Facility, Wicklow - Transition to Family Homeless Hub

Following the advice that Sonass was withdrawing services from Wicklow, the operation of the facility was tendered out to Approved Housing Bodies to operate and manage the facility as a Family Homeless Hub. The successful tenderer was Dublin Simon Community, who will be in a position to commence operations and management of the facility pending finalisation of the legal handover. Refurbishment work commenced on the facility which will provide temporary accommodation for 7 families.

Cold Weather Initiative

A Cold Weather Initiative was set up to provide additional emergency accommodation during the winter months. A property in Bray was identified as suitable and the facility opened its doors to homeless individuals in November 2019. The initiative is a partnership arrangement between Dublin Simon Community, Wicklow County Council and the Five Loaves Homeless Service. The facility has a capacity of 12 beds.

Housing First

Wicklow County Council continued on its commitment to implement the Housing First model.

Peter McVerry Trust was appointed as Implementing Partner and the roll out of the programme commenced in the Mid East Region in 2019. Wicklow County Council had its first Housing First client accommodated in Wicklow Town in December 2019. Properties are being sourced for this initiative and the Housing Agency are assisting also in this regard.

Homelessness and Mental Health

A Mental Health forum was established in 2018 with representatives from the HSE, Wicklow County Council and HALE (AHB for Mental Health). In 2019 Wicklow County Council agreed to cofund a Tenancy Sustainment Officer to deal with clients at risk of homelessness due to enduring Mental Health.

Health and Safety

Wicklow County Council's Health and Safety Policy has been established to ensure that in so far as is reasonably practicable, everyone who works for or on behalf of Wicklow County Council does so in the safest and healthiest conditions possible. The Housing Directorate has endorsed this Health and Safety Policy as being applicable to all Wicklow County Council operations within the Housing Section. The organisations policies and procedures for health and safety are constantly reviewed in line with best practices, legislative changes and national initiatives.

Safety audits and safety inspections of contractor and direct labour sites are carried

out on a weekly basis by the Health and Safety Facilitator.

Health and Safety Induction Training is communicated to all new members of staff. Extensive training programs are provided for staff continually to ensure compliance with construction and safety regulations. The Housing Section's Safety Statements were reviewed in 2019.

Transportation, Water and Emergency Services

Strategic Policy Committee

Membership of the Transportation, Water and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee consists of five County Councillors along with four members from sectoral interest groups. The Strategic Policy Committee holds regular meetings throughout the year at which both national and local issues are discussed.

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Elizabeth Clarke

Health and Safety

The Directorate is committed to ensuring adherence to the principles of Safety, Health and Welfare at work. In this regard, plans and policies have been and are continuing to be developed and updated to improve our health and safety procedures. Extensive training programmes are provided for staff continually to ensure compliance with construction and safety regulations. Safety Statements are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The implementation of good health and safety practices has resulted in additional costs for various projects, but notwithstanding this, the Council remains committed to the health and safety of its employees.

Energy Consumption

As per Statutory Instrument 542 of 2009 and Statutory Instrument 426 of 2014, all Public Bodies are required to report annually on their energy consumption and performance. The national requirement is to reduce public sector energy consumption by 33% by 2016 or 3% per annum thereafter. These targets were further updated in the 2019 Climate Action Plan which increased the energy efficiency to be achieved

to 50% by 2030. This document also sets out a target for a 30% reduction in CO2 by 2030.

Energy Saving Measures 2019

- In 2019 approximately 1441 LED lanterns have been installed as part of maintenance repair works throughout the county, works particularly focused on replacing SOX lanterns, which are no longer been manufactured. The estimated energy saving is approximately 285,940Kwh per year.
- Replacement of lanterns along the Drumkay and Hawkstown Roads, Wicklow (Wicklow Port Access and Town Relief Roads) (238 units) with LED lanterns. Estimated energy savings of 64,200Kwh per year.
- Installed 35 LED lanterns along the Dargle River walkways in Bray. Estimated energy saving is 8,430Kwh per year.

Proposed Energy Saving Measure 2020

- Support and contribute to the Eastern Region Energy Efficiency Project (LED upgrades) overseen by the Roads Management Office and Kilkenny County Council.
- Upgrade 30 decorative lights along Bray Seafront and Pomade. This work will be completed by February 2020 Estimated Energy Saving 9,600Kwh per year.
- Continue the installation of LEDs at various locations throughout the county to repair faulty lanterns and in particular the SOX lanterns. Estimated number to be replaced for 2020 is 1,200; this would generate an energy saving of about 263,940Kwh of energy.

- Complete the database verification in association with the Energy Efficiency Project.
- Charlesland/Farrenkelly Dual Carriageway Project (Phase 2). Estimated Energy Saving 126,750Kwh per year. Subject to funding being available.

Transportation Objective 1

To promote and facilitate the provision of all transport in an integrated manner and so to foster social and economic development, having regard to environmental considerations, sustainable development and social inclusion and health and safety

Road Safety Promotion and Education

The Road Safety Together Committee, which includes members of the Gardaí, Fire Service, Road Safety Authority, National Roads Authority and officials of Wicklow County Council met on a quarterly basis in 2019 to review road safety in County Wicklow. The County Wicklow Road Safety Plan 2015-2020 is now available and can be accessed online on www.wicklow.ie The main objective of the Road Safety Plan is to reduce the number of casualties on County Wicklow's roads and to provide focus on making Wicklow a safer county for both motorists and pedestrians through Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation.

Objective 2

To construct and maintain the national, regional and local roads networks to the

highest possible standard for each road type, current and future usage and best value for money.

National Secondary N81

Wicklow County Council signed the Main Works Contract with Clonmel Enterprises Ltd on the 2nd September 2019.

The N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment Scheme involves the upgrade of the N81 National Secondary Road at Knockroe Bend. This bend is situated on the N81 approximately 800m south of Hollywood Cross (Junction of N81 and R756) and approximately 11km south of Blessington. This bend is situated between two sections of relatively good alignment and has been the scene of numerous collisions. This scheme has been prepared to improve road standards, to implement an improvement in the road safety performance of this section of the N81 and reduce the occurrence by realigning and widening the road at this location.

The scheme will involve the realignment of the N81 at Knockroe Bend over a length of approximately 1km.

Site works commenced the week of 2nd September 2019 and it is anticipated the main works contract will be 72 weeks.

The scheme has been funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Site supervision of the Main Works Contract will be provided by RPS Consulting Engineers.

Non National Road Maintenance and Improvement

Maintenance works on Non National Roads in 2019 were carried out by both direct labour

units of the five Municipal Districts and by private contractors.

Bridge Rehabilitation Grant Works

Works were carried out at the following locations in 2019:

Newtown Talbotstown Kiltegan
L20901 Naavy Hill Bridge Lr
L2143 Roddenagh Bridge Aughrim Lr
L4310 Tuckmill Bridge Baltinglass Lr
L8333 Hells Kettle Bridge Lr
R117 Knocksink Bridge Enniskerry
R759 Cloughleagh Bridge Kippure Rr
R7848 Rosnastraw Bridge

Funding proposals were submitted for the following projects for and have received an allocation:

R755-236	Sally's Bridge
L-1700-0	Wicklow Town Bridge
R747-116	Killacloran, Aughrim
R747-210	Killaveney Bridge
L-1113--9	Carrigmore Bridge, Glenealy
L-2143-0	Roddenagh Bridge, Aughrim
R725-79	Boley Bridge
L-7256	Highpark Bridge, Kiltegan
R750-37	Johnstown North Bridge
L-50462	Beechdale Bridge, Kilcoole

Safety Improvement Works 2019:

Low cost safety improvements works were carried out in 2019 at the following locations:

L3205/L7706 Junction Kilavany
Church Tinahely
R725/L3390 Ferns Road
Carnew Baltinglass
R747/L7271 Junction Humewood Estate

Kiltegan Baltinglass Md
R761 Killincarrig Safety Improvements
Greystones
L2900 Emoclew Road Arklow
L2172 Redcross Arklow
R754 Avoca Arklow
R747 Vale Road Arklow
L1971/R766 Florence Rd and Adelaide
Road Junction Bray
R761 Windgates Roundabout Bray
R754 Avoca Arklow
R750 Dunbur Road Wicklow
L2900 Emoclew Road Arklow

Funding proposals were submitted for the following projects for 2020 and have received an allocation:

R-747 Vale Road between
Arklow and Woodenbridge
R761-L1048 Junction of
Newcastle and
Woodstock roads in Kilcoole
R761 Windgates,
Greystones
R772 Wexford Road (north)
Arklow
R752 Saint Saviour's
National School, Rathdrum
R772 Wexford Road (South)
Arklow
L2137 Aughrim to
Rathdangan Road at
Ballytiege
R772
Newtownmountkennedy,
Main Street
junction and markings
R725/R749 Keny's Corner,
Carnew
R755 Killough Upper
R773/L5677/L6177 Tonlegee
crossroads

R117 Bray Road (21 bends)
Enniskerry
R767 Schools Road, Bray

Objective 3

To facilitate and promote walking and cycling and use of public transport as a means of reducing congestion, promoting healthier lifestyles and providing access to facilities for those who do not drive or have access to public transport.

National Transport Authority Funding

Each year, Wicklow County Council receives funding from the National Transport Authority's Sustainable Transport Measures Programme towards a variety of projects. These include projects that facilitate and promote walking, cycling and use of public transport. These initiatives assist in reducing congestion, promoting healthier lifestyles and providing access to facilities for those who do not drive or have their own transport.

Projects which received funding from the National Transport Authority in 2019 included:

Strand Road Cycle Track (Including Aquarium)
Bray Dart Interchange
Wicklow Town port access route to Station
Pedestrian Access
Killarney Road – Church Road Junction and associated works on Killarney Road
Vevay Road Cycle Scheme
N81 Baltinglass VRU improvements

Permeability to Public Transport of Schools
Dublin Road, Bray ITS Traffic Management
Bray Bridge footbridges and tie-ins
Permeability Bray
Bus Stops, Greystones

Projects which received funding from the National Transport Authority for 2020 include:

Arklow - Shillelagh Cycle Route (planning completion)
Strand Road Cycle Track
Bray DART Interchange
Wicklow Town Port Access Route to Station
Pedestrian Access
Killarney Road Cycle Route
Vevay Road Cycle Route
Permeability to Public Transport or Schools
Dublin Road , Bray ITS Traffic Management
Bray Bridge Footbridges and Tie-ins
Swan River Greenway
Bus Priority in Little Bray
Bray Public Transport Bridge Connection Phase 2
Arklow Transport Study
Greystones Transport Study
Southern Cross Road VRU improvements
Bus stops Mill Road, Greystones
Bray Main Street Bus Priority and Decongestion
Church Road/Killarney Road Junction Safety Scheme
Public Transport Priority & Public Realm Improvements at Bray Town Hall
Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent
Permeability Scheme
Strand Road Cycle Track (Including Aquarium)
Bray Dart Interchange
Wicklow Town port access route to Station
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Maintenance and Management of Car Parking

Pay Parking is in operation in Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Wicklow Towns and operates under Wicklow County Council Parking Bye-Laws 2017.

All back office support for car parks are managed from Bray Municipal District.

Liaison with Transport Providers

With the improvement of the public transport service for County Wicklow as the primary objective, Wicklow County Council continued to liaise throughout 2019 with the Public Service Transport Providers.

Disability Access

The Transportation and Roads Infrastructure Directorate will continue to keep up to date with the guidelines from the National Disability Authority, ensuring that the highest standard of 'access for all' is achieved through compliant standards of design.

M11/N11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme

Arup Consulting Engineers were appointed in November 2018 as the lead consultant to process the project through Phases 1 – 4 in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Project Management Guidelines.

The N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme is being considered in accordance with the National Transport

Authority's "Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area (2016 – 2035)", which presents a suite of objectives to support transportation demands and sustained economic progression. The strategy envisages a number of specific developments, including enhancements along the N11/M11 corridor between Junction 4 and Junction 14.

The N11/M11 Scheme aims to improve safety, accessibility and journey time reliability along this strategic southeast corridor. The primary objective of the project is to deliver enhanced multimodal transport links for the south east corridor.

As detailed at public consultation event on the 12th November, 2019, and in order to achieve these objectives, a number of transportation options are currently being considered including road based measures and sustainable transport solutions. These measures may be provided independently or in combination, and an examination of the viability of interim solutions to the transportation problems along the corridor will also be undertaken.

As part of the current Option Selection stage, we are collaborating with the National Transport Authority to assess future public transport proposals under the "Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area (2016 – 2035)" and their impact on the need for road improvements on the corridor.

Consideration on how the N11/M11 route could be enhanced to facilitate public transportation is underway, including an assessment of bus priority and park and ride measures.

In conjunction with the development of feasible options, assessments are also ongoing to determine whether these options should be deployed along the existing N11/M11 corridor,

or along new routes away from the current roadway.

In addition to the existing corridor, new corridors are being considered where specific deficiencies exist along the existing route. The range of options and alternatives being considered aligns with environmental assessment requirements to assess all feasible options, with multiple transportation options and suggested corridors publicly available for review and comment on the project website: www.n11m11.ie.

Machinery Yard & Stocked Stores

A full and detailed review of operations of council run machinery yard and stocked stores was carried out in latter end of 2018 and early 2019.

- Following an Internal Audit and other analysis a number of short, medium and long term objectives in relation to operational matters will now be put in place. Some of these include:
- As replacement vehicles are required the fleet of small and medium vans will be through lease option which provides more economic value for money.
- The machinery yard focus will remain on our larger vehicles including Winter Maintenance fleet and larger trucks, our fire service fleet and library vehicles.
- A full Capital replacement programme, of all Machinery Fleet, will be completed.
- A cost analysis of stores operations identified a number of areas where economies could be achieved. Areas highlighted included annual costs of running stocked stores, high cost of obsolete stock and alternative sources of obtaining stock and materials. Stocked stores, located at County

Buildings, will be phased out and alternative options for procurement of items will be pursued.

An alternative use for the stores location will be identified in 2020.

Both areas of operation will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Water and Wastewater Water Services

In 2019 WCC continued to provide Water and Wastewater Services under the current Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Upgrading Projects:

Throughout 2019 upgrading works continued across Water Services. These projects included, replacing over 14 kilometres of water mains throughout the county under the Water Network Programme. Including the following projects:

- Back yards complete are Old Russian Village, Kilpedder; New Road, Kilcoole; Wicklow Town; Arklow; Rathdrum.
- Replacement of Asbestos mains in Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim 160 m.
- Replacement of 4inch cast iron main Tinoran, Baltinglass 620m.
- Aughrim extension to Hazel Hill and Killyballowen 450m Hazel Hill boil water notice removed after 10 years.
- Replacement of Asbestos main on Vevay road 1000m.
- Replacement of old 8 cast Iron main & 6 upvc at Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow before road improvement scheme 250m.
- Bellard Manor, Glenealy removal of old tank and piping .

There were also continuing works to upgrade the filtration systems at the Vartry Water Treatment plant which services the Greater Dublin Area and County Wicklow.

Sustainability:

Sustainability continues to be a key concern of both Wicklow County Council and Irish Water, one of the projects rolled out in 2019 in this area was the Leakage Management System (LMS). Wicklow County Council plays a key role in locating and managing leaks throughout the county and have located over 900 leaks in 2019. This and ensuing repairs means that Unaccounted For Water (UFW) in our daily demand has continued to decrease to 28% in December 2019.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI's):

This year a Performance Management Tracker was developed by Irish Water to track Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) under the Annual Service Plan with Irish Water. This is a SharePoint based tool intended to be used as a collaborative platform for real-time communications between Irish Water and the Local Authorities to analyse performance trends. The overall score for Wicklow County Council is comprised of a range of KPI scores over the year, including:

- A score of 100% was achieved for microbiological compliance in the drinking water supply.
 - A score of 98.50% was achieved for chemical compliance in the drinking water supply.
 - A score of 100% was achieved for the number of compliant assessments taken at Waste Water Treatment Plants
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meeting mandatory UWWTD effluent quality standards.

- A score of 97.70% was achieved for the notification of interruptions.
- A Score of 97% was achieved for a timely response to Workflow Queries.
- A Score of 94.80% was achieved for Financial – Operations Expenditure Control.

(Note: Scores based on Quarter 4 2019 data.)



Emergency Management

Wicklow County Council is part of the Eastern Region for Emergency Planning with the Dublin Local Authorities and Kildare. Wicklow's Chief Fire Officer Chairs the Eastern Region Working Group which has representatives from the Local Authorities in the region, An Garda Síochána and Health Service Executive. The Working Group reports to the Regional Steering Group which co-ordinates Emergency Planning for the Region.

A Major Emergency Management Committee is in place in Wicklow County Council and comprises of Senior Personnel from all sections of Wicklow County Council and Municipal

Districts. Regular meetings were held in 2019 and ongoing review of emergency planning arrangement together with the provision of appropriate training in different aspects of Major Emergency Planning is the continued focus of the committee.

Severe Weather Response

The Council's Severe Weather Co-ordination Group met to assess the following developing weather situations and to consider and review the response of the relevant agencies:

- January Storm Deirdre
- February Storm Erik
- March Storms Freya & Garreth
- April Storm Hannah
- October Storm Lorenzo
- November Storm Sebastian
- December Storm Atiyah

Council staff responded to the clean-up and necessary immediate works related to the storms.

Volunteers contributed over 650 man hours of assistance during Storm Emma / Beast from the East. Civil Defence delivered essential medications to isolated households across the County. Patients from all over Wicklow and North Wexford were transported to Clinics in Dublin Hospitals for essential Dialysis and Oncology treatment. Some residents were evacuated from their homes. Meals on wheels, and community nurse services were assisted by members of Civil Defence in performing their role in the community throughout the period.

Fire Services

Other areas of Fire Service activity progressed during included:

- Inspections and enforcement under Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003
- Assessing Fire Safety Certificates and Disability Access Certificates under the Building Control Regulations 1997 to 2009.
- Community Fire Safety.
- Training of Fire Personnel.

To coincide with the 4th anniversary of the Carrickmines Fire Tragedy an extensive programme of inspections, fire safety upgrades, fire safety advice and fire safety training was provided in Local Authority Traveller Sites around the county.

The primary focus of the annual training programme was to maintain / refresh necessary areas of competence e.g.

- response to Hazardous Material incidents,
- the use of Breathing Apparatus,
- the use of Compressed Air Foam Systems,
- Flood Response training.

New entrants were provided with the necessary knowledge and skills to safely undertake the role of firefighter.

The following areas of new training was developed and introduced:

- “Emergency Services Driving Standard”.

A number of major operational exercises with an inter-agency focus were organised by Wicklow County Fire Service during the year:

- Wildland Firefighting Seminar with Coillte, March ,
- Tower Crane Rescue Exercise, Vartry, May ,
- Wildland Firefighting with Helicopters – Lough Dan, July ,

December saw formal events in all Fire Stations where Fire Service personnel were presented with “1916 Medals” by Local Elected Representatives.

The Fire Service Twitter account achieved a milestone of 1,200 followers.

Building Control

The Building Control Function within Wicklow County Council was transferred to Fire Services under the control of the Chief Fire Officer.

Building Control staff moved to the Fire Service Headquarters in Bray.

Civil Defence

Wicklow Civil Defence 2019 summary;

Units and Members

Unit	Volunteer Number
Grey Stones	22
Baltinglass	10
AFS Grey Stones	10

Areas Civil Defence progressed in 2019

- Continued training in Core areas for volunteers
- Training of new instructors.
- Continued up skilling of Current Instructors.
- Continued support to Community events/operations.
- Upgrade of vehicles and equipment.

- Expanding search & flood response equipment
- Response to flooding and severe weather.
- Search and recovery of missing persons.
- Introduction and Deployment of Drone Unit – Current drone utilised by Wicklow Civil Defence is only 1 of 2 in the country, other Drone is located in Galway.

Community Events / Operations

Wicklow Civil Defence had a very active year supplying First Aid coverage to 32 events. Training continued throughout the County and Civil Defence personnel took part in Operational Activities and Training exercises across the following areas;

- County wide Search and Rescue exercise using Drones, Swift Water search Teams and Land Based Search Teams – Murrough
- 2 x CFR and 1 x FAR Courses
- Regional Support with deployment of Drone Teams in County Kildare on 2 occasions
- 3 day training exercise at Phoenix Park Civil Defence Training Centre covering, Urban Search and Rescue, Mass Casualty, Scene Safety and Team Building.

These activities were in line with the overall Mission Statement of the Local Authority ‘To improve the quality of life for the people and communities of Co. Wicklow’.

Wicklow Civil Defence continued to support at Major Weather, Emergency and Community Events throughout 2019.

In particular, assistance was provided during the following significant events;

- Storm Emma - March
- Round Ireland Yacht Race - June
- Bray Air show - July
- Drone Support and Fire watch for Wicklow Fire Service - July
- Civil Defence Exhibit at the National Ploughing Championships - September

Recruitment & Induction Training

Due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled recruitment programme in 2019 was limited and postponed until 2020. In light of this six new members joined the organisation and completed a ten week induction training programme in Manual Handling, Cardiac First Response, Child Protection, Critical Incident Stress Management, and Basic Radio Skills. Upgrade of Equipment and Vehicles.

An Incident Support vehicle was added to the fleet during 2019. This vehicle along with new lighting and tentage equipment will enhance Civil Defence capacity to assist the Principle Response Agencies at incidents across County Wicklow.

Drone equipment and training was added to enhance the capacity to search for missing persons.

2019 Performance Indicators – Wicklow County Council

R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI)

- A. (a) 98.4% of Regional Roads have been surveyed in the last two years
 (b) 97.2% of Local Primary Roads have been surveyed in the last two years
 (c) 97.0% of Local Secondary Roads have been surveyed in the last two years
 (d) 70.9% of Local Tertiary Roads have been surveyed in the last five years

B. (a) Regional Road Rating

1-4	7.4%
5-6	20.7%
7-8	41.3%
9-10	29.6%

(b) Local Primary Road Rating

1-4	2.2%
5-6	24.2%
7-8	51.5%
9-10	21.3%

(c) Local Secondary Road Rating

1-4	10.3%
5-6	31.0%
7-8	40.3%
9-10	19.3%

(d) Local Tertiary Road Rating

1-4	7.1%
5-6	11.2%
7-8	33.0%
9-10	19.6%

R2: Regional Road Works

- A. Length of Regional Road Strengthened
13.3 km

Road Improvement Amount
€1,328,085

- B. Length of Regional Road Resealed
17.4km

Road Maintenance Amount
€358,804

- C. Length of Local Road Strengthened
46.7 km

Road Improvement Amount
€3,646,657

- D. Length of Local Road Resealed
48.1 km

Road Maintenance Amount
€753,342

Planning Development and Environment Directorate

Planning Development Strategic Policy Committee

Cathaoirleach
 Cllr. Sylvester Bourke (2.5 years)
 Cllr. Edward Timmins (2.5 years)

Wicklow County Council
 Cllr. Shay Cullen
 Cllr. Edward Timmins
 Cllr. Patsy Glennon
 Cllr. Steven Matthews
 Cllr. Gerry O'Neill

Outside Agencies

Development/Construction
 Jim Wood

Agriculture/Farming Community
 Michael Byrne

Environment/Conservation
 Joan Campbell

Business/Commercial/Chambers
 Conor McCarthy

Director of Services
 Breege Kilkenny

Senior Executive Officer
 Theresa O'Brien

Senior Planner
 Sorcha Walsh

Senior Engineer
 Fergal Keogh

Functions Include:

- Preparation of County Development Plan and Local Area Plans.
- Monitoring of the effectiveness of policies of Development Plan.
- Development Management.
- Enforcement.
- Heritage
- Vacant Sites
- Derelict Sites
- Enforcement of the Short Term Letting Regulations

Goal

“To provide for proper and effective planning balancing the need for sustainable development, the rights of individuals, the protection of the environment and the social and economic needs of each area”.

Development Management

Development Management is the general term used to describe the functions relating to the processing of planning applications, up to and including any appeals to An Bord Pleanála.

	Year	No. of Applications
	2009	1359
	2010	1147
	2011	976
	2012	939
	2013	987

2014	1285
2015	1361
2016	1465
2017	1544
2018	1156
2019	1122

Other projects dealt with in this area are Strategic Housing Developments, pre-planning, third party submissions, compliance, appeals, collection of development contributions, section 5 referrals and taking in charge of estates.

Heritage

Funding drawn down in 2019:

- €23,000 - County Heritage Plan Fund;
- €32,500 - National Biodiversity Action Plan fund;
- €10,000 - Creative Ireland; DCHG
- €90,000 - Built Heritage Grants.

New Heritage Forum formed September 2019.

Heritage Plan: Projects completed & funding recouped as follows;

- Wicklow Community Archaeology Project (Glendalough + Baltinglass),
- Heritage Week and Biodiversity Week programmes;
- Co-ordination and expansion of online Community Heritage Archive with ICAN - 6 new community groups involved

County Biodiversity Plan: Funding secured & recouped for following projects:

- Brittas Bay Biodiversity Project;
- County Wicklow Swift Survey;
- Riparian Bird Survey;
- Biodiversity Awareness Programme @ ECNR; Animated Video short on Bumblebees with NBDC; ,
- Community pollinator gardening course.

Environment

Climate and Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore (2.5 years)

Cllr Steven Matthews (2.5 years)

Wicklow County Council

Cllr. Dermot O'Brien

Cllr. Rory O'Connor

Cllr Peir Leonard

Cllr Lourda Scott

Outside Agencies

Environment and Conservation – East Wicklow

Keith Scanlon

Environment and Conservation – West Wicklow

Sharon Jackson

Agriculture/Farming Community

Tom Shortt

Business/ commercial/ chambers

Gary McKensie

An Comhairle NA Nog

Director of Services
Breege Kilkenny
Planning Development and Environment

Senior Executive Officer
Theresa O'Brien

Senior Engineer
Marc Devereux

Climate Action

The Climate and Biodiversity Action newly formed SPC held its first meeting on 31st October 2019.

A decision was taken to hold 6 meeting per annum and to hold the meetings around the county with a view to inviting interested community groups to meet the committee after each meeting.

Wicklow County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was adopted by the members of Wicklow County Council on 2nd September 2019.

Climate Action Charter was signed by Wickow County Council on 20th December
5 Sustainable energy Communities officially launched in October 2019.

Climate Action Team to be fomed in 2020 to oversee the actions as identified in both the Wicklow County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and the Climate Action Charter.

Water & Wastewater Quality – Pollution Control & Enforcement

Wicklow County Council, on behalf of Irish Water, continues to monitor and control water and wastewater pollution in accordance with legislation and EU regulations.

Laboratory Services & Pollution Control

The laboratory services and pollution team are active in a range of areas to promote, protect and improve the quality of our environment and water resources in County Wicklow. The team plan and RMCEI (recommended minimum criteria for environmental inspections) form the basis of prioritizing the work activities such as monitoring, complaint investigation, assessment and enforcement as guided by departmental plan for water and environmental services department.

Veterinary Services

Food Safety Authority of Ireland(FSAI)

- Allocation for 2019 - €150,901.
 - Supervision of low throughput abattoirs and meat manufacturing premises (13 in total)
 - Section 85 agreement (September 2016) with Wexford County Council
 - Ante & post-mortem inspections; Hygiene inspections & audits;
-

animal welfare; microbiological sampling (food, water & swabs); chemical analysis; veterinary medicine residue analysis

- Participation in Eastern Region and National Zoonoses Committees
- Participation in CCMA, FSAI and DAFM working groups

Dog Control

- Memorandum of Agreement with ISPCA 1/3/17 to 28/2/20
- Dog Pound at Wicklow SPCA site in Ballygannonmore, Rathdrum
- 2 Dog Wardens & 1 part-time Kennel Assistant
- Charge for 2020 - €208,699

2019 statistics

- 3181 Dog Licences issued-3181 (General - 5; Lifetime -137)
- No. of stray & surrendered dogs 112
- No. reclaimed dogs 32 /rehomed 73
- No. put to sleep - 6
- Rehomed to other welfare groups – WSPCA/ISPCA/Dogs Trust
- All rehomed dogs micro chipped, vaccinated, dewormed and neutering voucher given.
- 4 Dog Breeding Establishments (2019)
- Participation in Wicklow Multi-Agency Animal Welfare Forum

Whitestown

Fehily Timoney & Company was appointed as environmental consultants in 2018. A detailed site investigation has been carried out and the consultants are interpreting this information to deliver a Remediation Plan which will be presented to the court and other stakeholders in 2020.

Waste Enforcement Team.

The Waste Enforcement Team is dedicated to enforcing Waste Management Legislation within County Wicklow and has proven to be a great asset to the County.

The Team deal with waste, litter & burning environmental complaints.

2,372 complaints were received during 2019.

Litter

- 553 Litter Fines were issued for various breaches of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 e.g. littering, illegal signage, dog fouling etc.
- 44 cases were taken to Court.
- 58 Warning Letters were issued to individuals who contrived the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 e.g. leaving material at the recycling centres when the centres were closed, incorrect recycling at the Recycling Centre, holding full and/or overflowing skip bags around an individual's property for a long period of time etc.

Waste Management

- 72 Waste Management Files were opened for various

breaches of the Waste Management Act, e.g. illegal dumping, burning of waste, illegal storage of waste etc. 35 Waste Management Files were sent to Court.

- 63 Section 14 Direction Notices were issued to individuals who failed to keep their property free from waste.
- 156 Abandoned Vehicle Notices were issued.
- 117 Burning Applications were processed.

Anti-dumping Initiative

€75,000.00 received and the following projects completed

- 2509 mattresses were collected as part of mattress amnesty
- Additional CCTV purchased
- Awareness campaigns run including “My Waste My Town”

PURE (Protecting Uplands & Rural Environments)

PURE (Protecting Uplands & Rural Environments) is an environmental project established to combat the increase of illegal dumping/fly-tipping in the Wicklow/Dublin uplands and was officially launched in September, 2006. The Project has been extended up to end of 2019.

Recycling Facilities.

In 2019 the 5 Recycling Centres accepted the following amounts of recycling materials:-

Arklow	1,044,299 tonnes
Avoca	426,628 tonnes
Bray	1,608,251 tonnes
Wicklow	739,278 tonnes
Rampere	317,640 tonnes

In addition, we have 43 bottle bank locations throughout the County that collect Glass, Drink Cans and Food Cans. During 2019 the total weight of materials collected at the bottle banks amounted to 2,260,530 tonnes.

Veterinary Services

Dog Control

The ISPCA provides a dog control service on behalf of Wicklow County Council. Two Dog Wardens and a Kennel Assistant are employed to operate this service, which is based in the dog pound located in Rathdrum. A subsidised neutering scheme is available for dogs re-homed by the pound and for problem breeders in the community in an effort to reduce the production of unwanted puppies. Re-homed dogs are microchipped at the dog pound to aid in their future identification.

All dog owners must have a current dog license for each pet. Licenses are

available from any post office at a cost of €20. Since July 2018 dog licences and lifetime dog licences, at a cost of €140, can be purchased on Licences.ie

Harbours and Ports

The County Wicklow Strategic Review of the Maritime, which identified ways in which the economic base of County Wicklow could be strengthened through its ports and harbours, was completed in Q4 2019.

The draft Wicklow County Council (Wicklow Port) Explosives Bye-Laws 2020 Bye Laws were advertised November 2019. Following a period of public consultation they have been referred to Minister for Justice & Equality for sanction Q1 2020. By having these Bye-Laws Wicklow Port is maintaining its competitiveness and possibly opening its doors to new cargo streams and opportunities.

Wicklow Harbour Port

- Automated security gate and CCTV system was installed at the North Quay during Q1 2019.
- Significant sections of the North Quay were resurfaced by the Council direct labour crew during Q1 2019.
- The railings along the north pier were replaced during Q2 2019.
- The disused weighbridge at the North Quay, Wicklow was removed and the ground reinstated and designated for

much needed parking for commercial users in the harbour.

- The main navigation light on the Packet Pier was replaced with a self-contained solar lantern.
- New side gate between the two warehouses was installed in Q2 2019 in order to improve security on the recommendation of the Marine Office following a port inspection
- Contract for pontoon Project was awarded to Inland and Coastal Marina Systems. However due to delays in obtaining a foreshore licence the pontoon project has been delayed until 2020 and funding is subject to approval from the DHPLG. WCC to reapply for funding.
- Eight intermediate bollards were install in Wicklow during December 2019

Arklow Harbour

- Five wrecks of varying size removed in the fish dock and quayside around the fish dock in Q1 2019
- Fisheries Local Action Group Programme (2016 – 2023) awarded funding for three projects to WCC. The projects are to be co funded by WCC with the maximum available grant aid available from BIM for the three projects totalling €177,625.00 . The expected total invested amount will be in the region of €253,750 with €76,125 provided by WCC.as follows

1. Restoration of the lightship "SKUA" which is completed
2. The fishermen hoist upgrade works partially completed
3. Development of storage facilities for fishermen. Project Engineer/Designer appointed and two meetings with the Arklow fishermen have been held.

Bray Harbour

- Bray Harbour Action Group in place
- Two new ladders were installed at the Bray harbour. Funding for this project was provided by Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Burial Grounds

There are thirty two burial grounds currently in operation in County Wicklow - part-time registrars are employed in each graveyard by Wicklow County Council to liaise with the public in regard to the purchase of grave space and also to maintain burial registers.

The Municipal Districts are responsible for the maintenance of the graveyards within their districts.

Bathing Waters

There are six designated bathing waters in county Wicklow. The monitoring of these and many other commonly used bathing areas continued in 2019. The

bathing water monitoring is displayed at the beaches and on the Splash website through the bathing water season which runs from 1st June to 15th September each year. Overall the bathing water quality at the six identified bathing waters was at good to excellent status in 2019.

Blue Flags

Wicklow County Council retained its four Blue Flags in 2019 at Brittas Bay South, Brittas Bay North, Greystones South Beach and Bray.

COMMUNITY CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CC&SD)

Strategic Policy Committee

January to May 2019

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Jim Ruttle

Wicklow County Council
 Cllr. Gráinne McLoughlin
 Cllr. Nicola Lawless
 Cllr. Shay Cullen
 Cllr. Brendan Thornhill
 Cllr. Miriam Murphy
 Cllr. Pat Kennedy

Outside Agencies

Business/Commercial
 Irene Sweeney, Chamber of Commerce
 Public Participation Network
 Gertie Salley, PPN Social Inclusion
 Public Participation Network
 John Mullen, PPN Community and Voluntary
 Public Participation Network
 Ann Halpin, PPN Community and Voluntary
 Director of Services
 Michael Nicholson

June to December 2019

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Gail Dunne

Wicklow County Council

Cllr. Vincent Blake

Cllr. Miriam Murphy

Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

Cllr. John Mullen

Cllr. Anne Ferris

Outside Agencies

Business/Commercial

Irene Sweeney, Chamber of Commerce

Social Inclusion

Gertie Salley, Social Inclusion

Community/Voluntary

Celine O'Neill

Community/Voluntary

Kevin Mann

Environment/Conservation

TBC

Director of Services

Michael Nicholson

Local Community Development Committees (LCDC)

Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees. The LCDC in Wicklow was set up in May 2014 following the passing of a resolution by the Local Authority. The purpose of these committees is to develop, co-ordinate and implement a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

1.1 The functions of the LCDC

- a) To prepare and adopt the community elements of a 6 year economic and community plan.
- b) To implement, or to arrange for the implementation of the community elements of the Plan.
- c) To undertake a review of the community elements of the Plan at least one within the 6 year period.
- d) To monitor and review on an ongoing basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan, including performance against any benchmarks or indicators of performance.
- e) To seek to ensure effectiveness, consistency, co-ordination and avoidance of duplication between the local and community development programmes.
- f) To pursue the co-ordination generally of all local and community development programmes within the functional area of the Committee, so as to optimise resources for the benefit of local communities in that area and improve the efficiency with which publicly-funded local and community development resources are used.
- g) To consider and adopt a statement in respect of the economic elements of a draft of the Plan prepared by the local authority.
- h) The Committee may enter into an agreement in writing with a public authority, local development or community development body, or other person for the carrying out of those functions by such an authority, body or person, as the case may be, which the Committee considers appropriate to be carried out.

The Committee, in performing its functions, shall have regard to –

- The resources, wherever originating from, that are available or likely to become available to it for the purpose of such performance and the need to secure the most beneficial, effective and efficient use of such resources.
- The need for co-operation with, and the co-ordination of its activities.
- The need for consultation with public authorities and publicly funded bodies in appropriate cases.
- The need for consistency with the policies and objectives of the Government or any Minister of the Government or other public authority in so far as they may

affect or relate to the Committee’s functions.

- The need to integrate sustainable development considerations into policy development and implementation
- The need to promote social inclusion

Co-Operation with Local Community Development Committees.

It is the duty of a relevant body, including the local authority, in so far as it is consistent with the performance of its functions to co-operate with the LCDC in the performance of its actions. The LCDC continues to engage with partner agencies to deliver the objectives of the LECP.

The LECP is the framework for many operational and other plans in the County. The plan:

- Agreed priorities for the area
- Agreed agency roles in addressing these
- Places onus on parent bodies of agencies at local level to enable them to respond to plan
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The combined Goals of the LECP are: (The Goals highlighted in blue are mainly the Community Goals – those in green are the Economic Goals)

High Level Goals
Community Capacity and Urban regeneration and Rural Development
Active citizenship and public participation to improve governance, participation and enrich decision making
Targeted and integrated supports for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups
Support local communities in innovation, entrepreneurship, micro-enterprise and social innovation
Training, education and lifelong learning based in analysis of employment trends and the skill needs of employers
Infrastructure and measures that are positive and supportive to investment, enterprise, innovation and knowledge creation
Sustain existing enterprise and develop quality employment and income opportunities for the wide range of employment needs in the county, with possibilities for reversing commuting patterns
Capitalise on Wicklow’s unique attributes: proximity to the Dublin market; excellent quality of life; human capital; tourism; landscape; marine; agricultural and forestry resources
Low carbon and climate resilient economic activity, reducing energy dependence, and the sustainable use of resource, and leading in the smart economy
Harness efficiently the full resources of the county and promote interagency collaboration

3.1.2. Implementation

Goal 1: Develop Community Capacity in Disadvantaged Communities and engage in urban regeneration and rural development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build capacity and social capital across all communities - Maximise opportunities for urban regeneration and rural development
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A number of programmes contribute to the achievement of this goal and a number of agencies are involved in the integration of this action. The LEADER and SICAP Programmes are central to building capacity of communities – see separate reports on both. In addition a number of new development funding schemes were announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development:

- Town & Village Scheme
- CLÁR
- Outdoor Recreation Scheme
- Urban Regeneration & Development Fund
- Rural Regeneration & Development Fund
- Community Enhancement Scheme
- Community Enhancement Programme (Men’s Sheds)

Funding Received 2019

Funding 2019	Schemes	Funding Received 2019
Town & Village Scheme		€250,173
CLAR		€134,000
Outdoor Recreation Scheme		€58,560
Rural Regeneration & Development Fund		€2,675,226
Community Enhancement Scheme		€141,343 €17,016
- Men’s Shed Scheme		
Total		€3,276,318

Goal 2: Promote active citizenship underpinned by good governance and participation in decision making	-Develop strong representative fora in the county
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Comhairle na nÓg

Wicklow County Council are the hosts of Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg. Dermot O’Brien is the Wicklow co-ordinator appointed following tender process.

There are twenty one local schools and youth groups involved in the Comhairle. The Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg is an extremely strong group of individuals who represent the youth extremely well and with great pride.

Activity Performance Indicators 2019

Youth and Community (Y1 and Y2)

Y1 : Participation in Comhairle na nÓg scheme

Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme
= **65.22%**

Compiled as follows:-

Number of second level schools in the Local Authority Area at 31/12/2018 = **23**

County Wicklow Older Persons Council

The County Wicklow Older Persons Council (CWOPC) held their highly successful AGM in May in the Brockagh Centre at which the Age Friendly Eircode magnet was launched. They also held their annual seminar in the Glendalough Hotel In November at which the Garda Band played and were a huge hit with the audience. Guest speaker on the day was Rebecca Lloyd from Thinking Ahead. The CWOPC are the consultative body for older people in Wicklow and were instrumental in working with the CIC to

Number of second level schools in the Local Authority Area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2019 = **15**

Community Awards 2019

The Community Award Grants for 2019 had an overall fund of €250,000 (€200,000 in Community Grant/Merit Awards and a further €50,000 in Community Social Innovation Awards).

Over 300 Community Groups, Clubs and Voluntary Organisations benefitted under the Wicklow County Council Community Grants Award Scheme in 2019.

produce a booklet entitled “Accessibility of online services to older people in Co. Wicklow” in 2019.

The CWOPC also inputted into County Wicklow’s first digital strategy.

Social Inclusion Unit

Social Inclusion Unit (SIU) continued to support anti-poverty and social inclusion initiatives throughout 2019. Over that period it:

- Monitored implementation of the Department of Rural and Community Development’s Social Inclusion Community Activation

Programme (SICAP) throughout County Wicklow

- Represented social inclusion issues on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
- Supported the ongoing development and operation of the Co. Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN)
- Represented social inclusion issues on the Community, Cultural and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)
- Participated on regional and national committees, networks and structures

most disadvantaged communities and individuals to improve their life opportunities, outcomes and local environment.

The Programme's three key goals are;

- Community development- Resource disadvantaged communities to engage with relevant local stakeholders in addressing social exclusion and increase the capacity of local community groups.
- Education/training- Support disadvantaged individuals to improve their educational and training qualifications.
- Employment- Support the long-term unemployed -including young people- to improve work readiness and access to employment/self-employment /social entrepreneurship opportunities.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022

This national programme funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the EU European Social Fund (ESF) continues to be successfully delivered in Co. Wicklow by Bray Area Partnership for the Bray and Greystones Municipal District Areas (Lot 15-1) and Co. Wicklow Partnership for the Arklow, Wicklow and Baltinglass Municipal District Areas (Lot 15-2). SICAP focuses on empowering and enabling the county's

The key performance indicators set for Co. Wicklow in 2019 were achieved by both Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership and all actions contained within their Annual Plans were fully implemented. In total, Bray Area Partnership supported 25 Local Community Groups and 407 disadvantaged individuals, 35.7% of whom were from designated disadvantaged areas. Co. Wicklow Partnership supported 14 Local Community Groups and 467 disadvantaged individuals, 32.1% of whom were from designated disadvantaged areas.

SICAP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and co-funded by the European

Social Fund. In 2019 Bray Area Partnership’s budget for this programme was €712,092 while Co. Wicklow Partnership’s was €620,294. Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), in conjunction with Wicklow County Council, continued to oversee, monitor and manage the performance of the Programme Implementers in delivering this programme. The LCDC were greatly assisted in this task by its SICAP Sub-group.

County Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN)

Co. Wicklow Public Participation Network continued to facilitate public engagement and participation throughout the county and acted as a conduit through which Wicklow County Council connected with community, social inclusion and environmental groups. PPN nominated representatives participated on WCC’s Strategic Policy Committees and many other countywide structures and committees.

Wicklow PPN participated in a wide variety of public consultations and policy submissions at local, regional and national level. In this endeavour the Wicklow PPN Vision for Community Well-Being informed the work of PPN representatives and the contributions made towards policy and strategy development.

Throughout the year Wicklow PPN supported thematic networks on Environment, Social Inclusion, Policing Safety & Security and Coastal Communities. It also continued to support linkage groups on Housing, Children/Young People, and Community Development.

Activity Performance Indicator 2018

Y2: Groups associated with the Public Participation Network (PPN)

A Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2019 = 292

B Number of organisations that registered for the first time in 2019 = 67

C Number of organizations (registered in 2019) that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN = 10

<p>Goal 3: Develop high quality integrated services available to all communities, in particular disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups</p>	<p>-The LCDC will provide the strategic direction for the integration of existing services -The LCDC will provide representation for additional services and resources where gaps are identified or where new issues arise</p>
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2019 Priorities:



Strategy	Status
Healthy Wicklow Strategy (Integrated action with CYPSC)	The Healthy Wicklow Strategy was launched on 4th March 2019. The Healthy Wicklow Plan 2019 – 2021 received €184,000 funding for implementation
County Wicklow Food & Beverage Strategy (Integrated action with Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC)	<p>The County Wicklow Food and Beverage Strategy was launched at a food showcase event, the ‘Feast from the East’ in April 2019. The strategy is being implemented by the Committee along with Birnie and Associates Ltd. funded equally between Wicklow County Council and County Wicklow Partnership. Progress underway on the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Wicklow Food Story • Development of Wicklow Food and Beverage Branding • Creation of a key messaging plan • Creation of a food activity calendar • Creation of a website • Delivery of business

	networking events
County Wicklow Migrant Integration Strategy	LCDC steering group established to direct this action. Development of the strategy is underway and will be completed in 2020
Children & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) Plan	LCDC input into the development of a new CYPSC plan



Healthy Wicklow Programme 2018 consisted of the following actions, for which €184,000 was received in funding for implementation and for the employment of a co-ordinator.

- HSE Physio Intervention Programme – Repeat Action from Round 1 – Lead Agency Wicklow Local Sports Partnership
- Healthy Ireland Coordinator – Lead Agency Wicklow LCDC
- Inclusive Physical Activity for All – Lead Agency Wicklow Local Sports Partnership
- Accessible Beach Wheelchair - Lead Agency Wicklow Local Sports Partnership

- Healthy Estates - Lead Agency Wicklow Local Sports Partnership
 - Social Prescribing – Lead Agency Bray Area Partnership & County Wicklow Partnership
 - Meet + Eat – Lead Agency County Wicklow Partnership & Wicklow Dementia Support
1. Trails Passport – Lead Agency County Wicklow Partnership
 2. Communication
 3. Mental Health programmes

- The HSE / National Office for Suicide Prevention

3.1.3 Monitoring the LECP

The Advisory Committee was originally set up to develop the LECP and ensure integration of both elements of the plan. The Advisory Committee has agreed to continue in place to monitor the implementation of the plan. The members of the Advisory Committee come from both the LCDC and the Local Authority.

They are:

Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin replaced by Cllr. Pat Kennedy	Chair LCDC
Cllr. Gerry Walsh	Chair Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)
Michael Nicholson	Chief Officer LCDC
Thomas Murphy	Director of Services, Economic Development & Enterprise
Sheelagh Daly replaced by Vibeke Delahunt	Local Enterprise Office
Lorraine Gallagher	SEO Economic Development and Enterprise
Christine Flood	SEO Economic Development and Enterprise
Deirdre Whitfield	Community Culture

Goal 4:
A vibrant and innovative community and social enterprise sector

County Wicklow Partnership took the lead with this Goal. A consultant was contracted to develop a Social Enterprise Development Strategy incorporating the goals and objectives of the LECP. A lot of research was carried out in the County. The strategy is due to be completed and launched in 2019, along with a funding and support programme.

Socio-economic Integration

The LCDC also continue to work with other agencies to ensure alignment with the LECP and the strategies, plans and policies of the other agencies. These include:

- LEADER
- The Children and Young People Services Committee
- The Joint Policing Committee
- The Public Participation Network

and Social Development

There are many shared objectives between the community and the economic elements of the LECP and for the most part community and economic development are interlinked. In recognition of that, and of the fact that the plan is not static but dynamic and adaptable to new developments, the integrated element of the LECP is achieved through continuous dialogue and co-ordination. This is achieved through regular meetings of the Advisory Committee. Through the planning and reporting process at these meetings, information is shared and linkages between actions are drawn leading to co-ordination and integration where possible and where appropriate and on an on-going basis.

Regional

The Regional Assemblies’ role in the LECP process is set out under Section 66c of the Local Government Act 2001, in particular Section 66c 2(c) and 3(c) which states that the consideration of an LECP by the Regional Assembly shall relate to its consistency with (i) the core strategy and the objectives of the development plan of the local authority concerned, (ii) any Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy or, as appropriate, Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) that may apply, and (iii) between the economic and community elements of the Plan. County Wicklow LCDC has anticipated the development of the Regional Economic and Spatial Strategy and will review the LCDC to ensure alignment.

The LCDC and County Wicklow Partnership (CWP) worked closely together on the development of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020. The priorities of the LEADER programme are social inclusion, the green economy and economic and community development. The LDS strongly reflects some of the relevant goals and objectives of the LECP.

The LDS was designed and developed through the following consultative processes:

- Feedback from countywide consultation process
- Relevant stakeholder consultations
- Socio-economic profile of the County
- Desk research – relevant policies and reports
- Available budgets

The themes of the LEADER Programme are:

Theme	Sub theme
Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise and Job Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Tourism • Enterprise Development • Rural Towns • Broadband
Theme 2: Social Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Youth • Basic Services •
Theme 3: Rural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity • Protection and Sustainable use of Water

	<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable Energy
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EU Rural Development Programme (LEADER)

The LCDC is now the Local Action Group (LAG) for the LEADER Programme in the county, and now hold the LAG meetings separate from the LCDC meetings. County Wicklow Partnership is the implementing body for the programme. The Local Authority will be the lead financial partner for LEADER in County Wicklow with responsibility for the programme both administratively and financially.

Meetings

8 LAG meetings took place in 2019: February, March, April, May, July (2), October and December

7 Evaluation Committee Meetings took place in the period between January and December 2018.

Progress

From a review of the LDS 2019 AIP County Wicklow LCDC/LAG are on target in the subthemes of Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Town and Basic Services.

The 2019 budgetary progress report indicates Wicklow’s project commitments on 31st December 2019 are €2,249,015 (48%). However, this figure does not include provisional approvals which when included increase the committed amount to €4,077,877.64 (87%). This is a significant increase on the same figure on

31/12/18 which was €1,776,150.73 (38%) including provisional approvals.

Total of 96 rolling EOIs received in 2019

1 targeted call was undertaken targeting Social Enterprises

Funding for the implementation of the Wicklow Food and Beverage Strategy was secured through the LEADER Food Initiative in October 2019. This project is now underway and should yield several additional collaborative and individual food and beverage projects for Wicklow in 2020.

Age Friendly Programme



The Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme is part of an international

effort, co-ordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The results are positive ageing, better cities and counties, and more relevant and effective local government, service delivery and business opportunities.

Ireland's National Age-Friendly Cities and Counties Programmes is part of this worldwide initiative which aims to make sure that as we age, we can all:

- Have a real say in what happens in our own lives and what happens in the areas in which we live.
- Enjoy good health, good services, and live in a safe environment
- Participate fully in everything that is going on in our communities, cities and counties

The Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme provides a structure so that Local Authorities can take a lead on changing thinking about ageing and how services are planned and delivered. Through this model, Local Authorities bring together older people, service providers and businesses in an Alliance that really works and which:

- Enables older people to live active and healthy lives, remaining in their own homes for as long as possible.
- Enhances service delivery without increasing expenditure.
- Brings about valued improvements in the quality of life for everybody in the community.

The Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme offers a proven way of bringing diverse organisations, groups, services and businesses together to

streamline their work, with the needs and interests of older people at their heart.

The Age Friendly Strategy delivered the following in 2019:

- Walkability surveys took place in Wicklow and Blessington
- Arklow became an Age Friendly Town on 13th November 2019
- 38 businesses in Arklow signed up to the age friendly business programme
- Age friendly benches installed in Rathdrum and Wicklow
- Age friendly Eircode fridge magnets launched and distributed
- Bus shelters ordered under 2019 CEP scheme
- Tovertafel "magic tables" installed in 3 libraries around Wicklow

Library Service

Wicklow County Council Library Service provides a wide range of services and facilities, across its 13 branch library network. The mobile library also visits 30+ locations on a fortnightly basis. In addition to borrowing & lending books, DVDs, talking books and music CDs, the following services are available:

- Online stock, such as e-books, e-magazines, downloadable audio books, e-newspapers from across the world, e-languages and self-learning courses
 - Public computers
 - Wi Fi for the public to use their laptops, tablets or devices
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- Online catalogue of all 330 libraries in Ireland
- Twice weekly request service delivery and collection of stock from those 330 libraries – directly to each branch
- All above is free, and there is no longer any library fines for overdue items!

ARCHIVES & GENEALOGY SERVICE

Wicklow County Archives Service holds a unique collection of Wicklow records relating to the administration of the County and the people's interaction with this administration. They offer a rich research resource for the family and local historian, as well as academics and researchers of wide and varying interests.

Among the jewels of the collection are the 17th and 18th century Wicklow Borough records - offering a snapshot of Wicklow life in the mid-1600's. The County archives also holds the records of the Grand Jury, the precursor of the County Council, as well as the Boards of Guardians of the Poor Law Unions, Boards of Health, rural and district, Town and County Councils as well as private collections.

Wicklow Genealogy Service

The County Archives offers a genealogy research service, researching and advising those with Wicklow roots, and promoting the County as a key destination to those on the "roots trail". Our parish records

database establishes family lines and their connection with the Wicklow landscape. Wicklow is a member of www.rootsireland.ie. This research site contains over 20 million Irish records from 30 Counties.

Archives & Genealogy Programme 2020 Digitisation projects

- Wicklow UDC Minute books will launch in Spring/Summer 2020
- Wicklow County Burial Registers digitised
- Digitised to date and online: Grand Jury Records; Wicklow County Council Minute Books; Arklow UDC Minutes, Bray UDC Minutes, Wicklow Workhouse Records

Conservation Programme

A new programme of archives conservation has commenced in 2019 with the repair and conservation of the Archives' oldest item the Wicklow Borough Corporation Minute Book (early 1600s).

Special Projects: Fitzwilliam Estate

Records Project complete an online at www.coolattinlives.ie

In partnership with Trinity College, the National Library and the Courthouse Arts Centre Tinahely to digitise the records of the Fitzwilliam Estate. Hundreds of thousands of Canadians and Americans descend from the tenants who left this estate during

the Famine. Merging records from the Wicklow County Archives with the new Fitzwilliam database will enrich the resource and increase research success.

Special Projects: Wicklow to Cumberland Miners Project

In partnership with the Cumberland Miners Group, compiling a database of Wicklow miners who migrated to the Cumberland mines in the 19th century – ongoing project with a view to creating an online resource for those with roots in Wicklow/Cumberland mining heritage or an interest in industrial history/heritage.

Special Projects: Rathdrum Famine Graveyard

Researched and compiled by the County Archives Service, a new information panel for Rathdrum Famine Graveyard was launched on 2nd May 2019. Unveiled by local historian Kevin Byrne, it is on the route of the very popular Rathdrum Jubilee Loop walk. The panel was funded by Wicklow County Council, the Rathdrum Playground Committee and, based on the work of Kevin Byrne in his book “Time Did Not Stand Still, a History of St. Colemans Hospital”. It is estimated that over 8,000 people were buried there in unmarked graves from 1847 to the early 20th century.

[County Wicklow Heritage Website](#)

Online community archives is part of a network of websites created by the National Museum of Ireland. The Wicklow site Our Wicklow Heritage is a partnership of the Heritage, Library and Archive services.

Decade of Centenaries – Creative Ireland 120 Years of County Councils in Ireland

Exhibition marking the 120th anniversary of county councils in Ireland was held in Wicklow County buildings, Sep-Nov 2019. 2019 marked the 120th anniversary of local democracy in Ireland. This exhibition was compiled and curated by the Local Authority Archivists and Record Managers group and funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. Detailing the key local government events over the past 120 years, is now on display across the country. Items from the Wicklow County Archives will also feature on additional panels.

Wicklow historians' articles for War of Independence/Civil War period

A key project for 2020 is the County Archives project for Wicklow Decade of Centenaries – a series of commissioned articles by Wicklow historians and historical

societies telling the story of County Wicklow during the years 1914-1923. These will be featured on the above Our Wicklow Heritage online community archives and this content will form the basis for a seminar and publications for the Wicklow Decade of Centenary Programme 2020-2023.

Member of Local Authority Archivists & Record Managers (LGARM)

Wicklow Archives will work with LGARM in 2020 on a publication to mark the centenary of the 1920 Local Elections funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

County Wicklow Heritage Forum

Forum members finalised the County Wicklow Heritage Plan 2017-2022 following public consultation.

Records Management Programme







Member of the Wicklow County Council Records Management Group, developing a records management programme for Wicklow County Council, with reference to the National Retention Policy for Local Authority Records published by the LGMSB – in the process of being updated by the LGMA.

- Member of Wicklow County Council GDP Governance Group – working with each department to ensure compliance with Data Protection Act 2018

Commencement of works on the new Wicklow library and Archives, on the Mall, occurred in early August 2019. This was launched by Ministers Simon Harris & Eoghan Murphy + Councillor Irene Winters, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council. Contrasts were drawn with the first Wicklow town library (1924) in Bellevue House, which later became the Bayview Hotel and the planned library and county archives, which will encompass 6 floors. The total project cost to Wicklow County Council will be €6 million, with €4 million of this being funded by Departmental grants, under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) + Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD).

Digitised Collections

Popular collections now digitised and freely available here, including 19th century Grand Jury and council minutes. More to follow soon...

 <p>Wicklow Grand Jury Presentments 1818 to 1899 Wicklow 19th-century Grand Jury Presentments, which are available as a digitised collection.</p>	 <p>Arklow Town & Urban District Council Minute Books 1878-1947 Arklow Town Commissioners & Urban District Council Minute Books 1878-1947, available as a digitised collection.</p>	 <p>Wicklow County Council Minute Books 1899-1960 Wicklow County Council Minute Books 1899-1960, available as a digitised collection.</p>
 <p>Rathdrum Workhouse Records 1842-1914 These are perhaps our most poignant records, illustrating the suffering of the poor in the lists of names of those admitted to this institution.</p>	 <p>Shillelagh Workhouse Records 1842-1918 Our collection of admission and discharge registers for Shillelagh Union Workhouse date from famine times and tell the story of the poor and destitute of the county in stark reality.</p>	 <p>Bray Town Commissioners & Bray Urban District Council Bray Town Commissioners 1857-1898 & Bray UDC 1898-1967 Minute Books now available as a digitised collection.</p>

New Wicklow Library & Archives



Baltinglass Courthouse and Library

Projects totalling €2.6 million were successfully secured for Baltinglass under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF). Among these was €600,000 towards restorative works of Baltinglass court house. The building was constructed in the 1820s, but the courtroom is not in use in recent years. In addition to restorative works, Baltinglass Heritage Centre will be restored & there will be co-working opportunities. The building currently hosts Baltinglass library in an additional wing, that was constructed in the 1990s. It is planned to relocate the adult library into the court room area, which will give a whole new vibrancy to the building. Works will commence in 2020, for completion in early 2021.

New Mobile Library



Wicklow County Council's new mobile library was launched on October 7, by Cathaoirleach, Irene Winters. It took to the road the following day and has been very well received by the public.

In addition to carrying almost 3,000 items of stock, special features include

- 6 solar panels, which will provide the lighting and power to the internal parts of the vehicle
- An electronic notice board, which, in particular, will highlight Wicklow County Council's upcoming events and services
- Internet access for the public, by means of a "bounce pad"

Being a member of the mobile library gives one the same benefits as being a member of a branch library, especially with regard to it providing access to all the online library facilities + ability to request items from any of the 330 libraries nationwide.

Wicklow County Council's previous mobile library provided 16 years of service, so here's to many more safe years on Wicklow's roads!

My Open Library (MOL), Arklow

Following the initial pilot phase of “My Open Library” (MOL) in recent years, the facility was rolled out, nationally, in 2019. Each local authority was invited to provide MOL at one location. Wicklow County Council chose its flagship, Arklow library, to pioneer the service. MOL enables adults to use the library outside of general opening hours. They have access to all general services from 8AM-10PM, 7 days per week. The public sign up for separate MOL membership. They are firstly given a tour of all the services and must agree to terms and conditions.

Arklow MOL was launched on Thursday 18 April, ahead of the Easter weekend. MOL is now available at 15 libraries nation wide. These will act as a second pilot phase, with the vision of the service being further extended in 2020/21.

The reaction from the public is greatly appreciated, particularly by the students, who now have facilities to study until 10PM. In the 8 months from late April – December, Arklow registered 481 MOL members, recording just under 4,000 visits outside of general opening hours.

Outreach & Social Inclusion

Wicklow County Council Library Service has worked with many groups in their communities, organising and facilitating many workshops and activities across the county with thousands of adults and children of all ages in attendance. Highlights included exhibitions, author visits, book clubs, musical sing-along story sessions, class visits with library tours, Engineer’s Week, Science Week, Culture Night, creative writing and presentations on many topics from parenting to biodiversity as well as many other cultural and educational events

Literacy Supports - TTRS & Lexia

With funding from DRCD Dormant Account Funds, Wicklow County Council Library Service offered the literacy supports “Touch Type Read Spell” (TTRS) and “Lexia” to all schools in the county. This funding was offered to libraries to help them reach the needs of marginalised groups. A 2 year licence commitment has been undertaken, which will give the opportunity to assess the programmes’ benefits.

TTRS is a multi-sensory online course that teaches typing, spelling and reading. It is useful for anyone over the age of 8 years who is experiencing a literacy delay or indeed anyone interested in learning typing as a skill. It is especially useful for those with dyslexia, dyspraxia, ASD, ADHD or any memory processing weakness.

Lexia is an online literacy resource designed to accelerate reading skills in all abilities, it is suitable for children from Junior Infants and is widely recommended by educational psychologists as a valuable resource that targets skills gaps as they emerge and helps pupils develop their reading skills.

“Our Wicklow Women” Greystones Library hosted “Our Wicklow Women ” exhibition. This exhibition celebrated inspirational Wicklow women and highlighted the vital contribution made by them to our communities and ran for the month of August as a Wicklow Heritage event, in association with Wicklow County Council Heritage and Archives.

Sport 20x20 The 20x 20 initiative is about creating a cultural shift in how females are perceived in sport, aiming for a 20% increase in participation, media coverage and attendance in women’s sport by the end of 2020. As part of their ‘Sharing Our Stories’ programme, Blessington Library invited international soccer star, Louise Quinn, to the library . Louise was

interviewed and was delighted to speak about her sporting career and her World Cup experience. This event was organised through Wicklow County Council Sports Partnership. Story Theatre This activity came about through liaison between library staff and the leaders involved in the "Little Bray Youth Project". Two groups of children were transported to Bray and Ballywaltrim libraries over a six week period. The children were accompanied by adult minders from the youth project and Anita Nicholson facilitated a programme of reading, drama and associated art. The focus was on introducing the children to the library and the world of books and reading. This was a very successful venture, the ice been broken for children who otherwise may not have visited the library, and it is envisaged that they will see the space as a welcoming and inclusive place for them to enjoy into the future.

Irish Sign Language group Arklow library runs a well attended, weekly, Irish Sign Language (ISL) group in which group members practise sign language conversation, share experiences, advice and discuss current topics relating to hearing and signing. This is a great community and information opportunity.

Autism Friendly Santa Visit Arklow Library was delighted to host Santa for an Autism Friendly visit. Children with autism, and their families, enjoyed a calm waiting area with giant LEGO and colouring. Numbers were staggered in each session to allow for personal space and needs. Parents had the chance to chat and share experiences - a common theme being how previous Santa experiences had never worked for them.

Baby Tummy Time Babies need tummy time every day! Blessington babies started last September to enjoy their "Tummy Time" in the library on Thursday mornings. This proved to be a very social experience for both baby and their parents, or carers. The newly acquired

Tovertafel or 'Magic Table' also provided a new exciting activity for babies and they had the opportunity to join the library and borrow books.

Fighting Words Schools from Dunlavin, Baltinglass, Blessington and Arklow were invited to take part in this wonderful initiative in participating libraries. Mark Davidson from "Fighting Words", Glenree, facilitated the workshops where children and young people worked collaboratively with trained volunteers and enjoyed the opportunity to write and illustrate their own stories in the library setting. "Fighting Words" is a creative writing group, established by Roddy Doyle and Séan Love. The aim of the organisation is to help children and young people to discover and harness the power of their own imaginations and creative writing skills. At the end of the session, the work is taken for publication.

Summer Stars Reading Challenge Wicklow County Council Library Service participated in the national "Summer Stars" programme, supported by the LGMA Libraries Development Unit. This initiative was funded by Wicklow County Council. The event is run as part of the national "Right To Read" initiative and is aimed at children of all ages to promote literacy and help prevent what is known as the 'Summer Slide' which is a recognised decline in reading skills during the summer months. This initiative continues to go from strength to strength and over 3,000 children took part through Wicklow's 13 branch libraries and Mobile Library in 2019.

'Let's Sing', Dunlavin Library This programme ran in Dunlavin Library over a six week period in March & April. The activity was facilitated by Rachel Drew who planned a programme comprising of rhymes, music, stories and song

for a group of babies and toddlers for the West Wicklow area. This programme tapped into many aspects of child development. Children improved their social skills, self-confidence and self-esteem at the same time as developing their listening skills, memory skills, understanding of beat and rhythm – in addition to joining the library and being introduced to the world of books.

“Way With Words” Literature Festival 2019 The second “Way With Words” festival took place over the first 2 weeks of April, in association with Wicklow County Council Arts Service. It comprised events for the whole community and some of the highlights were;

Poet, Moya Cannon and harpist, Kathleen Loughnane, entertained an adult audience of 30+ people with a selection of new poetry plus traditional tunes on harp.

Journalist and environmentalist, Manchán Magan, gave a workshop in writing skills and a talk about his travels in South America, Africa and Nepal to an enraptured audience of 70+.

The writer, Arnold Fanning and playwright, Marina Carr, were interviewed by journalist Ciara Kelly about their most recent works.

For children some of the highlights were a visit from Peter Donnelly, author of 'The Presidents Hat' and Ross Collins author of 'There's a Bear in My Chair', both of whom had large primary school audiences.

Blessington “Men’s Shed” had a visit from author, Arnold Fanning.

Performance Indicators

(Population of Wicklow as per Census 2016= 142,332)

Library Performance Indicators 2019	Data
L1.A Library Visits (Wicklow)	575,815 = 4.045 per head
L1. B . Number of items Issued to library borrowers per head(including renewals)	562,480 = 3.95 per head
Note – Items borrowed / renewed nationally	16,413,081 = 3.45 per head
Additional online resources borrowed by Wicklow users: E-books = 13,337 Downloadable audio books = 22,028 E-language courses = 2,053	
Registered readers	30,058 = 21% of pop.
Note – Registered reads nationally	792,895 = 16.6% of pop.
L.2 Cost of Operating Wicklow County Council Library Service 2016 per head	€4m = €28.10 per head

Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations

This includes the operation, maintenance and improvement of the following outdoor leisure facilities.

Playgrounds provided by Wicklow County Council throughout County Wicklow:

- Arklow : Seaview Avenue, Arklow.
- Arklow : St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
- Arklow : South Green, Arklow.
- Arklow: Heatherside, Vale Road.
- Bray : Ballywaltrim, Bray (opening 2020).
- Bray : Fassaroe, Bray
- Bray : Giltspur Heights, Southern Cross Road, Bray.
- Bray : Peoples Park, Dargle Road, Bray.
- Bray : Sidmonton Park, Bray.
- Bray : Seafront, Promenade
- Wicklow Town : Ballynerrin.
- Wicklow Town : Hill View.
- Wicklow Town : The Murrough.
- Rathnew Children's Playground and Teen Area with a Skate and BMX Park
- Baltinglass Recreation Park and Playground.
- Blessington Playground, Business Park, Blessington
- Carnew Playground
- Rathdangan Playground
- Enniskerry Playground, Monastery Grove, Enniskerry.
- Greystones Playground, Mill Road, Greystones
- Kilmacanogue Playground, Rockfield Park.

- Laragh (opening 2020)
- Newcastle Playground, Wicklow Coast Road, Newcastle.
- Newtownmountkennedy Children's Playground
- Newtownmountkennedy (Playground and Scouts Den) (opened 2019)
- Roundwood (opening 2020)

Skate Parks: -

- Arklow Skate Park, and MUGA at Seaview Avenue.
- Wicklow Town Skate Park and BMX Circuit and MUGA at Seafront, The Murrough.
- Blessington Skate Park, at Business Park, Blessington
- Charlesland Sport, Recreation and Skate Park, and Athletics Track at Charlesland Greystones.
- Baltinglass Skate Park (opened 2019)

Playgrounds facilitated by Wicklow County Council in partnership: -

- Aughrim Playground.
 - Arklow Skate Park and MUGA at Seaview Avenue.
 - Ashford Community Park Playground
 - Charlesland Sport, Recreation and Skate Park, Charlesland, Greystones.
 - Dunlavin Playground.
 - Eden Gate Playground, Charlesland, Greystones.
 - Grangecon, Playground.
 - Knockananna Playground.
 - Rathdrum Playground.
 - Shillelagh Playground
 - Tinahely Playground and MUGA
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Pride of Place Awards 2019 - Co-operation Ireland 'All - Island'

This is the seventeenth year of this competition, the purpose of which is to acknowledge the fantastic work being done every day by communities all over the Island of Ireland. There are twelve categories and this year Wicklow County Council entered two groups in the competition under two different Categories:

Category 3- population over 5,000 – nomination was Blessington Town

Category 8 – Age Friendly Initiative – nomination was Tinahely Resource Centre

On the 17th of July 2019, two Pride of Place judges visited Blessington Town and the Tinahely Resource Centre. The judges assessed these two nominations for the competition. Both nominations demonstrated a strong partnership with both the Council and all sectors of their communities.

The award ceremony took place in Kilkenny on the 30th November 2019.

Blessington Greenway

In June 2019, Wicklow County Council, in conjunction with major stakeholders, Blessington Community Group and the ESB, secured funding of €5m under the National and Regional Greenway fund for the Blessington E-Greenway Project.

The Blessington E-Greenway will cover 42.4kms of walking and cycling trails mostly through the forest and woodlands taking in some spectacular scenery adjacent to the shoreline of the Blessington lakes.

The project will see significant job creation in the area as it is estimated that for every €1m of tourism revenue supports 27 jobs in the locality. In addition, it will cater for the growing tourist market for outdoor activities for both local residents and tourists alike.

It is envisaged that the project will take around two years to complete. The Greenway development is an exciting and distinctive project for County Wicklow and the region and will become Irelands first “E” destination.

The E-Greenway encircles the Poulaphouca Reservoir - a major sustainable source of electricity generation. It will offer E Bikes as a major attraction with charging points along the route and forms part of a wider countywide project to promote E Cycling.

The E-Greenway will be designed, constructed and operated with excellence, exercise, energy, environment, ecology, exploration and ease of access considerations to the fore at all times.

In October 2019, Aecom Ireland Ltd were appointed as the consultants for the provision of technical consultancy services for the design, planning and construction of the Blessington E Greenway.

A Project Board was formed to oversee the project, consisting of members from Wicklow County Council, the ESB and Blessington

WICKLOW LOCAL SPORTS AND RECREATION PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

Overview

- Wicklow Local Sports Partnership was established in 2008, supported by the then Irish Sports Council Local Sports Partnership initiative. Representatives from a variety of Agencies, Organisations and Community Groups involved in sport, physical activity, outdoor recreation and community development make up the Board of the Wicklow Local Sports Partnership.
- The main functions of Wicklow Local Sports Partnership include: -

Information provision

- Wicklow Local Sports Partnership is involved in the co-ordination of local sports information, initiating research, compiling a sports directory and database, identifying needs and resources to form the basis of local planning and establishing a consultative sports forum.

Community Groups. On 1st November 2019, the inaugural meeting of this board was held.

Education & Training

- Wicklow Local Sports Partnership provides opportunities for education and training at a local level, including generic training courses in areas such as Code of Ethics, First Aid and Active Leadership, while also supporting the delivery of sports specific courses in conjunction with National Governing Bodies of Sport.

Implementation

- Wicklow Local Sports Partnership implements a range of national programmes to encourage participation e.g. Buntús, Women in Sport, Go for Life. Programmes are delivered in areas such as Sports Development, Community Sport and Physical Activity, Schools Sport, Youth Sport and Sport Inclusion. Wicklow Local Sports Partnership will also implement sports programmes in the context of the local strategic plan for sport and physical activity and in line with Sport Ireland priorities.

Actions undertaken in 2019

- Wicklow Local Sports Partnership assisted in the delivery of a wide range of initiatives aimed at promoting participation in sports and physical activity;
 - Safeguarding courses run in 2019: 32 courses delivered with 414 participants.
 - Inclusive courses: Courses run with a disability or inclusive focus included, two Autism in Sport courses, Inclusive Leisure centre training, Learn to Cycle tutor course, Cycle Right course and Activator Poles training for tutors. These courses were run in 6 different areas in the county and included 67 people.
 - Parkrun: Arklow Junior Duck Pond parkrun was a new addition in 2019. This parkrun has an average attendance of 128 per week. The other parkruns facilitated by Wicklow Sports and Recreation partnership include Avondale Forest parkrun with 62 people on average each week, Bray junior parkrun with 51 on average each week and Russborough parkrun with 45 on average each week.
 - Older Adults: A number of initiatives have been rolled out with a specific target on older adults, namely, Power for Parkinsons, Activator poles workshop, Aquafit 55+ and numerous exercise classes focused on COPD groups.
 - Older Adults: Go for Life games in Laragh in June and a PALs course was delivered over an 8 week period, starting in October 2019.
 - Disability Inclusion: In August 2019 the Sports & Recreation partnership hired a Sports Inclusion Disability officer, funded through Sport Ireland.
 - Women in Sport: The following initiatives have been rolled out under Women in Sport;
 - Buggyfit in 3 venues with 32 participants
 - 5 Women only Boxercise classes with 82 participants
 - International Womens day 'Boxercise Blitz' with 2100 school based participants
 - Learn 2 Swim travellers programme with 14 people completing the course
 - 'Moms on the Move' and Yoga for young mothers with 21 participants.
 - Direct Provision centre: Wicklow Sports and Recreation partnership delivered two programmes in the direct provision centre in Wicklow town in 2019 namely;
 - Walk and Talk Tuesday - a free six week programme where the group walked a different 5k route each week while also getting to know the sites of the town. Over 10 people took part in the walking programme and now have formed a small running group out of it.
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- Summer Swim Programme - The summer swim programme was aimed at children aged four to twelve living in the direct provision centre in Wicklow Town. The swim programme was five days a week for one week in August taking place in Coral Leisure Wicklow Town. Each child got a Swim Ireland bag, goggles and hat.

Mental Health Intervention

- Reintroduction to exercise – A 10 week reintroduction to physical activity was rolled out in Shoreline Greystones in conjunction with the Occupational Therapist in Newcastle hospital. 6 people took part in the programme and the sports partnership will look to expand this work in 2020 to other centres.
- Woodlands for Health - Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership continues to support the Woodlands for Health project with the coordinator sitting on the National steering group representing the Local Sports Partnerships.
- Community Events – A number of Community events were facilitated through the Sports and Recreation Partnership;

- Operation Transformation - January 2019 saw Wicklow Sports Partnership host three Operation Transformation walks in the county. Bray, Blessington and Baltinglass were the venues for 2019 with approximately 450 people taking part overall.
- Colour Run - In conjunction with Wicklow Hospice, Wicklow Sports Partnership organised a Colour Run to raise funds. The event was attended by approximately 300 people and looks to become a yearly event for Wicklow Town.

- European Week of Sport - Wicklow Sports Partnership hosted one of 5 flagship events in Ireland for the European week of sport on Bray Seafront on September 28th. Night time events took place all over Europe at the same time to mark the culmination of a host of activities to celebrate the European week of Sport. The #BEACTIVE Night culminated in a 3km NEON family run along Bray seafront with over 250 participants braving the elements on the night. Participants received neon t-shirts and neon face painting before the start of the run where they ran through the blackout tunnel to get the full effect of their bright colours. Other events on the night included a series of Rows at Dusk, Yoga drop in sessions
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before the race and a POUND fitness class on the Bandstand.

- Schools:
 - The One Million Step Challenge was completed in over 20 schools with 1500 children taking part.
 - Mini 3V3 Basketball Blitz - 10th April in Shoreline Greystones with over 60 children taking part. 22nd May Wicklow LSP held the second mini 3V3 basketball blitz again in partnership with Basketball Ireland for west primary schools in Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass. Over 70 children took part.
 - Tug of War Blitz – Three Blitz days were held with Tug of War Ireland in 2019. The venues were; Russborough House, Blessington with over 300 children taking part, Shoreline leisure Greystones with over 120 children participating and St. Kevin’s Community College in Dunlavin with more than 140 children taking part.
 - Primary schools cross country took place on Tuesday 12th March with 700 pupils taking part.

Bike Week:

- Wicklow Local Sports and Recreation Partnership received funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for Bike Week. Applications were invited to apply for grants to those hosting a bike event. 19 schools

participated and benefited from Bike Week funding which promoted cycle safety, skills and maintenance along with 7 community events were also supported by Wicklow LSP these included;

- Wicklow Mountain Bike Club
 - Over 70 people took part in this mountain bike event to launch a new MTB club in Wicklow. Participants ranged in ages from 7 to 71 with leaders taking the bikers out on the trails of varying skills and levels.
- Biking.ie, Ballinastoe
 - This was a free community mountain biking taster session held on Thursday 27th June in Ballinastoe Mountain Bike Trails, Co. Wicklow. This event was fully booked with 20 participants in each session.
- Dunlavin District Forum
 - Dunlavin & District Forum participated in Bike Week 2019 for the first time with both younger and older members getting involved throughout the

week. There was a poster competition for the younger children and a photography competition for the older children with prizes for both competitions. Wicklow Sports Partnership ran a Balance Bike Workshop and the obstacle course was the big attraction on the day of the event. Reservoir Cogs cycling club also joined and gave a very informative talk on the benefits of cycling for all ages

- Maintenance workshops

- Two fully booked evenings of free workshops were held in Wicklow Town during bike week. These were aimed at helping cyclists learn how to manage and fix small repairs on the bikes such as puncture repairs, how to change tubes, take wheels on and off quickly as well as tips on how to keep a bike running smoothly.

- AAA Family Fun Day, Greystones

- Wicklow LSP, designed a learn to cycle programme for the members of Triple A Wicklow as part of their 2nd Family Fun Day. Triple A Alliance was founded in 2002 and supports families, provides information, training and appropriate activities for children and adults living with Autism, Asperger Syndrome and A.D.H.D. Over 80 members participated in the cycle track laid out on the grass with a range of bikes used including balance bikes, bikes with stabilizers and pedal bikes.

- South East Road Club Grass Cycling Event, Arklow

- 20 children attended the launch of this event that took place on Coral Leisure's Arklow pitch. South East Road Club demonstrated some bike handling skills, group riding skills and safety on the bike.
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- 'Get Back on your Bike' hosted by The Sports Room, Wicklow Town.
 - This event consisted of a leisurely spin out to Tinakilly for some Tea and Scones and then back to the Sports Room Wicklow Town. Along with this cycle the Sports Room offered a free bike check to ensure your bike was roadworthy before the event.
- Dormant Accounts Allocation: Wicklow sports and recreation partnership received funding for their development officer and also a community coaching programme through Dormant accounts.
- The Katie Taylor Bursary was awarded to Katie Ann O'Neill from Baltinglass.
- Facilitate a Disability Inclusion activity camp
- Roll out of an outdoor recreation campaign
- Distribution of Sports Grants
- Promotion and co-ordination of Active School Week, Bike Week, Operation Transformation and other National initiatives
- Develop partnerships with other bodies for the strategic and targeted provision of physical activity throughout County Wicklow
- Support target groups to become more physically active
- Continue to educate the population on the importance of physical activity in daily life
- Increase awareness of Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership and the opportunities it provides to stakeholders and target groups.
- Continue to roll out the various Programmes undertaken in 2019.
- Healthy Ireland initiatives development
- Review of intervention programmes delivered by Wicklow sports and Recreation Partnership.
- Development of online resources for use in the community.

Planned actions for 2020

- Launch of a new Sports Partnership strategy.
- Volunteer development and support programmes.
- Arklow Sports Hub Launch
- Older Adults exercise classes throughout the county
- Women in Sport focused exercise initiatives
- Disability Inclusion focused events
- Provision of Safeguarding, First Aid and disability inclusion training

The Wicklow Local Sports Partnership is on Facebook and Twitter. Web: www.wicklowlsp.ie

Wicklow County Arts Office

County Wicklow has a rich artistic and cultural tradition with a range of vibrant activities taking place in the visual arts, music, theatre, literature, sculpture, youth arts, community

arts and festivals. Wicklow County Council's Arts Programme is to nurture and develop this rich tradition and to ensure that the Arts are made accessible to all in the county.

Arts Act Grants

The Artist Support Award Scheme, Arts Groups and Organisation Award Scheme and the Arts Festival Award Scheme target artistic practice in all disciplines by people and groups from or based in Wicklow. The Arts Grants are offered each year to develop and deliver festivals and arts programmes of high quality and impact and to enhance and complement the strategic development of the arts in the County.

(1) Artist Support Award Scheme

The objective of this Support Scheme is to assist artists develop their practice and to make a significant contribution to the professional life of artists from, or living in, County Wicklow.

(2) Arts Festival Award Scheme

Applications were received in respect of high quality programmes by local, national and international artists presented within the applicants' Festivals. The predominant art form presented within the Festivals was music. Other events included literary events, visual arts and opportunities for arts participation. There were six applications under this scheme with all receiving funding.

(3) Arts Group and Organisations Award Scheme

The objective of this award scheme was to support arts groups/organisations in the

realisation of an arts project or programme to support their artistic development. It was the intention of this award to fund in total or in part a project/programme to result in realising/showcasing of new work. Applications were accepted for a research and development phase of a new initiative or for the production/implementation of a new arts project or programme. There were eleven applications under this scheme with six receiving funding.

In 2019, approximately 40,000 clients interacted with the Arts Office and its programmes. In the region of €2.1million was invested by Wicklow County Council and its strategic partners, to deliver the Arts Office Programme and investment in Arts infrastructure and delivery

Music Generation Wicklow

4,000 children and young people engaged in regular music performance education in Wicklow schools in 2019, with 31 musician tutors employed on a weekly basis.

Culture Night

A fantastic programme of arts and cultural events took place in September, as part of Culture Night. The public were invited to participate in free music, theatre, literature, dance, visual arts, storytelling, and film activities and events as well as talks and tours for all of the family. Events took place in several areas around the county including:

Arklow, Ashford, Aughrim, Avoca, Blessington, Bray, Donard, Greystones, Hollywood, Redcross, and Wicklow Town.

Creative Ireland

The Creative Ireland Programme is guided by a vision that every person in Ireland will have the opportunity to realise their full creative potential. It is a five year all-of- Government initiative, from 2017 to 2022, to place creativity at the centre of public policy. This strategy aims to support further opportunities for public engagement with culture and creativity among communities and individuals all across County Wicklow over the next five years and beyond.

Enterprise and Corporate Services

Key Strategy Objective 3: Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure:

“To develop infrastructure and measures that will sustain the best quality of life for our citizens in a strong economic competitive environment of the highest quality; support interagency collaboration and capitalise on County Wicklow’s unique attributes, harnessing efficiently the entire resources of the County to develop employment opportunities”.

Key Strategy Objective 4: Organisation Development and Financial Matters:

“To maximise and develop the potential of our human resources, fulfilling our duties under Health and Safety, to adhere to the highest stand of governance, integrity, transparency and accountability and to develop new technologies to continuously innovate and improve the delivery of a cost effective, efficient and high quality of service to our citizens”.

ACCESS

In accordance with the National Disability Act 2005, the Access Officer for Wicklow County Council ensures that their services are accessible for people with disabilities by providing integrated access to mainstream services where practicable and appropriate. The Disability Act 2005 places a specific obligation on public bodies to make public buildings and services accessible to people with disabilities by 2005.

Wicklow Local Authorities Access Group (WLAAG)

WLAAG continued to support and advise Wicklow County Council on access issues throughout 2019. This group, which consists of people with disabilities and representation of disability organisations resources the Local Authority with experts in the area of disability and access. The Access Office is in regular contact with both local and national groups and organisations dealing with access to ensure that Wicklow County Council are meeting their obligations.

Audit Committee

The Wicklow County Council Audit Committee was initially established in 2007 under Section V of the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2005. Following the May 2019 local elections, the Audit Committee was re-established. The membership of the committee now comprises:

- Mr. Tom Gregan, Chairman
- Mr. Noel Geraghty, Vice Chairman
- Ms. Mary Savage
- Cllr. Edward Timmins (until October 2019)
- Cllr. Mary Kavanagh (from October 2019)
- Cllr. Gerry Walsh

The functions of the Audit Committee are prescribed in Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2014 and include:

- To review the financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Local Authority
- To foster the development of best practice in the performance by the

Local Authority of its internal audit function

- To review any audited financial statement, Auditor's Report or Auditor's Special Report in relation to the Local Authority and assess any actions taken within that authority by its Chief Executive in response to such a statement or report and report its findings to the Authority
- To assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the Local Authorities performance of its functions
- To review systems that are operated by the Local Authority for the management of risks
- To review the findings and recommendations of the National Oversight & Audit Committee (NOAC) and the response of the Chief Executive to these and take further action as appropriate.

As part of the reporting process, the Audit Committee presented its Annual Report for 2019 to the Wicklow County Council in February 2020.

In the report, the Committee welcomed the receipt of reports on the following assignments during the year:

- Report to NOAC – Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report
- Review of Accounts Payable
- Review of Stores and Machinery Yard Operations and Value for Money
- Review of Pre-Letting Repair Costs
- Review of Staff Travel & Subsistence Payments
- Review of the Operation of Low Value Purchase Cards

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Procedures & Audit) Regulations 2014 the Local Government Auditor was invited to address the Committee. This annual meeting is a constructive opportunity for the Committee to exchange views with the Local Government Auditor on a wide range of issues and for the Local Government Auditor to discuss his statutory audit report on the Council's Annual Financial Statement.

Enterprise and Development

County Wicklow has great business potential and has undergone significant expansion and development in recent years. County Wicklow is one of the most rapidly growing Counties in Ireland. Less than one hour from Dublin, with easy access to the M50 and national motorways the County has many benefits to offer by way of strategic location, infrastructural development, proximity to Universities and Institutes of Technology.

The Enterprise Unit of the Council is responsible for the promotion and marketing of County Wicklow and its towns as a location for enterprise and job creation. It promotes and assists in the development of enterprise centres and acquires land to facilitate industrial and commercial development. The unit plays a pivotal role in the economic development of the County and is committed to growing a third level education base in conjunction with IT Carlow at Wicklow County Campus, Clermont College, Rathnew.

The Council works closely with other development agencies such as the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and the Wicklow Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and maintains and broadens links with potential industrial/commercial developers/promoters to achieve job creation and economic growth. It promotes County Wicklow as a premier film location through the County Wicklow Film Commission.

The staff of the Enterprise Unit are available to guide and assist potential business developers who may be considering Wicklow as a business location and a number of initiatives to promote the County as a place to locate were undertaken during 2019.

Development of Enterprise Centres

The Council in partnership with national and local development agencies and in conjunction with local chambers of commerce works closely with existing enterprise centres in County Wicklow.

The Wicklow Enterprise Centre/Business Park, comprises 74,000 sq ft of enterprise space providing a complete turnkey facility to existing and new developing businesses. It comprises workspace units, research & development, manufacturing and distribution and food production training in sizes from 180sq ft up to 5,000 sq ft along with hi-spec office accommodation, training facilities and conference room. Recently completed refurbishment work on the building has taken place and 11 specially designed new office

units as well as 2 state of the art training rooms have been provided.

The Arklow Business and Enterprise Centre is a community initiative set up to provide workspace for new embryo and small expanding businesses together with a range of support facilities. The centre offers approx 30,000 sq ft of workspace consisting of 14 small/medium sized production units and 14 offices and facilitates 34 businesses.

Sites for Enterprise/Employment uses

Wicklow County Council has invested some €1.3m on the construction of Avondale Business Park, Rathdrum. The park is divided by four roads, linked by a main roundabout. The bulk of the work has been carried out to Road no. 1 and 2 and also to the new roundabout with most of the utility providers' ducts and pipes laid on Road no. 1 and 2. High quality fencing has been erected to the front perimeter of the site as well as construction of entrance pillars and gateway etc. A very positive step for Avondale Business Park is the construction and operation of the first commercial premises. The Enterprise Unit is engaging with businesses that have expressed an interest in locating to the Business Park, and the Council will continue to push forward with its plans for the development of the site into the future.

Discussions are ongoing with a number of business in County Wicklow for a similar type development at Dunlavin. In addition to these sites, the Council has some varying size landbanks at a number of locations throughout

the County including Baltinglass, Arklow, Blessington and Ashford.

Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC

In accordance with the guidelines for the establishment and operation of the SPCs, the Economic Development Enterprise Support SPC has been established and has been operational since December, 2014. The main function of the SPC is to assist the Council in the formation, development and review of policy in this area. The SPC comprises seven elected members and six external members drawn from the various pillars, such as: Environment/Conservation, Agriculture/Farming Community, Trade Union, Development/Construction/Business commercial and Business (West Wicklow).

In 2019 the SPC along with the Local Community Development Committee concentrated its work on the overseeing the goals and objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which actions to support economic development and local community development.

Economic Development Unit

The Economic Development Unit of the Enterprise and Corporate Services Directorate is the vehicle charged with implementing the economic actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Many of the 142 actions listed in the

LECP have come from the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) Action Plan. The CWETT, which was initiated in 2013, was a collaborative project initiated by Wicklow County Council and involved the business community from across the county and the County Enterprise Board (now LEO Wicklow). The Economic Development and Enterprise Support vision is for a County which provides a high quality of life and well-being for all; values socially inclusive urban and rural communities; is driven by a dynamic and innovative economy; promotes and prioritises sustainable development and protects and enhances the County's unique and rich natural and cultural heritage.

Networking & Collaboration with Other Agencies

During 2019 the Enterprise Unit met with representatives of Enterprise Ireland and the IDA, Failte Ireland and other agencies engaged in economic development. Formal and informal networking continues with the local businesses, Chambers of Commerce and Town Teams to promote and develop business and develop job opportunities in County Wicklow. Staff from the Enterprise and Economic Development Unit engaged with EMRA in the formulation of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Midlands East.

County Wicklow Economic Think Tank

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County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) is a collaborative initiative between Wicklow County Council, LEO Wicklow and local businesses. The purpose of the CWETT was to determine how Wicklow can attract and nurture business and promote sustainable economic development that creates jobs in the County. Wicklow County Council is now engaged in implementing the actions identified by CWETT under the following headings;

- Brand
- Film
- Marketing and Communication
- Recreation and Retail
- Industry and Infrastructure

The actions proposed by CWETT are embedded in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016 - 2023.

Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee

The Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee continued to meet quarterly in 2019. Section 36(2)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act provides that the function of a joint policing committee is, inter alia, to ‘arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority’s administrative area.’ The Wicklow County Council JPC held two public meetings in 2019 in Baltinglass and Greystones. Working groups have been set up to implement the objectives of the Wicklow

County Council Joint Policing 6 year Plan under the 4 key areas identified:

- (1) Policing Communities
- (2) Tackling Crime in Rural Areas;
- (3) Drug Prevention
- (4) Communications.

These groups meet approximately 3 to 4 times a year. Each committee has a Chair and the administrative support is provided by an official of Wicklow County Council. The committee is supported by representatives from An Garda Síochána and are comprised of representatives from the elected members and community groups. The committees are open to contributions from local stakeholders outside of the JPC such as Muintir na Tire, The Uplands Council and the Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.



Health and Safety

Wicklow County Council subscribes to a dynamic and interactive Health and Safety process. Accordingly the Health and Safety Office avails of every opportunity to reflect these principles in terms of consultation, training and the development of a

comprehensive Health and Safety Management System.

Training is provided throughout the year on a proactive basis. Training provided includes: Safe Pass, Safety Awareness, City & Guilds Chainsaw, Confined Spaces Entry, Abrasive Wheels, Manual Handling, Construction Skills Certification Scheme (C.S.C.S.), First Aid, and Safe System of Work Plans amongst others.

Policies and procedures in Wicklow County Council are constantly being reviewed in line with new best practices, legislative changes and national initiatives. Staff participation in the process is encouraged and the input of the Safety Representatives is valued.

Higher Education Grants

Wicklow County Council acts on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in administering the Higher Education Scheme. In 2011, the Higher Education Grant Scheme was further reinforced by the introduction of the Student Support Act, 2011 and the Student Support Regulations, 2011. These may be amended by the Department of Education and Skills each year to take account of any changes. The new legislative changes allowed for a single unified Higher Education Grant Scheme for all awarding authorities.

All monies paid in respect of maintenance and fees are recoupable with the exception of a fixed contribution of €6,019.83, which

the Council is obliged to pay under the 1968 Act.

No Higher Education Grants were processed by Wicklow County Council in 2019.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act, 2014 came into effect on the 14th October, 2014. This Act abolished the requirement to pay a fee when making a request.

The Freedom of Information Acts assert the right of members of the public to obtain access to official information to the greatest extent possible consistent with the public interest and the right to privacy of individuals.

The Act established three new statutory rights:

A legal right for each person to access information held by public bodies;

A legal right for each person to have official information relating to himself or herself amended when it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading; and

A legal right to obtain reasons for decision affecting oneself.

Wicklow County Council received a total of 136 requests during 2019. A disclosure log detailing all non personal freedom of information requests can be viewed on the Council's website: www.wicklow.ie.

Register of Electors

Under the Electoral Acts, Wicklow County Council is charged with preparing and publishing the Register of Electors for the County every year. The total local

government electorate on the 2019/2020 register was 99,229. Progressively smaller electorates apply in the case of Elections to the European Parliament, the Dáil and the office of Uachtarán na hEireann where citizenship requirements exist.

The Council strives to provide a comprehensive and accurate Register of Electors to facilitate the democratic process at election time. Through extensive local advertising and initiatives, both web based and traditional, coupled with the efforts of a well trained and resourced team of 32 field workers covering the county, a Register is produced which is tested at each election. Every opportunity is provided to any qualified person to be included in the Register.

The team of fieldworkers are employed to visit every household in the County during the months of July/August/September each year. If there is no reply at the door, a personalised calling card is left along with a FREEPOST voter registration form for the householder to return to the Franchise section of the Council.

Existing electors who have not been met at the door by the fieldworker or who have not replied via the registration form left at their residence, will be contacted in writing during the last 10 days of October informing them they will be removed from the final register unless they contact the Franchise section of the County Council before 25th November.

The Budget provision includes for payroll and travel expenses for the field-staff and office staff along with local advertising, postage and printing.

Training and Development

Wicklow County Council recognises that training and development assists staff and elected members to realise their full potential and can lead to greater organisational performance and job satisfaction and therefore is committed to ensuring that every member of staff has the opportunity and support available to them.

Staff members also regularly attend seminars and conferences directly related to their area of work and expertise.

The Council also encourages and assists staff to undertake relevant further education at all stages of their career.

Members Expenses

Cathaoirleach Annual Allowance	€30,000
Leas- Cathaoirleach Annual Allowance	€6,000
SPC Annual Allowance	€30,000
Annual Representational Allowance	€530,966.03
Councillors Annual Allowance	€231,838.48
Foreign Conferences	€3,514.91

Ombudsman

Any person who feels that he/she has been unfairly treated or is not satisfied with a decision on a complaint by the local authority may contact the Office of the Ombudsman. By law the Ombudsman can investigate complaints about any of the local authority's administrative actions or

procedures as well as delays or inaction in your dealings with the local authority. The Ombudsman provides a free, impartial and independent dispute resolution service.

The Ombudsman referred 28 complaints to Wicklow County Council in 2019.

County Wicklow Film Commission

The County Wicklow Film Commission is the longest established film commission in Ireland, committed to attracting audio-visual production into the county.

Funded by Wicklow County Council, the film commission is based in Clermont House, Wicklow County Campus, but represents the whole county.

The main objective of the County Wicklow Film Commission is to market and promote the county as a film location for any kind of audio-visual or content creation production ranging from feature film to commercial, short film, television production, gaming, animation or music promo. The film office assists any project regardless of the size of the budget with the aim of bringing economic benefits to County Wicklow.

As a secondary objective the County Wicklow Film Commission is committed to maximise the tourism spin off of film activity.

The Wicklow Film Commission also assists Tourism Ireland with media and familiarisation trips along the Wicklow film trails.

In 2019 County Wicklow once again experienced high levels of production activity. Over 400 shooting days were

recorded containing a mixture of all types of audio-visual production. The financial benefit from audiovisual productions tends to be higher from feature films than from television.

The County was used by a large number of international and national feature film and television productions. Feature films, high end television productions and numerous adverts that used Wicklow locations include:- Miss Scarlet and the Duke; Darklands; South Westerlies; Pulling with your Parents; Room to Improve; Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journey and Dancing with the Stars.

Some of the most used locations included Glencree, Sally Gap Roads, Luggala Estate, Brittas Bay Beach, Silver Strand Beach, Lough Dan, Bray and Kilruddery House and Gardens, Enniskerry, Bray Promenade, Powerscourt House and Waterfall, the Blessington lakes, Wicklow Town, Greystones, Wicklow Gaol, and Manor Kilbride.

Services on offer to any of these productions include location scouting, advice, assistance and location suggestions through personalised web brochures, liaison with Local Authorities personnel and local communities.

The Action plan that came out of the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank identified the film industry as of great importance to the local industry. Objective 4 of the Action Plan is to capitalise on the Immediate Economic Opportunity in the Film Industry through a number of actions: To develop a Film Industry Cluster in County Wicklow (a hub for film making and ancillary industries).

Establishing the appropriate infrastructure and supports to attract and sustain the film

making industry in Wicklow requires a collaborative approach, facilitated and supported by Wicklow County Council. Such an approach will enable the County to realise the potential value from film making directly plus film tourism, accommodation services and other support services.

Wicklow County Campus, Clermont College, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.

Wicklow County Campus in Rathnew is an exceptional development and continues to be developed by Wicklow County Council to be a Centre of Excellence in Enterprise, Education and Innovation in County Wicklow and to act as a catalyst for Economic Development in the County. The Clermont Campus is an impressive 55 acre facility. The buildings comprise offices, meeting rooms, a conference and exhibition venue, lecture rooms, I.T. rooms, a college library. Clermont House accommodates the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow.

A strong partnership is in place with the national and local development agencies such as the IDA, EI, the Local Enterprise Office, County Wicklow Partnership and the Chambers of Commerce to achieve the vision and to create a high quality environment for a thriving business quarter on the campus.

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

In 2017 The Wicklow County Campus Strategy Document 2016-2022 was adopted with the following headings:

1. Academic Portfolio and Learner Population
2. Enterprise and Economic Development
3. Management and Organisation

4. Physical Infrastructure
5. Financial Planning

Wicklow County Campus and IT Carlow

Wicklow County Council in conjunction with IT Carlow is providing a range of part-time Lifelong Learning Education and Training Courses. In 2019 there were over 500 students attending Wicklow County Campus for part-time evening courses and this figure is expected to grow considerably over the lifetime of the plan for the campus with the introduction of new academic programmes. In 2019 the eleventh graduation ceremony took place with some 212 graduates. Some 1400 students have graduated from the College with various degrees since the commencement of this partnership in 2006.

All events and meetings held throughout 2019 continue to promote Clermont as a unique and exceptional venue for a range of uses as well as highlighting the Life Long Learning and higher education and training programmes run by the Institute of Technology Carlow. The main objectives of hosting these events are to promote the overall concept of Wicklow County Campus and to bring the Campus to the notice of the general public



Overview of Energy Usage in 2019

LPG gas is used for heating. Total LPG consumption for 2019: 38,922 litres
Total Electricity consumption for 2019: 161,042 KWH

Actions Undertaken in 2019

In 2019 Wicklow County Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve energy performance on the campus with grant assistance from SEAI, including:

- Replacement of 70 external lighting fittings
- Replacement of 646 internal light fittings
- Installation of sub-meters on the various individual buildings to provide a more accurate electrical load profile for future analysing. All meters are logged and identified to outputs and offer more M&V going forward.

The post of Campus Manager was filled in May 2019.

A 'Community Employment' worker continued to assist with the maintenance and caretaking of the buildings and grounds.

Considerable maintenance works were carried out during the year such as roof repairs, installation of additional electrical sockets, electrical works in the Library for Carlow IT.

Development of a Content Creation Enterprise Hub

The development will comprise of a new 2-storey building linked to the refurbished courtyard cottages, conference facilities in the former school chapel and administrative offices in a section of former dormitory at second floor level in the school block. The facility will provide approximately 10,000 sq. ft of private and co-working spaces in a dynamic and synergetic environment for creative/media cross-fertilisation. It will offer specialised and customised, sector specific business supports that drive start-ups and economic growth.

Consultants were appointed for the Architectural Design, Project and Design Preparation. Part 8 Planning approval was secured in February 2020.

The estimated cost of this project is in the region of €3m. Funding in the sum of €1.43m from EI was approved in early January 2020 and Wicklow County Council is committed to providing the balance.



Local Enterprise Office

The Local Enterprise Offices were established in April 2014 to enhance the national enterprise support model for small and micro businesses. This new partnership model builds on the 20 year success of the City and County Enterprise Boards. The Local Enterprise Office commenced operations within the Wicklow Local Authority structure in April 2014 under a Service Level Agreement between the Local Authority and Enterprise Ireland.

Mission Statement:

The aim of Local Enterprise Office Wicklow is to promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation and to provide high quality supports for business ideas in County Wicklow.

The Local Enterprise Offices serve as a “first-stop shop” to provide support and services to start, grow and develop micro and small businesses in each local area. The Local Enterprise Office is strategically charged with stimulating economic activity at county

level through the development of indigenous enterprise potential in the county.

The key focus of the Local Enterprise Offices is to maximise opportunities for job creation and retention, attained through:

- creating and raising local enterprise awareness and developing an enterprise culture and community-based enterprise activity;
- providing a single/first point of contact service to the business community - providing business advice, direction and signposting, business counselling and mentoring;
- providing support to private sector and community initiatives to secure the establishment and/or expansion of commercially viable micro-enterprise projects;
- providing comprehensive pre-and post-start-up supports to new and expanding micro-enterprises;
- influencing the allocation of resources for micro-enterprise from EU, private and public funding sources
- promoting the general economic development of their areas.

The following supports and services are offered through the Local Enterprise Office:

Supports for micro business include:

- Information Provision
- Supports for business networks including Network for women business owners (NEW)
- One to one Business Advice clinics
- Assignment of mentors to companies
- Financial support to boost sales via Trading Online Vouchers
- Technical Assistance Grants
- Exhibitions & trade shows

- Access to Microfinance Ireland loans
- Student Enterprise Programme
- Business and IT skills training programmes & Seminars
- Leadership and management capability programmes, such as Lean for Micro and the Management Development Programme for Owner / Managers.
- Grant funding for eligible companies

The Network of LEOs (31) design and develop a number of programmes that are implemented by all the LEOs across the country. These include:

- Student Enterprise Awards
- National Enterprise Awards to showcase local business excellence
- Showcase, the international trade fair for the crafts industry in the RDS
- Food Academy, a specialised training programme for food producers run in conjunction with Board Bia.
- A LEO marquee showcasing LEO clients at the National Ploughing Championships
- Local Enterprise Week with training and events for clients at all levels of business growth.
- Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur programme

The LEO Wicklow also has a role to play in the formulation of local economic development plans for the County, aimed at maximising the opportunities for enterprise and capitalising on the features in the County that offer sustainable competitive advantage.

Impacts in 2019:

- The LEO Wicklow office facilitated the creation of 77 new jobs.
- Dealt with 500 new enquiries.
- Delivered one to one business advisory meetings to 470 entrepreneurs.
- Assigned a mentor to 70 companies.
- Provided business and business IT skills training to 830 businesses.
- Provided Start Your Own Business training to 75 individuals.
- Provided Management Development to 20 businesses.
- Approved over €454,000 development grants to 22 eligible enterprises.
- Approved €13,550 export grants to 7 eligible enterprises
- Assisted 7 businesses to apply for MFI funding.
- Approved 43 Trading Online Voucher grants.

Priorities for 2020:

- Focus on assisting enterprises at risk from Brexit and COVID 19.
- Maximise the opportunities for entrepreneurs from National programmes and new initiatives at local and regional level.
- Further develop an excellent and effective First Stop Shop for businesses in County Wicklow.
- Heighten awareness of the services available to businesses locally and nationally and help develop relationships between businesses and these service providers.
- Generate awareness of the LEO brand and services.
- Target supports at client companies

in the LEO Wicklow portfolio with a view to stimulating further growth and job creation.

- Provide progression pathways for client companies to access Enterprise Ireland services and supports.
- Provide a suite of capability building supports and services that add value and bring benefits to business and increase productivity.
- Support employment creation in the county through investment in eligible businesses.
- Support economic development aimed at job creation in the County.
- Engage with partners at local and national level to design and deliver enterprise creation and support initiatives.

Regional Enterprise Development Plan 2020

County Wicklow and the East Coast Region is at the heart of the screen content sector and the international opportunity, with an existing internationally recognised screen industry

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

District Members:

Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Pat Fitzgerald (FF)

Leas-Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Sylvester Bourke (FG)

Council Members

Councillor Tommy Annesley (FF)

Councillor Sylvester Bourke (FG)

Councillor Miriam Murphy (IND)

Councillor Peir Leonard (IND)

Councillor Pat Kennedy (FF)

Municipal District Staff :

District Manager:

Colm Lavery

District Administrator:

Claire Lawless

District Engineer:

John Bowes

Executive Engineer:

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Technician:

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Sinead Boddy

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Area: 48,380 hectares

Population of District: 26,185

Arklow Municipal District (AMD) covers 26% of roads in County Wicklow (598 KM) being the second highest District in the County. AMD includes Arklow town, Aughrim, Rathdrum, Avoca, Redcross, Ballinaclash, Glenmalure and Annacurra.

The offices are open to the public from 9.00 – to 4.00 pm each day and queries are dealt with in relation to housing applications, housing repairs, roads etc. Cash receipting also takes place in AMD for housing rent, rates, parking fines, leases etc.

The regular functions that the District provided included local authority housing maintenance and repair, road maintenance and improvement, street cleaning, outdoor maintenance and grass cutting, drain clearing, maintenance of burial grounds, public convenience maintenance and maintenance of playgrounds.

District Meetings

The Members of Arklow Municipal District hold their District Meetings in “ The McElheron Chamber” on the second Wednesday of each month at 3.30pm, with the exception of August when there is no meeting.

In the local elections 2019 one new Councillor was elected – Councillor Peir Leonard.

Arklow Municipal District is represented by its elected representatives on the following Strategic Policy Committees

- Community Cultural and Social Development – Councillor Miriam Murphy
- Transportation Water and Environmental Services – Councillor Pat Fitzgerald
- Planning and Development – Councillor Sylvester Bourke,
- Housing & Corporate Estate - Councillor Tommy Annesely
- Economic Development & Enterprise – Councillor Pat Kennedy

Community Sector

- Number of Press Releases issued 2019 = 21
- Number of Cathaoirleach Receptions held during 2019 = 4
- Awarding of Estate Development Grants to 14 Resident Associations
- Awarding of Festival Funding to 7 Festival Committees
- Number of Roundabouts in Sponsorship Agreements = 8
- The Members of AMD held one of their monthly meetings in Redcross.

- Arklow Municipal District participated in an Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme.
- Arklow launched as the first Age Friendly Town in Wicklow

Retail / Business Sector Pay Parking

Wicklow County Council continued to operate a pay parking scheme for Arklow Town which includes:-

- Free parking between 9.00am and 10.00 am each morning.
- 15 minutes official grace period at any time of the day.
- Arklow Town continues to offer free parking throughout the town on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Paying for parking in Arklow is faster and easier with Parking Tag. The cashless parking solution allows motorists to park by phone in the town and extend their parking without returning to their vehicle.
- Free parking was provided in specific areas of Arklow town for one month during the Christmas period.
- 2 free annual parking permits for businesses whose rates are up to date.

Town Team Initiatives

Arklow Town Team was established in 2017. The Town Team intends to contribute to the improvement in the quality of life for people

living in Arklow and enhance the attractiveness of the Town as a place in which to live, work, visit and invest.

- 10 meetings held during 2019
- Flower basket Scheme – 170 baskets purchased by businesses in Arklow Town
- 2 applications submitted for LEADER funding.
- Construction and installation of CCTV in Arklow Upper & Lower Main Street, Riverwalk and Ferrybank.
- A Tourism Destination Town Audit – Arklow 2019 has been completed which details the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities that the town has to offer people who are visiting the town. All destination towns need to offer sufficient things to do and see a variety of dining experiences and quality retail- enough to keep visitors engagingly occupied for at minimum, two days, during the day and evening.
- Two very successful clean ups took place. The Vale Road as part of National Spring Clean week in April and the Arklow Harbour area for World Cleanup Day in September. This was run by the Town Team, in conjunction with Arklow Tidy Towns. There was great support from all the schools, clubs and volunteers around Arklow. Smurfit Kappa kindly donated 100 cardboard recycling bins to use for the event and donated two picnic benches for the area.
- Awarded the sum of €15,000 grant under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 to purchase bus shelters. The emphasis of this year's awards was in respect of age friendly initiatives. The design and location of the 3 bus shelters have been agreed.

- Arklow Town Team organised a very successful Ladies Lunch in the Woodenbridge Hotel to celebrate Little Christmas on 6th January. Proceeds from the event were divided between the Arklow Community Action Resource Centre and an Arklow Town Team project.
- An event hosted for International Women's Day was held on the 8th March. Guest speakers included Journalist Valerie Cox, Deirdre Burns, County Wicklow Heritage Officer and students from St. Mary's College, Arklow. A raffle was held on the day and all proceeds will went to C.E.A.R.T women's group who do amazing work in County Wicklow.

Meetings

Arklow Municipal District continue to work and meet with local traders, Chamber of Commerce and Tidy Towns Committee on a regular basis for the betterment of the town.

Tidy Towns

Arklow Municipal District acknowledges that the great effort by teams of volunteers around the District who work hand in hand with Council staff, it is crucial to the success of villages and towns in leagues/competitions such as the IBAL and Tidy Towns.

A Cathaoirleachs Reception was held for Tidy Towns Groups on 25th October for their achievements in the National Tidy Towns competition. Arklow Tidy Towns and Aughtim Tidy Towns groups were presented with plaques and a small token of appreciation for

their work throughout the year and for achieving medal status in 2019.

Arklow Tidy Towns received a gold medal for the first time.

Events & Awards

- AMD organised the third Halloween Festival for Arklow Town
- AMD facilitated the Arklow Christmas Festival. AMD continued to support the retail and business sector by allowing free parking in the run up to Christmas. New Christmas lights and a santa display was purchased for the Main Street Car park.
- Two new festivals kicked off in Arklow this summer. A new Release Wellness Festival and Shine a Light for mental health event organised by Aisling Nolan supported by Arklow MD.
- A new Junior Parkrun was established at the Duck Pond in Arklow. This is a free, timed 2 km event for kids aged 4-14 years.
- Rathdrum was recognised as the Leinster Regional Runner-up in the small (less than 2,000) population category in the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards
- Arklow named Ireland's Best Kept Large Town in an All-Island Competition.

Twinning

Arklow Town is twinned with Chateaudun in France and Aberystwyth in Wales.

Arklow Town has an active Twinning Committee who aim

- to develop and maintain permanent ties between the towns,
- to encourage exchanges in all domains between the inhabitants of the towns,
- to combine the effort of the towns in order to better resolve the problems of our respective communities, including in economic, social, religious, cultural, environmental and educational fields,
- to place within the supportive framework of twinning, the implementation of Community programmes, whose effectiveness can be increased.

Arklow Municipal District continues to support the Twinning Committee who work hard during the year to maintain the connections between the towns through facilitating exchanges and hosting.

Playgrounds

- A new smoke-free initiative 'Young Lungs at Play' was launched in Aughrim by the HSE in partnership with Arklow MD and County Wicklow Partnership.
- A new inclusive carousel in the playground in at Seaview Avenue was unveiled on March 1st. The carousel is accessible to those with mobility impairments as well as wheelchair users.

Infrastructure Projects for 2019

- Construction on new public lighting scheme in Rathdrum.
 - New public lighting in Avoca.
 - Replacement of the Navy pedestrian bridge in Arklow
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- Awarded €175,600 under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019 for two projects in Aughrim and Redcross.

Pedestrian Crossings 2019

- Emoclew Road, Arklow
- Redcross Village
- Avoca Village

Other Infrastructure Projects within Arklow Municipal District

- Part 8 planning secured for the redevelopment of St. Mary's Park
- Detailed design process for the Parade Ground Public Realm Project commenced and work is due to start in 2020.
- Refurbishment works commenced on the Arklow Courthouse & Enterprise Hub Project in December 2019.
- Funding secured for the Avondale Bridge Project.
- Age Friendly parking bays introduced in Arklow Town

Works undertaken in 2019 using central government funding in Arklow Municipal District included the following:

Road Improvement Works:

There was approximately 10km of road improvement works carried out in 2019.

- R752 Avoca to Meetings - Tinnahinch – Ballygahan

- R747 Aughrim to Tinahely - Kilpipe Bends
- R755 Laragh to Rathdrum - Ballyhad
- L6908-L6906-L2901 Arklow Town - Tinahask Lower
- L6187-L6189 Johnstown - McGraths Cross
- L2180 Avoca - Beech Road
- L2127 Rathdrum Area – Ballyteige, Greenan
- R750 Arklow - Brittas Bay
- L2172 Templeraíne – Redcross

Safety Improvement Works:

- L2900 Emoclew Road, Arklow – New signal controlled pedestrian crossing
- L2172 Redcross – New Zebra Crossing
- R754 Avoca – New Zebra Crossing

Drainage Works

- Clone, Aughrim
- Ballycoog, Aughrim
- Rednagh Road, Aughrim
- Ballyduff, Arklow
- Curranstown, Arklow
- Kilcarra, Arklow

Local Improvement Schemes:

- Kilqueeny, Avoca
- Kilballyowen, Aughrim

Routine Maintenance (Surface Dressing):

There was approximately 17km of road surfacing works carried out in 2019.

- R750 Arklow - Brittas Bay
 - R754 Redcross – Balinacor
 - L2140 Aughrim – Macreddin
 - L6169 Crone More – Ballymoneen
 - L2172 Templeraíne – Redcross
 - L6688 Springfield
 - L6193 Kilcarra East
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BALTINGLASS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

District Members

Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Gerry O’Neill (IND)

Leas-Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Patsy Glennon (FF)

Members:

Councillor Avril Cronin (FG)

Councillor Edward Timmins (FG)

Councillor Gerry O’Neill (IND)

Councillor John Mullen (FF)

Councillor Patsy Glennon (FF)

Councillor Vincent Blake (FG)

Municipal District Staff

District Manager:

Breege Kilkenny

Sean Quirke (to December 2019)

District Engineer:

Declan Geraghty

Tinahely Area Engineer:

Dermot Graham

District Administrator:

Garvan Hickey

Technician:

Con Cashen

Assistant Staff Officers:

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Andrea Connolly (Blessington Area Office)

Clerical Officers:

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Jason Smith (Blessington Area Office) to September 2019

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District Meetings

Monthly Meetings are held at 10.30 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (third Monday if the fourth Monday is a public holiday) at 10.30 a.m. – no meeting in August. Meetings are usually held in Civic Offices in Blessington. The schedule of meetings is approved at each Annual Meeting.

General

Baltinglass Municipal District includes the towns of Baltinglass, Blessington, Carnew and the villages of Dunlavin, Donard, Knockananna, Tinahely, Manor Kilbride and Shillelagh. The population of the Municipal District is 25,267 (18%). Baltinglass Municipal District covers 45% (352 square miles) of the area of Wicklow and 40% (943 km) of the county's roads.

Baltinglass Municipal District has two Area Offices in Blessington and Tinahely – Public Counters are open to the Public from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Motor Tax Office is open in Blessington Civic Offices on Tuesdays from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and provides a valuable service to the local area.

Three longstanding Councillors decided to retire prior to the local elections 2019, Cllr. Jim Ruttle, Cllr. Pat Doran and Cllr. Tommy Cullen. Baltinglass Municipal District recognised their long and distinguished service to the people of Baltinglass Municipal District and the wider county.

In the local elections 2019 three new Councillors were elected in Baltinglass Municipal District – Cllr. Avril Cronin, Cllr. John Mullen and Cllr. Patsy Glennon.

Baltinglass Municipal District is represented by its elected representatives on the following committees

Strategic Policy Committees:

- Community Cultural and Social Development – Councillor Vincent Blake
- Transportation Water and Environmental Services – Councillor Vincent Blake
- Planning and Development – Councillor Gerry O'Neill and Councillor Edward Timmins, Councillor Patsy Glennon
- Economic Development and Enterprise Support – Councillor Avril Cronin

The regular functions that the District provided included local authority housing maintenance and repair, road maintenance and improvement, street cleaning, outdoor maintenance and grass cutting, drain clearing, maintenance of burial grounds, school traffic warden services, public convenience maintenance and maintenance of playgrounds. Wicklow County Council were allocated €5million by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport towards the development of the Blessington Greenway. Baltinglass Municipal District is looking forward to working with the different sections of Wicklow County Council to bring this exciting project to fruition.

Members of staff continued to work with Tidy Towns groups in the District. The efforts of the many volunteers whose hard work and dedication is reflected in the continued success of local villages and towns in the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) and Tidy Towns competitions. Estate Development Grants were awarded to fifteen successful Residents Associations to help in the upkeep of the green areas of the various Wicklow County Council housing estates throughout the District. The Elected Members of Baltinglass Municipal District provided Discretionary Funding to various projects:

- Support for restoration of old school, Davidstown
- Support for Rathangan Community Council
- New gate for Manor Kilbride, Graveyard
- Support for excavation works and hill fort research at Rathcoran, Baltinglass
- Support for development of Tearmann Garden, Baltinglass
- Development of Dwyers Brook
- Purchase of an Industrial Lawnmower to Maintain Baltinglass Park and Surrounds
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Footpath Works:

- Number of locations in Tinahely
- Footpath work in Stratford
- Footpath work in Blessington

Drainage Improvement Works:

- Drainage works at Dunlavin Graveyard
- Drainage works at Rockypool, Blessington

Public Lighting Projects:

- New public lights at Lathaleer, Baltinglass,
- New public light at Lake Drive, Ballinastockan
- New public lights at Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass

Other Projects:

- Maintenance and improvement of roads in various parts of the District
- New village signs for Lacken and Vallemount

Knockroe Bend Realignment N81

Works commenced on site in Mid-September 2019 at N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment Scheme. The Realignment Scheme involves the upgrade of the N81 National Secondary Road at Knockroe Bend over approximately 1 kilometre. The scheme has been prepared to improve road standards, to implement an improvement in the road safety performance of this section of the N81 and reduce the occurrence of collision's by realigning and widening the road at this location. Major earthworks commenced at in Mid-October 2019. Earthworks were substantially complete by the end of the year. Scheme will be completed in mid-2020.

Baltinglass Roads Programme 2019

Road No	Road
Road Maintenance Works (Surface Dressing)	

L4382	Ballyfolan (Dowery Rd)
L4364	Carrig (Lake Drive)
R759	Sallygap
L8295	Brusselstown
L8294	Eadestown
L8783	Raheen Hill
L8284	Cabra Road
L8282	Lackereagh
L8329	Donard Upper
R748	Coolroe
R725	Harris's Hill
R747	Barraderry
L7270	Ballinroan
L3390	Ferns Road
L7249	Kilquiggan
L2137	Cappagh to Ballyteigue
Road Improvement Works	
R759	Sally Gap Road
L8383	Lisheen
L4310	Tornant
L4303	Grangecon
L4317	Blackmoor
L8291	Downings – Tuckmill
L8346	Hollywood Village
L72721	Kilranelagh Lane
R747	Kevin Street, Tinahely
L7224	Ballingate to Kilrush
L7225	Ballingate to Donishal
L7758	Mullaun to Knocknagilky
L7248	Dying Cow to Ballyraheen
L7746	Stratnakelly to Mullinacuff
Community Involvement Scheme	
L8349	Corragh (2.5kms)
L32093	Mullins (0.650 kms)
Local Improvement Schemes	
Lane at Coolboy	
Lane at Knockeen	

Lane at Mullins	
Drainage Works	
	Manor Kilbride
	Donaghmore
	Lackan Falls
	Ballyknockan Village
	Clonshannon
R747	Knockanreagh
R747	Kevin Street, Tinahely
L3217	Coolboy
L7261	Crainerin
L3260	Fiddan
L7222	Tombreen

Christmas Lights

Contributory funding for Christmas Lights was provided to a number of community groups around the Baltinglass Municipal District. The aim of the scheme is to support the excellent work being done around the Municipal by community groups.

Blessington Town Team

Baltinglass Municipal District works closely with Blessington Town Tea. The Blessington Town Team was established to make Blessington a better place to work, shop, socialise and live in. The Town Team has six working groups as follows;

- Tidy Towns and Public Realm
- Planning and Infrastructure
- Business
- Tourism
- Culture and Heritage
- Healthy Blessington

Future Analytics were commissioned to undertake a Blessington Town Health Check Phase 2 to build on the excellent work that was done on Blessington Health Check Phase 1. The Health Check will inform future community and socio-economic planning and development in the town.

Events

Baltinglass Municipal District was delighted to support the West Wicklow Festival which took place from the 15th to the 19th May in Russborough and St. Mary's Church. This was the third year of the festival and it brought a wide range of world class artists to West Wicklow.

From the 28th to the 30th June the inaugural Kaleidoscope festival was held in the stunning Russborough House.

Baltinglass Municipal District continued its support for the Coollattin Canadian Connection which continues to develop the relationship between Wicklow and Canada.

BRAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

District Members:

Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Pat Vance

Leas-Cathaoirleach:

Councillor John Ryan

Members:

Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Christopher Fox
Councillor Steven Matthews
Councillor Oliver O'Brien
Councillor Michael O'Connor
Councillor Brendan Thornhill

Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Steven Matthews

Leas-Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Anne Ferris

Members:

Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Melanie Corrigan
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Councillor Grace McManus
Councillor Dermot O'Brien
Councillor Rory O'Connor

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Population: 35600

Bray Municipal District covers 180km of roads in County Wicklow. The number of social houses within the district is 1360.

The offices of the Municipal District are situated on Bray Main Street, Civic Centre.

The offices are open 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (excl bank holidays). The cash office is open Mon – Wed 9am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm and Thurs & Fri 9am – 5pm (excl bank holidays). The motor tax office is open Tues – Thurs 10.30am – 2pm.

District Meetings

The members of Bray Municipal District hold their district meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm with the exception of

August when there is no meeting. The schedule of meetings is approved at each Annual Meeting.

Roads Programme 2019

Road	Works Type	Area (m2)
Enniskerry Village	Road Reconstruction	1230
Glencree Road	Road Reconstruction	15100
Glenlucan	Surface Restoration	800
Churchlands	Surface Restoration	620
Quill Road	Surface Restoration	2650
Bray Road Enniskerry	Safety Works	2800
Military road	Surface Dressing	16000
Glencree Road	Surface Dressing	10000
Waterfall Road	Surface Dressing	9000

All the works above have been completed. A new three year roads programme will be prepared for 2019 – 2021.

Footpaths

Planned areas of grinding of raised joints of concrete paths have been largely completed. Other repairs for the removal of trip hazards in Bray have taken place.

Roads Capital Works

Consultants appointed to carry out the detailed designed and preparation of the construction tender documents for the new public transport bridge beside Bray Pumping Station have completed the Options Report on the preferred design. It is proposed to commence a Part 8 consultation on the updated bridge design as the planning permission for the golf club lands

development, which included the bridge, is due to lapse next year before substantial work on the bridge will have taken place. The council will shortly prepare the documents for the appointment of consultants for designing and preparing CPO and planning submission for completion of the transport link to the Dart Station.

An amended Bray Transport Interchange Scheme at the Dart Station received approval in March 2019. The scheme will be 100% funded by the NTA. A strategy for progressing the scheme has yet to be determined with CIE but detailed design and preparation of construction tender documents is progressing. Following the Part 8 approval for The Seafront Pavilion Scheme, a meeting took place with the consultants at which they were briefed on the required amendments. The detailed design and construction tender documents are complete. Issue of tender for appointment of contractor has yet to proceed. Advanced work for the relocation of the electric vehicle charging points is being organised.

Public realm projects for 2019 included:-

Tree Planting

Planned replacement of the street trees within the town centre area on the following roads - Novara, Wyndham Park, Florence Rd, Adelaide Rd & Galtrim Rd. Works will be phased over a period of 4 -5 years and take place in the Autumn-Winter.

Bandstand Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the Victorian bandstand located on the Esplanade in Bray commenced in mid January 2019 and was completed in March. The refurbishment included the repair

of the fabric of the structure including timber facias and soffits, plasterwork, corroded ironwork, lighting, and guttering.

Public Lighting Upgrade

Provision of public lighting in black spot areas

Refurbishment of Seafront Pavilions

To overhaul and refurbish the seafront shelters such that they can be reopened to the public.

Landscaping of Roundabouts

The landscaping of the roundabouts at the entrance to the town is dated & needs to be refreshed. In order to exploit the prominent location to best effect, and create a strong positive impression of the town, a planting scheme has been developed that is colourful and visually striking.. Existing mature trees will be retained where possible & incorporated into the design.

County Parking Office

Paid parking is in operation in Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Wicklow Towns. Apcoa Parking Ireland Ltd were awarded the contract for the provision of Managed Car Parking Services for Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Wicklow Town and this contract has been fully operational since June 2019. Bray Municipal District is responsible for the back office administration for parking countywide.

Bray Town Centre Health Check

Consultants were appointed by Wicklow County Council to carry out a “Health Check” on Bray Town.

The emphasis of the project is on Bray as a place and an experience that supports a successful and engaging environment at the heart of a successful town in the region. The repositioning of Main Street in its function, experience and amenity is a potentially important theme for the creative aspects of this study. As part of this process 2 public meetings were held in September 2019 and an online survey was available to the public to complete. A final report was produced and a presentation was made to the Members of Bray Municipal District at their November meeting.

The Florentine Centre Development

Work on the development progressed in 2019. A number of units were reserved by Press Up Entertainment Group for restaurants, cinemas and leisure box.



Twinning

2019 marked the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Partnership Agreement between the City of Würzburg, Bray and County Wicklow. This has been a very successful partnership which has grown from strength to strength over the years, bringing our communities together through arts, culture, sport and education. A delegation of over forty citizens of Würzburg, led by Mayor Marion Schäfer-Blake visited Wicklow and participated in a programme of events hosted by Wicklow County Council, the Irish German Society of County Wicklow and Bray Municipal District to mark the occasion.

Events

Bray Municipal District continues to support events in the District such as Bray Air Display, Christmas in Bray and St Patrick's Festival.



GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

District Members

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Tom Fortune (IND)

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Councillor Derek Mitchell (FG)

Members:

Councillor Mags Crean (IND)
 Councillor Lourda Scott (GP)
 Councillor Gerry Walsh (FF)
 Councillor Jennifer Whitmore (SD)

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Population: 26,323

Greystones Municipal District includes the villages of Delgany, Kilcoole, Newcastle and a small part of Newtownmountkennedy. Greystones Municipal District covers 6.5% of roads in county Wicklow (64,840 KM). The number of social house within the district is 616.

The offices of the Municipal District are situated on Mill Road, Greystones.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, except during the month of August.

In addition to general maintenance works in the district, a number of road improvement projects were completed during the year funded by the Department of Transport. These included restoration and improvement works at Blackditch, Church Road, Virgin Row, Sea Road and Newline roads in Newcastle, at Beachdale, Knockroe and Creowen roads in Kilcoole and Kindlestown Rise in Greystones.

A Local Improvement Scheme was completed on Leamore Lane, Newcastle and bus stop improvement works were carried out on the R761 south of Redford Park, Greystones, to improve safety for the large numbers of school children who use this stop.

Footpath improvement works were completed in Beachdale, Beechwood Park, and Monteith Park, Kilcoole, Seamount Drive, Newcastle and Mounthaven, Whitshed Road and Burnaby Heights, Greystones.

Drainage improvement works were undertaken on the R761 north of Kilcoole to

assist in prevention of flooding at the access into and out of the village.

In a joint initiative by Greystones Municipal District, in partnership with Greystones Tidy Towns, three drinking water fountains were installed at strategic points throughout the town, aimed at reducing the use of plastic drinking water bottles by providing free drinking water bottle refill stations for the use and convenience of the public and tackling the problem of waste plastic bottles ending up in green areas, rivers and streams, on our beaches and in the sea.



A beach access mat and new ramp which provide for improved universal access were installed on the South Beach in Greystones. The mat which is 100 metres long runs parallel to the shoreline and provides access from the promenade onto the beach via a new concrete access ramp.

It provides improved access to the beach for all, including less ambulant persons such as toddlers, the elderly, wheelchair users and parents with buggies. The bright blue matting provides an opportunity for those who could not previously access the beach to enjoy the wonderful amenities of Greystones Blue Flag South Beach. The access mat was funded through Wicklow Sports Partnership from the Healthy Ireland Fund and Greystones Municipal District members Discretionary Fund.



The members of Greystones Municipal District also provided funding for the following from their discretionary budgets:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Christmas Lights
- Kilcoole Music Festival
- Town Maps
- Battle of the Bands Competition
- Greystones People of the Year Awards
- Twinning
- Tidy Towns
- Greystones 2020 website



As usual there were a large number of nominations for The People of the Year Awards. The gala presentation night was held in Greystones Golf Club in May. The awards honour people who have contributed to and promoted sport, culture, community and economic activity in the district.



South Beach was again awarded Blue Flag status as a result of compliance with a set of stringent criteria from bathing water quality to environmental management and education, as well as safety and services.

The monthly meetings of the Municipal District provided lively debate on a variety of issues and members received representatives from Phoenix Motor Home Club, Sisk and Glenveigh Properties.

The members of Greystones Municipal District hosted a special presentation in December to honour the achievements of Commodore Michael Malone, Flag Officer Commanding of the Irish Navy.



Cathairleach of Greystones Municipal District, Councillor Tom Fortune, paid tribute to Commodore Malone for reaching this very senior position and presented him with a signed copy of A Pictorial History of Greystones Coastal Environs and certificate.

Commodore Malone, a local man and a graduate of St. David's Secondary School Greystones, was delighted and honoured to accept the presentation. The current St. David's head Girl, Carolann McDonald, and Head Boy, Stephen Bowes attended the presentation and met with Commodore Malone, stating that he was an inspiration to current students.

The Community Affairs Committee was active as usual promoting and organising annual events. The large crowds that turned out to view the annual St Patrick's Day parade were entertained by a wide variety of entries, including an entry from Greystones twinned town of Holyhead in Wales and a marching band from Eichenzell in Germany and Rochdale, England.

Members and staff continued to work with Tidy Towns groups in the district and acknowledged the efforts of the many volunteers whose work is crucial to the success of local villages and towns in the IBAL and Tidy Towns competitions. Greystones Tidy Towns achieved a Silver Medal award in this year's national Tidy Towns awards.



Work continued at Greystones harbour, including the construction of residential developments following the completion of the community facilities. The project is a public private partnership between Sisk and Wicklow County Council and has provided major benefits to the community and significant additional amenities. These include a new public square, harbour & coastal protection works and clubhouses and facilities for the sailing club, the ridge angling club, scouts, sub aqua club and the rowing club. When completed the development will also include a public park, a boardwalk and improved access to the cliff walk together with retail facilities including shops and restaurants.

The 31st Annual La Touche Legacy Seminar and 6th Festival of History was held in association with Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society in September. This event is held each year to commemorate and honour the La Touche Family and their historic connections with the town of Greystones. The theme for the conference was 'Ireland Through the Turbulent 30s'. There were a number of distinguished speakers and the conference was attended by many delegates, generating a much needed boost to the local economy and

showcasing the town's many excellent facilities.

Greystones Municipal District hosted a Gala Concert in Greystones Rugby Club in December with Newtownmountkennedy Male Voice Choir and the male voice choir from our twinned town of Holyhead. The large audience in attendance enjoyed a mixture of beautiful songs in welsh, irish and english, including a wonderful joint performance from both choirs. The superb family band of the Magee Brothers, also travelled from Holyhead to perform on the night.



Greystones 2020, Greystones Municipal District and local businesses came together to support the installation of Christmas lights and the festivities around Santa's arrival, which included an afternoon of family entertainment in Burnaby Park. Entertainment was provided by Colaiste Chraobh Abhann School choir, the Male Voice Choir from our twinned town of Holyhead and performances from 'Greystones Players'. There were over 1km of icicle lights throughout the town and two 30-foot-tall Christmas trees, each adorned with 3,000 lights, one at the train station and one at the Harbour Marina. Greystones Municipal District continued to support the retail and business sector by allowing free parking on Saturdays in the run up to Christmas.



WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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Wicklow Municipal District covers an area of 43,240 hectares which includes the County Town of Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford, Roundwood, Glenealy, Laragh, Glendalough and Newtownmountkennedy.

423 kilometres of road and 972 local authority houses are managed and maintained within the Wicklow Municipal District with 848 housing repairs completed in the year.

The population of the Municipal District is 28,170.

Wicklow Municipal District Technical staff provide technical support and supervision of all works with the support of the administrative staff.

District Meetings

The Members of Wicklow Municipal District hold their meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. with the exception of August when there is no meeting held.

The Offices are open to the public from 9:00 – 1:00 and 2:00 – 5:00 each day.

Roads and Infrastructure Projects

Safety Improvement Works

- Dunbur Road, Wicklow Town.

Road Recycling and Overlay Projects:

- Knockraheen to Ballinahinch
- Roundwood Main Street
- Ballinapark to Ashford
- Cullen Lower to Gormanstown
- Ballinahinch to Newtownmountkennedy
- Wilton Hall to Merrymeeting
- Wicklow Heights

Surface Dressing Projects:

- Ballyduff to Newtownmountkennedy
- Ballycullen to Ballylusk
- Drummin
- Ashtown Lane

Footpath Works:

- Ashford
- Roundwood

Other Projects funded from the Members 2019 Discretionary Budget:

- Clear and widened footpath from Kidzone to Glebemount.
- Upgrade paths, road lining and carpark improvements, Glenealy.
- Wildflower meadow planted on the Murrough.

Roundabout Sponsorship

Two roundabouts have been successfully sponsored in 2019.

- Broomhall
- Merrymeeting

Local Improvement Schemes:

- Ballymacahara
- Carrigeenduff Lough Dan
- Ballyhara

Local & Regional Road Drainage Works:

- Cullen Lower
- Ashford
- Milltown Bridge
- Slaughter Hill
- Cooladoyle
- Glendalough
- Diamond Hill
- Ballard
- Three Mile Water
- Kilpeddar
- Glenealy
- Sally Gap

Promotion of Interests of Local Community

Christmas Lights

The Wicklow Municipal District provided a contribution of €20,000 towards the towns Christmas Lights and also supports the “turning on of lights” and the arrival of Santa to the town.



Technical support for:

- Library and Fitzwilliam Square Projects (Urban Renewal and Regeneration).
- Newtownmountkennedy Town & Village Renewal Scheme.
- Wicklow Town Historic Lights Town & Village Renewal Scheme.

Tidy Towns

The Members allocated €11,000 to the seven Tidy Town Committees in its district. Wicklow Tidy Towns achieved a Gold Medal and was named '1st in County' in the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition 2019. Plans to make the town a Sustainable Energy Community are underway.

Wicklow Municipal District acknowledges the great effort the Tidy Town Committees around the District who volunteer and put in their time to make our towns and villages more attractive and better places to live in. This effort is reflected in the continued successes achieved in the IBAL and the Tidy Towns competitions.

Retail/Business

Twinning

Wicklow Municipal District continues to support the Twinning Committee who work hard during the year to maintain the connections between the towns of Montigny in France and Eichenzell in Germany through facilitating exchanges and hosting. Representatives from Eichenzell including members of the brass band attended the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Parking

Free parking is available in Wicklow Town between the hours of 9.00am and 10.00am and thereafter there is a 15 minutes courtesy period for those wishing to make a quick stop in the town. The District helps to support the commercial and retail sector by providing 2 hours free parking on a Saturday and all day on Sundays. During the Christmas period 2nd December to 2nd January inclusive, 2 hours free parking was provided daily with all day free parking at the Seafront Car Park. The parking tag app is also available for use and actively promoted by the District.

Town Team

The Wicklow Town Team was established to maximise the business, tourism and social potential of the town and to capitalise on its many unique selling points. The team members have experience both Nationally and Internationally in Export, Trade Development, Commercial Development, Financial & Management Services, Tourism & Local Government. There are 7 working groups made up as follows:

- Digital

- Greenway
- Park & Ride
- Public Realm
- Tourism
- Retail
- Commercial

General

The official opening of the Glen Beach looped Cliff Walk took place on the 26th July 2019 having been closed since 2003. The trail encompasses one of the most spectacular stretches of the Wicklow coastline, offering a unique opportunity to experience nature and to explore local history and archaeology.

Picture

Ashford was the chosen village to represent the District in the Bank of Ireland sponsored 'Enterprise Town Awards' in 2019, with judging taking place on the 30th September 2019. The WMD in partnership with Ashford Community Forum prepared a tour for the judges to showcase Ashford as an attractive enterprising town followed by presentations and expos by local businesses.

Free unlimited Wifi was officially launched by Virgin Media in collaboration with Wicklow Municipal District on the 22nd July 2019. The unlimited WiFi service is available to residents, businesses and visitors passing through the centre of Wicklow and is located in Market Square and extends to sections of Main Street, Kilmantain Hill and Market Street.

Picture

More than 15 'Age Friendly' benches with arm support were installed around Wicklow Town to replace the old metal advertising seats. These new benches are made from 100% recycled plastic.

KWETB nominated by WMD in the All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2019 presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA achieved 1st place with their entry in 'Best Education/Training Initiative' with their Culinary Entrepreneurship – River Cafe.

The regular functions that the District provides include local authority house maintenance, road maintenance and improvement, street cleaning, outdoor maintenance and grass cutting, operation & maintenance of Brittas Bay North & South Beaches and car parks, drain clearing, maintenance of burial grounds, school warden service, public convenience maintenance and maintenance of playgrounds.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Annual Financial Statement for 2019 is included on the Agenda of the Council meeting on 15th June 2020.

This section will be updated once the AFS has been adopted.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2019**

In light of current events around Covid-19, NOAC has extended the deadline for the submission of the 2019 Performance Indicators to 24th July 2020. The Performance Indicator Report for Wicklow County Council will be published after this date.

Conferences attended by Wicklow County Council Members in 2019

Date	Organising Body	Location	Theme	Councillors in attendance	Amount Claimed (T&S)	Conference/Training Fee	Total Cost
18 - 19 January 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 1	Cllr. Vincent Blake	254.62	55.00	309.62
17 January 2019	AILG	Athlone	Module 1	Cllr. Pat Doran	143.17	55.00	198.17
19 January 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 1	Cllr. Pat Kennedy	146.80	55.00	201.80
19 January 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 1	Cllr. Steven Matthes	109.18	55.00	164.18
8-10 February 2019	Celtic Conferences	Carlingford	Public Administration	Cllr. Tommy Cullen	100.00	440.68	540.68
20 - 22 February 2019	AILG	Longford	Annual Conference	Cllr. Tommy Cullen	140.00	261.00	401.00
21 - 22 February 2019	AILG	Longford	Annual Conference	Cllr Shay Cullen	140.00	283.16	423.16
21 - 22 February 2019	AILG	Longford	Annual Conference	Cllr. Vincent Blake	286.51	140.00	426.51
21 - 23 February 2019	AILG	Longford	Annual Conference	Cllr. Brendan Thornhill	140.00	443.60	583.60
22 - 24 February 2019	Celtic Conferences	Clonakilty	Good Governance of Community, Voluntary & Charitable Organisations in Ireland	Cllr. Jim Ruttle	100.00	591.86	691.86
7 - 8 March 2019	LAMA	Carrick on Shannon	Spring Seminar	Cllr. Tommy Cullen	180.00	287.31	467.31
7 - 9 March 2019	LAMA	Carrick on Shannon	Spring Seminar	Cllr. Gail Dunne	180.00	474.06	654.06
7 - 8 March 2019	LAMA	Carrick on Shannon	Spring Seminar	Cllr. Jim Ruttle	180.00	300.18	480.18
7 - 9 March 2019	LAMA	Carrick on Shannon	Spring Seminar	Cllr. Brendan Thornhill	180.00	448.97	628.97
7 - 8 March 2019	LAMA	Carrick on Shannon	Spring Seminar	Cllr. Gerry Walsh	180.00	310.48	490.48
10 - 11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Vincent Blake	55.00	253.82	308.82
11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Gail Dunne	55.00	154.31	209.31
11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Pat Kennedy	55.00	148.76	203.76
11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Melanie Corrigan	55.00	108.45	163.45

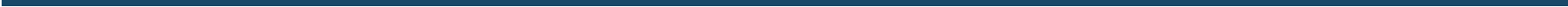
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11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Paul O'Brien	55.00	143.39	198.39
11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Tommy Annesley	55.00	164.89	219.89
11 July 2019	AILG	Mullingar	Module 3	Cllr. Joe Behan	55.00	0.00	55.00
13 July 2019	AILG	Tipperary	Module 3	Cllr. Patsy Glennon	55.00	129.06	184.06
11 - 12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Tommy Annesley	140.00	297.25	437.25
11 - 13 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Vincent Blake	140.00	440.39	580.39
11 - 12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Shay Cullen	140.00	268.59	408.59
11 - 13 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Gail Dunne	140.00	577.79	717.79
11 - 12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	140.00	273.21	413.21
11- 12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Gerry Walsh	140.00	265.90	405.90
11 - 12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Patsy Glennon	140.00	262.32	402.32
12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Pat Kennedy	140.00	207.89	347.89
12 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Derek Mitchell	140.00	181.01	321.01
11 - 13 September 2019	AILG	Monaghan	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Paul O'Brien	140.00	437.98	577.98
04 October 2019	Irish Planning Institute	Dublin	Annual Conference	Cllr. Steven Matthews	220.00		220.00
04 October 2019	Irish Planning Institute	Dublin	Annual Conference	Cllr. John Mullen	220.00		220.00
12 October 2019	AILG	Dundalk	Module 4	Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	55.00	143.00	198.00
12 October 2019	AILG	Dundalk	Module 4	Cllr. Pat Kennedy	55.00	167.58	222.58
12 October 2019	AILG	Dundalk	Module 4	Cllr. Paul O'Brien	55.00	158.62	213.62
12 October 2019	AILG	Dundalk	Module 4	Cllr. Gail Dunne	55.00	262.12	317.12
17 - 18 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Patsy Glennon	180.00	321.44	501.44
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Tommy Annesley	180.00	537.68	717.68
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Vincent Blake	180.00	550.06	730.06
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Shay Cullen	180.00	479.84	659.84
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Gail Dunne	180.00	731.26	911.26
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Anne Ferris	180.00	470.88	650.88
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Gerry O'Neill	180.00	0.00	180.00
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. John Snell	180.00	0.00	180.00
17 - 19 October 2019	LAMA	Ennistymon	Autumn Seminar	Cllr. Paul O'Brien	180.00	548.97	728.97

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21-Nov-19	AILG	Athlone	Module 5	Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	55.00	173.36	228.36
21-Nov-19	AILG	Athlone	Module 5	Cllr. Pat Kennedy	55.00	337.25	392.25

TOTALS **6,690.28** **13,398.37** **20,088.65**



Wicklow County Council Members appointed to Committees and Other bodies 2019

Committee/ Other Body	Name	Amount Paid 2019
Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority	Cllr. Gerry Walsh	
	Cllr. Steven Matthews	
	Cllr. Avril Cronin	
Regional Health Forum (Dublin - Mid Leinster)	Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy	
	Cllr. Gerry O'Neill	
	Cllr. Patsy Glennon	
	Cllr. Joe Behan	
Local Authority Members Association	Cllr. Vincent Blake	807.58
Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Cllr. Gail Dunne	
	Cllr. Rory O'Connor	
	Cllr. Shay Cullen	
Bray Area Partnership	Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy	
	Cllr. Grace McManus	
	Cllr. Lourda Scott	
Board of Wicklow Enterprise Park CLG	Cllr. Gail Dunne	
	Cllr. Mary Kavanagh	
Board of Mermaid, County Wicklow Arts Centre	Cllr. Mags Crean	
	Cllr. Melanie Corrigan	
	Cllr. Steven Matthews	

Arklow Business Enterprise Park (ABEC) CLG	Cathaoirleach of Arklow MD Ex Officio	
Wicklow Enterprise Park	Cllr. Mary Kavanagh Cllr. Gail Dunne	
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.	Cllr. Gerry O'Neill	
Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board	Cllr. Patsy Glennon Cllr. Tom Fortune Cllr. Paul O'Brien Cllr. Lourda Scott Cllr. Anne Ferris	
East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force	Cllr. Mags Crean Cllr. John Snell Cllr. Tommy Annesley	