

NON-VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 1st 2019:

CATHAOIRLEACH: Good afternoon, everyone. Good afternoon and you are all very welcome to our first full meeting of the Council. Just before we start, I note the induction day all the new members got their packs and what have you, I would draw everyone everyone's including the previous members to one of the things within the, the rules, it's a maximum of three minutes speaking per member on a topic okay and I am going to really try and enforce that.

If you know something is on the agenda and you have read it and you want something to say on it, you should be able to prepare it and be able to say it within three minutes and obviously occasionally there will be things that will be beyond that, but it's as much as possible keep it to the three-minute limit. I would love it if we were finished, instead of running out of time, if we were always finished before time and we got through the agenda and that is what I want to try and do and I know all previous chairpersons have tried to do that, but it doesn't always work, but we will do our best.

First, we are going to take votes of sympathy.

ADMINISTRATOR: Okay, Joe Cleary, former GSS in the Tinahealy area. John Maher, brother of our colleague, Stephen Maher. For Geraldine, Forristal, Pheilam Byrne. For Margaret Messett, sister of our colleague and for Conor Teevan.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Fortune.

CLLR FORTUNE: I would like to pass sympathy to the Byrne family in Greystones on the passing of their son, Pheilam in tragic circumstances. He was very involved in his local community our own GAA club and there was all kinds of activities in all areas, so I found out this morning, it's a very sad occasion, but I would like to pass on condolences.

CLLR O'NEILL: I would like to ask sympathy to the people of Blessington to someone who lost their life tragically in Dublin last week. She was a great character in the town and a great person of work within the community, through the newsletter there every week in the church, she was very cared and she had three young children there, who are left now without a mother, so, I, on behalf of the people of West Wicklow would like to offer our sympathies to the family.

CLLR BLAKE: I would like to join with the members in condolence with Joe Cleary. Joe, apart from working in Wicklow County Council, he was also a great sportsman in his day, he won many hurling and handball titles from minor level up to senior, himself and Pat Leahy from Arklow had a great history together and won many all-Ireland titles in Croke Park in the 70s and 80s:

CLLR DUNNE: I would like to reiterate it for Connor Teevan. He was a town councillor for 30 years so I would like to pass those condolences.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay, to confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting Wicklow County Council held on Monday 29th of April. Proposal Gail Dunne and seconded by?

CLLR O'NEILL: To confirm and sign the minutes of the annual meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Friday 7th of June, copied attached. Proposed by [INAUDIBLE] and seconded by councillor Gerry Walsh.

Okay, to consider the proposal of the freehold interest in the property comprised, folio number WW32L being 14 Mellows Avenue you would all have got this notice circulated previously.

CLLR BOURKE: I second it.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Seconded by Cllr Bourke.

ADMINISTRATOR: Is that agreed?

>>: Agreed.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Then to consider the proposal of the freehold interest in the property comprised in WW25753L in 1' Connell Terrace to Mr. Michael Russell and Kay Redmond personal representatives of proposed by Pat Fitzgerald and seconded by Sylvester Bourke.

ADMINISTRATOR: Is that agreed? Thank you.

CATHAOIRLEACH: To consider the disposal of the freehold interest in property Hawthorn, Tomacork to Mr. Aidan Kinsella proposed by Vincent Blake and seconded by Cllr Dermot O'Brien.

ADMINISTRATOR: Is that agreed? Thank you.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Item number 6. To consider the report in accordance with Section 179 of the planning and development act as amended part 8 of the planning and development regulations for Glendalough, Laragh Visitor Access.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE: So this is a project really that improves the visitor access and signage in and around Laragh and Glendalough. It's about pedestrian access, improving the aesthetics as you come into it. We are looking at this in conjunction with car parking. That is phase 1 and there is a multiagency group looking at this between ourselves and Failte Ireland and the OPW.

Failte Ireland have approved for funding do with the strategy for visitor management and orientation plan for northern Wicklow, include Glendalough, Laragh, Rathdrum and right out to there, taking in the Blessington lakes. We are looking in phase 2, but looking at the wider area and they have permitted nearly 65,000 for funding for that strategy.

The third part of that is we are sitting down and looking at a visitor centre and whether you have one or two and there is grants available from Failte Ireland, this is phase 1, if you like.

>>: Right, so this is, this presentation is, this presentation summarises the feedback received from the public consultation that was done in relation to this scheme. The period was conducted up to 12.00 noon on the 24th of June with the intention of obtaining the views of the public and all interested parties in design aspects of the speak. Wicklow County Council commissioned a high level review of access considerations in Glendalough, by publishing the report of visitor access arrangements in April 2012. The proposals confirmed the

proposals in this report, conform with and support the policies and objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plans and supplementary the Glendalough Laragh tourism plan. This includes pedestrian modes focussing on the established key objectives. Laragh/Glendalough is an area of scenic archaeological and architectural importance:

[Presentation]

>>: That is an overview lay out of them. Anything in red is the junction we are proposing to do. The first one at the top is the Glendalough green Limes Junction and the petrol station and next you have the Wicklow Gap junction and then the visitor centre junction and then the junction, the works that go through Glendalough village. Just to give a couple of the, the more detailed design, that is the first one, the Glendalough Green Junction. You can see what we are doing is moving this zip road, there is a kind of a slip road between the R755 and Military Road and we are trying to get that into one T junction that will be safe for pedestrians and slow traffic coming into the area and improve the public realm and the amenity of the area as well. People sit out with slower traffic going through and you will only have one line of traffic there as opposed to two. So it will make for a safer junction. Then we have the separate alignment junction. This is really tightening up the junction to make it a more public realm area, slowing traffic down and making it more accessible and safer for pedestrians and cyclist.

Then the third is the petrol station. That is a pedestrian crossing point and slowing traffic down coming into that area and try to formalise the foot path through there, that the pedestrians will be able to see clearly where they are supposed to walk and cars will feel that as well. Then the next junction is Glendalough, the Wicklow Gap Junction, so this will be improvements which involve some land from the National Parks and Wildlife, this will make it easier for buses to manoeuvre at that junction. At the moment they are doing that turn in three or four manoeuvres, so this will mean they will be able do it in one manoeuvre, you won't have that backlog, it will help relieve the traffic congestion while you are waiting for buss to turn. The next junction is the new entrance at the OPW visitor car park. We are trying to create, this has been the real entry into Glendalough. I will show you pictures in a moment and it will look like a more impressive entranceway into that OPW centre and then you have works going through the village, which is really trying to improve the public realm going through the village, slowing traffic down and making it safe are for pedestrians and cyclists.

Then, getting into some visuals of, to give you some visuals of it, the top is the existing and the bottom picture is the visual of what it would look like. It gives a sense of a slow traffic down, more public amenity area and the second one is McCoy's junction, same again, in terms of having it all car focussed, it's more pedestrian and public realm space that can be used. Then we have the petrol station at McCoy's, so it's more formalised for

pedestrians and a greater sense of it's a pedestrian area rather than a car-enhanced area. That is just a picture of one of the Wicklow Gap Junction which shows that the, the widening out of that junction will make it ease area for the traffic to get through that, the buss in particular. Then the next junction is the entrance into the Glendalough lower car park, you can use that central island and it will make a more formal entrance to the OPW car park. Visitors will see it clearly that they are entering into a heritage area, not that Laragh is enhanced of what Glendalough is entering into and what will also be a benefit is that cars that are turning left into the Glendalough OPW car park, if it's full it will mean they can turn and go back, rather than clogging up traffic sitting there waiting to go in, they will be able to turn around again and hopefully, as the Chief Executive pointed out, what we will do is make Laragh within the hub so if you are turning back you have other areas to go to in the area. Not just heading back to the N11 again. Then the last one is the Glendalough village. It's just really improving public realm here and again people will be able to enjoy the public space.

So, just moving on to the feedback that we received from the submissions. I received 35 submissions on public consultation. General support for making Laragh the visitor hush/base providing services and facilities for visitors to Glendalough and improving the visitor environment, but highlighting the need for a large visitor car park, which came across strong on the public consultation workshops we did and the submissions.

[PRESENTATION]

>>: So, hopefully that gives you a summary of what the submissions were and our responses to the same.

CATHAOIRLEACH: John Snell.

CLLR SNELL: I want to commend you and your team, first and foremost for going out into the community and engaging with the local residents and indeed the people who use Laragh and Glendalough the most. I was at that public meeting up in the centre and certainly they answered to best of their ability any queries and it's nice to see it reflected in the presentation today.

I like to note in regard to going through item by item, the junction at the Wicklow Gap, Glendalough, I don't think is contentious at all and it's something that is widely supported by everyone in the community and indeed I would imagine everyone in the chamber here today, that is the R756 and the R757. I think that is something that needs to be welcomed and I know going back over ten years ago there was a priority list done of 20 projects in the hub of Laragh and Glendalough because of the, I suppose the need for to make sure that visitors to the area, that they don't encounter what had been happening which is a lot of traffic congestion and I think this would be vital for people coming over the Wicklow Gap. So I don't think that is contentious at all, Martha.

In regards to the Glendalough Visitor Centre and the entrance at the R757, I think it would be important and we all know there is an issue in regards to

parking in Laragh/Glendalough and I would love to see that tackled in the near future, but today is not about that. We need to be restoring the right of way on to the main road rather than the right of way as currently into the car park. I would like to see that changed at some stage and I can't understand why it was changed. At McCoy's store and the location of the pedestrian crossing and again that would be brought back down to the Laragh side.

>>: Yes.

CLLR SNELL: I think that is something that the community are looking forward to, certainly people who live locally. It's just to note in regards to Lynham's Junction, I suppose this would have consumed a lot of the debate on the evening at the centre, when they are talking about changing the landscape outside Lynham's public house, it's more to do with the management issue than what you are presenting today in the situation where you have outer seating and chairs, that I suppose to many staff at night time and the evening time it's something that needs to be addressed perhaps more locally than here in the chamber, but certainly we have to be mindful that it is a residential area and we wouldn't want to be causing the residents who live there any untold hardship late into the early hours of the morning.

I do have to put on record in regards to outside of the what was presented at that meeting and indeed today in regard to the roundabout is going to be going from outside of the two houses there. One of which have a special needs son who accesses the house, quite dangerous access in and out of that property on to the road. They don't have the capacity to turn a vehicle in the yard and as we know, that young man actually will be dropped off at the house by a bus and I know that you factored into that account and dialogued with the family, but just to let you know that is very important that that is accommodated in this plan.

Secondly, in regards to the two houses, one of them houses is actually my inlaws and having frequented that house for almost two decades I can tell you that with the kerbing outside of those properties, traffic does tend to park on that and it's quite a high kerb, we are now going to be reducing it to the low kerbing to accommodate the bus and I welcome that, I think that is vital to this plan and again it's to do with the management of the cars parking outside there, we have to be very mindful that Laragh is an area that visitors attend all year around and whether they be on motorbikes or push bikes, or the hill walkers. They park all around there and again it's not to disturb the residents in that. They have to get about their daily lives, it's more down to management and I know you are mindful of that, but it's something I want to put on record.

I suppose the contentious one and it's one you would be looking to make an amendment to would be the Glendalough Green and in regard to the movement of the time capsule and the drawing that was presented. The original drawing was about removing the time capsule and closing access to the Military Road. People saw that that was going to potentially cause issues and I think that we should put an amendment here today to that and have

an it drawn, that is something I would like to recommend that the access record be reinstated as two-way traffic, single lane in front of the village green, access on to the R755. Time capsule will not be touched. This will reinstate the use of the Village Green as a roundabout and access for the larger timber lorries for the R755 towards Rathdrum, Laragh. I think it's very important that that particular junction that the new drawing would be adopted here today rather than what was presented at that public meeting and hopefully that could be put on the screen.

>>: I brought some copies if anyone wants to have a look at it.

CATHAOIRLEACH: John Snell you were late at the beginning of the meeting, okay, no problem, what I said was I of going to enforce the three-minute rule so you are well over the three minutes now, so just wrap it up as soon as possible.

CLLR SNELL: It's just to be honest, Cathaoirleach, I genuinely believe this should have been discussed at the Municipal District before full council chambers, but because of time constraints in regard to the monetary aspect of it, I am prepared to let it be discussed here, because it's very unfair on a lot of members here who have little or no interest in what is happening here, they don't understand, it's the first time they have heard of it.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Keep going.

CLLR SNELL: As the only member in this chamber who was that at the public meeting, I believe I am entitled to speak on it, I don't want to go over and above, but I think it's important.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Keep going.

CLLR SNELL: I think it's important. Are you making a proposal?

CLLR SNELL: I am making that proposal.

ADMINISTRATOR: To adopt the scheme amended according to the map circulated.

CLLR DUNNE: I think Cllr Snell has given a good account, this is positive for Laragh and Glendalough. Anyone who visited the area over the last number of years will know there is carnage up there on Saturday and Sundays, the traffic calming you proposed are gladly welcomed. Just on one thing, on the Glendalough works, confirmation is needed that the works will not impinge on the casual trading activities in the area. Maybe you could answer that. I will be seconding Cllr Snell's proposal, I think it's good for the area. Traffic in and out of the area is congested and it badly needs to be sorted out. The fact 25 there is funding available for it, we should take this opportunity with both hands and, like I said, I will be supporting this.

CLLR WALSH: Thank you, Cathaoirleach and thank you for the presentation as a member of Wicklow Tourism I would like to say that the Blue Sail report which was commissioned almost two years ago which fed into the strategy plan identified Glendalough as the jewel in the crown in terms of tourism for Wicklow. It did also highlight the significant problems that it, that needed to be addressed in terms of traffic congestion, etc, so this report is to welcome, it feeds into a long-term vision for Glendalough and indeed the tourism strategy, a subgroup of that has been tasked with master plan for the Glendalough area, so this is to widely welcome and I am glad to hear that the local concerns, some of which have been addressed by Councillor Snell

are to be addressed, so, again, thank you for the presentation.

CLLR P KENNEDY: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. Just in relation to the village green area, you see where it says the existing guide, it goes into the old mill on the left-hand side and talking about the new drawing now. Just at the bottom of the village green. It shows that the monument, then it shows and the slip road you are talking about is done away with. What is that grey area there?

>>: Well, I suppose it can, like from looking at it there I would like to think we could restore it back to a green area, it's kind of, at the moment it's down as a public realm space, so we possibly could bring it back to a green area again.

CLLR P KENNEDY: I am wondering there is an old mill in there.

>>: We will probably have to keep some access into that on to the road.

CLLR P KENNEDY: But there is, sorry go ahead.

>>: There is a, it seems to be, it's quite wide the existing entrance so we probably have to find some way to connect it on to the road all right, on to the road network.

CLLR P KENNEDY: The parking proposed to the left-hand side where the gate is, would that be interfere with future planning in relation to sight lines for future planning for that whole site?

>>: I would imagine you won't be able to bring a junction out on to the main road, you would have to bring it out on to the, you know the little spur going up the Military Hill, you would have to bring it into that. I am not sure whether that would interfere with planning for the old mill area. I don't, I know we wouldn't be able to bring out on access directly on to, sorry, that is my opinion, on to the R755.

CLLR P KENNEDY: So in your opinion, if that was to be developed at a future date, that entrance gate now is coming out on to that road, on to what is the main road now.

>>: On to the military hill road.

CLLR P KENNEDY: That is going to be done away with.

>>: No, on to the new, sorry, maybe I will just, it will have to be brought on to this road (indicating? . (

CLLR KENNEDY: Right. That is all, I just wanted an application on that.

CLLR BEHAN: Cathaoirleach, really, I suppose the point of order really, has this project ever been discussed at Wicklow Municipal District? Never?

CATHAOIRLEACH: No.

CLLR BEHAN: Not in the precursor to this report?

CATHAOIRLEACH: No.

CLLR BEHAN: Well that moo beats me that the local members of the last council and five or six of them are here on this council have never had a chance to discuss such a major project in their own Municipal District. I think there is a weakness therefore in the discussion when quite a lot of the members of the Wicklow Municipal District have never discussed it in their local council.

I pay tribute to the members who have looked at it, gone and have made points here, but we specifically made a decision in the last council that par,

par dates where as far as possible to be discussed and decided by the Municipal Districts in which they are based. And we are already now starting this new council and the first par date we have which is a Municipal District base and a number of the members haven't even, well none of the six have ever discussed it before. I think that is a serious weakness. However, sorry I am not finished. The second point I want to make is that obviously welcome improvements to the whole living environment as well as the tourist environment in Glendalough and Laragh, but inherent in this proposal basically is to keep cars out of Glendalough, as far as I can see. And that may or may not be a worthwhile thing under some headings but I think it has, it is going to have some effect particular willy for older people who might want to visit Glendalough, unless there is really seriously enhanced and improved public transport facilities to get older people from Laragh down to Glendalough and we don't have any detail on that here today, which I think is unfortunate and the last point I make and it's a point that comes up at every single consultation that I have certainly listened to over the last number of years which is that the public always say there should be more consultation, the public are always feel that okay, there might be a workshop meeting and maybe 30 people went to it or whatever, 30 people made submissions but even in the report that we have been given here today, one of the points that she didn't mention had in her presentation, but it's in the document is that there was a request by local people for more consultation. Now, I would like more information as to where, what, can nothing else be done to ensure that there is full and adequate consultation with local people before this is decided? Thank you.

CLLR SNELL: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. Again, I thank Cllr Behan for expressing his views there and it is something that obviously I am sure we all share, but in this regard there was public consultation and there was an invitation to all public representatives, national and local level to attend and buy that this and I think because of the time constraints that is something we certainly don't want to hold up this project and something that I know the Cathaoirleach and myself would have been discussing over ten years ago and it's something that there was a priority list for renewing the position where there is funding available, if we can get in it on time and start addressing this, not just from a local perspective, but from a tourism and a heritage perspective.

We have to avail of the funding that is potentially there to move these projects on and I wouldn't like to see this going off the agenda because, I believe that to be in on time, obviously there is no more meetings between now and September, public representatives did have an opportunity to feed into this and I would love to see the way it has been discussed that it goes in front of the Municipal District, but on this occasion, I certainly don't want to see any delay or hold up and I think it is there for everyone, if they wanted to be proactive on this issue, at times. Unfortunately time constraints don't allow that, but I think, Cathaoirleach, I don't want to see any delay and certainly from the Municipal District from a tourism and heritage point of view, anyone who has what to heart this the chamber should address this and put to a vote today.

CLLR DUNNE: I agree, it's why I would like to have seen it at Municipal

District level discussed before. Unfortunately the timeframe for this and I think we have to deal with this today, but I understand what Cllr been was saying, it's the first time I thought about it myself. There is another local from Wicklow to Laragh. It's been well-used by the community within the areas and in relation to the Roundwood and coming down to Wicklow to Laragh, so there is that local link bus there and it is being well used.

CLLR M KAVANAGH: Can I just have a quick question, is it intended that the visitor centre will be a pay for centre, as in more, which to, in my opinion has actually ruined the Cliffs of Moher, now you have a sprawling car park and bus rides to the centre, you have a visitor centre which is quite expensive to visit and it has turned into an expensive day out for people, where as the beauty of Glendalough used to be that it was free for everyone to see. The other thing that I want to mention is that a couple of years ago at the Municipal District level we spoke about the possibility of having a parking facility, a mile or two away from the centre and a park and ride which would keep all of the traffic out of the village and it would mean that the people living in the village wouldn't be inundated with this ridiculous amount the cars coming into the area and it seemed like a good solution at the time to the problem of excessive cars in Glendalough. I just have a terrible feeling in the pit of my stomach that we might end up with something that becomes not in keeping with the character of the place which is an old and historic site and the last thing we want is a glamorised into an all-seeing, all-doing computerised centre. I am just a bit wary about that, that we might lose something of the character. So if you could just, if the CEO could confirm if it's going to be a paid for visitor centre in time?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Just in relation to Visitor Centre, it's a separate project and it's at the very early stages and it's between the OPW and National Parks and Wildlife. So there is no discussion on what will be charged or whether it will be one centre or two, that is at the very early stages. This is a pre stage process. The first one we are looking at is in the public realm and improving access and getting into Laragh.

In relation to parking we have advertised for people who are interested in providing car park spaces and part of that, particularly outside the village would be park and ride and there would possibly be an electric coach associated with it. It's a separate project and we are going to talk to the people who came back to us.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay, no one else has any comments we want to go for the vote, including Cllr Snell's amendment.

ADMINISTRATOR: So proposed by Cllr Snell and Cllr Dunne to adopt the scheme in accordance with the map.

[VOTE TAKEN]

ADMINISTRATOR: That is 32 30 for and two not present. Thank you.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Item 7, to consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, just to highlight one or two areas. The good news on the greenway in that we got a grant of 5

million so we will move that to the next day with the detailed design. The contract was signed earlier today for the in Wicklow town and that starts construction immediately. Tenders are due back shortly for that and we will be looking to get on site there as soon as possible. Tenders are back also for the [INAUDIBLE] building and the upgrade of that in Arklow for the business centre planned there. The contract with that later on the road, there is also one on the N81. One of those is a €1 million scheme in Blessington. We have submitted our projects, there is nine in measure 2, four in measure 2 up to 400,000 and 3 in measure 3 which is over 500,000. They are gone in and they will be assessed similar to last year. The town and village enhancement scheme, again there was a lot of interest from various community groups around the county. There is 11 project submitted so we will see what comes back on that.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Edward Timmins.

CLLR TIMMINS: Thank you, just briefly I would like to welcome the investment and commend the management and the executive for all of the contribution they have made to make this project come to hopefully fruition in the near future. Can I ask what the remainder of the funding coming, my understanding is the funding is going to be about 10 million altogether, we had a 5 million announcement the week before last, so just to get an indication of how that might be funded, a couple of other minor things, just briefly on housing in Blessington we have 30 acres there and we have a new site. I think we should, we need to move ahead with looking at building houses on that council land, the land is sitting there and there is a massive requirement for houses in Blessington. Lastly you mentioned Knock Row bend, that has been going on for three years I would like to see shuffles in the background as soon as possible, a very dangerous bend, still no sign of action, I would urge that is moved forward.

CLLR MATTHEWS: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, I would like to thank the report a clearly well-laid out report. I have two questions. One is on staff numbers, I see between quarter 1 last year and quarter 1 this year we are down about 15 professional and technical staff and I wonder is there plans to try and fill the gap? And the second question is on the register of electors and I want to compliment the staff for their own work they did on the register. Could we get a report, just a brief report on how the register is billed and what the process is for removing people from the register? You just find out what the process is for that?

CLLR DUNNE: Thank you. Just the report, I am delighted to see the contract for the Livery has been signed for Wicklow town. We have been working out of a small area for a long number of years and it's a good news story for the town. It's a good news story for Wicklow Town and it's important that we follow with these projects and get them finished as quickly as possible. But again very happy over these two projects, thank you.

CLLR D O'BRIEN: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. I like to give a compliment on the team that put the Countywise together, again I enjoy them coming through the letterbox and there is particularly on domestic

waste. One question in relation to the vacant site levy and page 22 of the report that the demand for the 81,000 in Bray just an update on that if will is one, please.

CLLR WALSH: Thank you, Cathaoirleach and thank you to the Chief Executive again for a most comprehensive report with a lot of positive stuff in there. One concern I have there in reading the housing supply section page 7 in reference to the Kilbride Lane project, there is reference to the delay of six weeks behind that, partly due to a lack of availability of skilled workers. And reading that is a slight concern, when you look at the number of projects that are in the Pipeline, is this something that is likely to have a knock on effect on other projects and it's not just Wicklow that is affected by this issue, but just to, I would appreciate it coming from the Chief Executive.

CLLR FORTUNE: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. It's an excellent report, I think in fact the more I read the various reports coming out from the Chief Executive, I think more of our meetings we should be focussed on that little report because it covers every aspect of what is going on in the council and all of the stuff on our positions. I want to make an observation more than making a vocal point. Under the housing, under the homelessness, I fully acknowledge the excellent work being done by our housing section under extreme difficulties, I just, my sense is that through, maybe through nobody's fault, but that the homeless situation is going a bit under the radar in that it may not be, I am not just talking about the Wicklow County Council, in fact the whole system may be missing what is happening out there.

I listened to a discussion on radio recently where they were discussing the HAPS scheme and the concerns and challenges that are coming up there, basically landlords, the whole market is in a state we are all familiar with, so it's more attractive for them to be going in a different direction. With the best will in the world, I am not interested in knocking anyone, I think the danger is that there is people getting lost in it and people are being put under pressure by landlords to get out and to be fair to people, everyone is not maybe, has the skill sets to deal with that pressure and my naively agree to something that is making them homeless and we are as a system there supposed to find something and we don't have anything and I just feel that it's a hole that is getting bigger and I would ask that, I said I wouldn't make a proposal, but I would propose that there is a working group from the members here put together so as we can particularly look at homelessness and look at all of the attributes of it and how they are happening and why they are happening and how we can help people and as I say, I just think it's an area that, particularly where children are concerned, I think that, I don't care what we have to do in that situation, I don't care who is right or wrong, if there is kids involved we have to be really big and make it happen in some fashion and prioritise it. I think to be fair, the way the system is working from the Department coming down to us in the system I think we are being given a ball that is hard to control and the end result is that things are going under the radar through nobody's fault, but I am conscious of a few bits and pieces going on and I would like to see it addressed and maybe the only way to address is to put a working group together, to sit down and

talk it through and make sure that, on either side we are not missing something or making a mistake, I think it's urgent.

CLLR O'NEILL: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. Again thank you to the CEO for the report. There is an issue in West Wicklow maybe you could look at. It's absolutely unreal where there are three local improvement schemes at a standstill. This is affecting quite a few dozens of people and it's down to the fact that if there was one objection on a laneway from approval that overrides the fact if there was 15 houses on the laneway, one person objects and that puts a stop to it. It's happened on three occasions in the last 12 months in West Wicklow so, it's a real serious issue, affecting a lot of people in rural parts. So if that be the case, that we can't how it works I would like to get real clarification on this once and for all, it's very, it's destroying small communities from, so maybe this along the line, very soon.

CLLR McMANUS: Thank you very much for your report, as a newbie it was very accessible, so I appreciate that. I have a question and maybe a comment, so, well I will start with the comment. Would it be possible to maybe get a presentation or put it from the new HAP place finders employee here, I know a lot of us are finding, we are getting a lot of people contacting us struggling with accessing HAP and finding a place with HAPS, so that might be useful. I will leave it there.

CLLR BLAKE: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, I would like to welcome the Greenway, certainly the 5 million is a great start up there and for the community up there as well, particularly the Blessington forum and the town team up there and the work they have done and I know we have had some disappointments in the past it in terms of the announcement of it, but certainly they are persistent. I think, no doubt the work everyone has done in relation to those and we are not giving up at the end of the day. One question in relation to page 26 of the report. In relation to the framework Directive, national monitoring programme and there was 26, 26, yeah. In relation to the sampling of water taken of 36 rivers in the county, I would like to know do we have access to those reports?

Because of the fact we have, the EPA have upgraded their standards in terms of what can be discharged in rivers and it's certainly having an adverse effect on planning in the county as well and I would like to know if we have access to those reports and see where we are going in relation to them. Equally so the inspection programme, I know will be carrying out a number of them each year and I just thought today, what total number of inspections were being carried out over the years in relation to private supply and private systems and we have any failures in that particular area, thank you, chairman.

CLLR SCOTT: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. Thank you for the report, again as a new person, the first time reading an executive report it was very clear and informative, so thank you for that. Two brief comments one on the environmental awareness, I noted a talk on an Education Together school I was wondering whether that talk was available online and if there was a plan to roll out similar talks to other schools around the county and just a comment regarding the homeless

figures which is very sobering when you see it in black and white. Just a note that figures that won't be included in those, but just to note there are a number of temporary accommodation centres for people seeking refugee and asylum status in the country in various sites that, as I said, is under the County Council's remit, but members of the community are involved in supporting them as well.

CLLR MULLEN: Cathaoirleach, just in relation to the Blessington greenway I would like to welcome that, but also Cllr Blake's contribution in relation to Irish Water and the way it communicates with the council in a do not consume notice which we have had in west Wicklow, it leads a lot to be desired the way Irish water communicate with the local authority and the Municipal District staff so maybe we could investigate how that reporting process and how they are fixing these problem as we go forward.

CLLR CRONIN: I would like to welcome the news of Blessington Greenway. Just if you have any information on when it might start the work, or an idea of the timeframe of the work.

CLLR CREAN: Thank you, again, thank you for the report, it's great to have the detail. Ask I can some questions on housing and one question in relation to the committees that were built. In relation to housing my concern would be the over reliance on subsidised social housing through the private sector. So I have a question about, like there was a report on a departmental level review we are building in Ireland and they did say there was an over, in that area we shouldn't prioritise the building of social houses, I suppose my first question is in the report, in the pipeline developments. The two proposals Killincarrick, 156 units were not listed and they are now building, so I am interested in what is happening on them. That is my area.

My second question is in relation to that, that the people who don't qualify for social housing, are there plans for affordable housing or to look at the cost-rental model.

Then, the final question I had in relation to the committees was there was a committee listed in the initial list we got of the AGM, number 18, special purpose vehicle company for the Greystones Harbour, so I suppose I am asking does that exist because we didn't discuss it and if it does exist who is on it, who are the reps on it, is it up for review and when it will be next and will they be discussing the commercial fishing for Greystones.

CLLR LEONARD: Thank you for the report and I am new and I am a little bit unsure of how to go about things so excuse me if this is the wrong platform for it. It's in relation to page 29 of the OPW relief scheme, which is very relevant to me and why I got elected. The two projects, the Arklow Sewage Treatment and the Flood Relief Scheme in Arklow are interlinked and I am conscious of the timelines, the sewage is due, An Bord Pleanála decision is due next month, but there has been kind of a bit of a gap in the public consultation for the flood relief and because the projects are interlinked they will be going in for planning in the last quarter of this year, so I was wondering if there is any plans for a public consultation for the local people and the other

Municipal councillors before that goes ahead.

CLLR FERRIS: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, just in relation to, I think it's page 7 under the housing report, just Section 3 on the social housing stock, just a figure that jumped out at me is to do with rents, whether 4,353 tenancies occupied at the 25th of May 2019, but the figure that jumps out is arrears at the end of May 2019, over 1 million, so as a new councillor I would like to get a breakdown about that, those arrears, which seem to be very huge, considering when the minimum rent is €24 per week and the maximum rent is €275.50 a week. So I would like to get a breakdown as to where that figure came from and how long has this been going on. Thank you. Cathaoirleach.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Now, Chief Executive, I will give you definitely more than three minutes to answer all of that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Thank you. Councillor Timmins, the question of Greenway we, will be appointed consultants which will determine the actual costs of it. It depends whether you go 4 or 3 metres. If you go 3 metres it's something around 8 million but we will have to check. In relation to all of the schemes I mentioned, we are getting grants, the balance usually comes from development contributions but we need to see, we might have to cut our cloth to suit what we have got. We will see in the detail and we may go back for further funding.

The site is included in the next round of the PPP schemes. If they are willing to take it on we will go with that, if not it will be a rapid build, where it is being worked on and it's a priority. Councillor Matthews again all of those technical professional posts have been filled. There is not as much, but we are filling out one of them. I might ask Tom Murphy to give us an are review of the election process, today or if he wants to come back I will come back to him on it. In relation to the vacant site levy, I will ask Sean Quirke to give an update on that.

In relation to Kilbride Lane, it is behind, now we passed it and there is a lot of activity on site and it's well on track, but there is nationally becoming a lack of skilled workers now. The rapid build addresses that to a certain extent and it comes on but there is definitely a need for more apprentices and more skilled workers and it's affecting us in Wicklow as well. In relation to the homelessness, we do have an action plan for homelessness, which obviously action plan and team for homelessness. It's an issue for the housing SPC also and there is a lot of work and a lot of work with Tusla and the Gardaí in preventing homeless.

It's a real issue particularly with rents increasing no doubt about that. In terms of the local HAPS officer who finds people at risk of homelessness is something that will come up again at the SPC.

In terms of the ISs that are at a standstill, if Colm Lavery wants to make a comment on that. In relation to the Water Framework Directive, I can't comment on that, we will get a report back, we do have the information in relation to the assembly and we assist the EPA and Irish Water in getting those, the septic tank inspection reports, so we do have the results and we

will come back with a report on that. The environmental awareness, the plan is to roll it out to other schools. I doubt if it's available in video format.

Again, the homeless figures, it's a real issue, but again the homeless HAP is the action team and the SPC and our work with particular agencies. Irish Water, again the communication side of it, we will take that up with them to ensure that that works better next time around. Cllr Cronin in relation to the Blessington Greenway, the plan to prepare a brief for consultants so that will be done around August/September and they will start work on the detailed of design which will bring them into April of next year, 2020. Again that goes to tender for contractors and could be back around August/September of 2020 and we are allowing a year-and-a-half for construction, so November 2021 will be the final day. That is where we are at now, but it's going through the detailed design stage.

In relation to Killincarrick, I will move back to members in relation to that. There is a lot of work being done in terms of taking on board submissions coming in. Cost rental is something that will come to the housing SPC. There is was a conference on it last week. In relation to the Greystones, I might ask Sean Quirke to comment on that in relation to what is happening on that. In Arklow, you have, the decision is due this month in An Bord Pleanála and the sewerage scheme. On the [INAUDIBLE] scheme there is geomorphology study being done at the moment sew that will determine the line of the route of the scheme. There is a study being done on the marsh so as soon as that is done we will be close to preparing our environmental impact assessment report and there will be a consultation with the local elected members in particular, a kind of an informal consultation before that goes into An Bord Pleanála. Just in relation to the arrears, I might ask Joe Lamb to see if he has a breakdown on that.

JOE LAMB: I don't have that, but I will get it for you. That wouldn't be current, a lot of those would be historic and held over in the accounts to have them, but I will get a breakdown, I will date it for you and get a breakdown.

CLLR FERRIS: That would be great. If I could get a breakdown and, because it is.

JOE: I will do it.

CLLR FERRIS: Also what the council is doing to recoup the money.

Thank you.

JOE LAMB: I will do that.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Tom, do you want to do the review of the electorate.

TOM: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, I will be very brief. The register of elector process is continual or a cyclical process as well and the next draft register date is the 1st of November. We have approximately 30 field workers on our books at the moment we are arranging to interview for two or three vacancies. Each of the field workers are charged with calling around to every household in the county and that is a very big task. They call around at least twice, sometimes three times and if they can't get any response they will leave a card behind or they will leave a form behind.

We have, I would say one of the best register of elector teams in the country, it's led by Helen Purcell who is now being led by Fiona Flynn and I think it's widely acknowledge as well that we have one of the most accurate register of electors in the country and they would stand up to comparisons to any of the other local authorities/register of electors. I suppose ultimately the responsibility is on the citizen to ensure that details of his or her family are there on the register and there is this confusion out there that we continually knock people off the register, but at the end of the day it's up to each citizen to fill out the form each year and I know it's a bit of a pain, but that is the process that we have to comply with and until it's changed at national level they are the rules we have to comply with. Thank you, Cathaoirleach.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr Behan this is in relation to this.

CLLR BEHAN: I want to propose that we change the way we do it. We don't take people off the register unless we have a written request from them to take them off. The huge problem is people are being taken off and they say and they may not be right, but they say they haven't received notice. If they exist they are entitled, their most fundamental right is the right to vote. I think we should, even as a trial, on a trial basis, this coming year, adopt a new policy where unless we are actually asked by someone to take me off the register leave them on it. Instead of going through this whole rigmarole every year where everyone has to reregister if they happen to not be in when a person from the council calls. I don't see what is wrong with that, all we are doing is facilitating people's vote.

CLLR WHITMORE: Thank you very much, chair, in relation to the franchise group, they are a really active group and I have seen the work they have done in the last year in particular, it's excellent. Just, for the last local elections in county Dublin you could register to vote online, now apparently this was a pilot scheme, but it seems like quite a large pilot scheme, I was wondering are there any plans to roll that out, because that would be a useful tool if people could go online and do it, they don't have the same thing of getting a Garda stamp and dropping it down and I am wondering if Tom is aware of any plans and if there isn't plans can we write to the minister and ask they push forward to have that rolled out, if not across the country, certainly that we want to see it in Wicklow.

CLLR M KAVANAGH: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, I just agree with.

Cllr Behan. I have heard all kinds of horror stories about people being taken off the register. They didn't know until they went down to vote. It's easy to say, well, at the end of the day it's everyone's responsibility, I actually checked the register myself, but I checked it too late, so that had I been taken off it, myself, assuming because I was on it because I had been on it for years that I wouldn't be able to vote and I was running in the election and it suddenly dawned on me, we are flippant when we say it's up to you to check out the register, there is ads on the radio and the paper, but sometimes people just don't even think they might be taken off it.

So I think that, I concur with Cllr Behan, don't take people off, you still have

to prove when you get a vote, so there will be no impersonation at the polls if people were asked for ID. We now live in an era where we have housing apartment blocks with electronic gates, sometimes people can't get in to access them and we have people now working longer, more people are out during the day than ever before, we have places that are just inaccessible to census gatherers, just because you don't hear back from someone doesn't mean they were notified whether they still reside there. I think we have to be very careful and maybe.

Cllr Whitmore is right, maybe we should start looking at an easier way for people to register other than to try and get forms filled in and signed.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay.

CLLR FERRIS: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, I absolutely agree with.

Cllr Behan and I would second your proposal, it's better to be safe than sorry, to assume that people are still alive or still living in the place as Councillor Kavanagh said we all live busy lives and have people coming in our door, pizza offers or whatever, free newspapers and notices from the people who go around updating the electoral register can often get lost. I do agree that they are doing a great job and have done so for all of the years, but and I also agree that it is up to the people, it is a citizen's responsibility to actually check to make sure that they are on the register, but it doesn't always happen, so I agree that unless someone writes in and says I am moving or I am dead or whatever, please take me off the register, that we should leave things as they are.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Hard for them to write in and say they are dead.

CLLR FERRIS: Well, something, but I second the proposal.

CLLR TIMMINS: I don't know how successful Cllr's Behan's proposal would be, I would see problems with it, the register could become massive because people are not going to bother to take me off. What is the motivation, they don't say they should be left on it, they are hardly going to write to say they are being taken off? If you have been taken off could they be written to, people might take that seriously, because you might respond and put them back on. A lot of people are shocked they are not on the register and they say they were never informed. If your name has been taken off you should be written to, at least that way people will take it seriously and might respond and put their names back on.

>>: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. This is very much a national issue, Cathaoirleach, there has been much discussion about the reform of the register of elector process for many years now and there has been talks of rolling registers and talks about registering online, there have been talk about using a PPN. We don't remove anyone from the register without firstly advising them in writing. That is the last resource, up to then we get the field worker to call once, twice, sometimes three times. We are all very busy people, but the reality is that the field workers are making calls to the best of our knowledge, if not we address the situation, we keep a very close eye on this, but there is the other issue then, Cathaoirleach, that there are, will is a cohort of citizens who don't want to be on the register of electors for different reasons, so unless there is a change in policy at national level

we have to operate within the parameters as set by the Department on this. So we continue to treat this very seriously, we continue to carry out the checks and so on and as I said, we don't remove anyone from the register without firstly alerting them in advance. I don't have the figures off the top of my head, I think around November time we spent maybe 4,000 or 5,000 letters out to originals that we can't get a response to them and we are advised them we are proposing to take them off the register and we gave them a period to come back to us. So we don't get any joy in removing people from the register, but we have to operate within the parameters set by the Department another to keep that relevant and up to date.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Thank you very much.

CLLR WHITMORE: Just on the roll out of the voter registration on the online registration.

>>: We will look into that, Cathaoirleach.

CLLR BEHAN: I will settle, could rewrite to the Department and say "*look, this issue is a recurring issue.*" Cllr Whitmore has made a point that in Dublin they were able to get around the rules for the local elections. I don't know how they managed it, but they were able to have a registration process online with a supplementary register up to ten days before the election. We couldn't do that, people in Wicklow couldn't do that, how did Dublin circumvent the rules? They obviously had some influence. So the bottom line is we should have insisted, that our view was taken on board as well. It would save a lot of time for the staff if you didn't have to send out 5,000 letters because many of those people should never have been taken off. To my mind it should be the way it used to be and the way it used to be is people were left on the register unless the council were informed by a relative that someone had passed away or it was discovered that someone had moved. Now, automatically you are taken off, if you haven't got the letter or you haven't responded to it. So the thing has been turned upside down and that is where a lot of the difficulties are. I would accept that we write, as a compromise, rather than insisting that we break the law which would be a terrible thing to do naturally, but Dublin seem to have been able to do it with the agreement of the minister.

CLLR LEONARD: I am wondering is there a reason why it can't be linked to the PPS number?

>>: I didn't get that one.

CLLR LEONARD: Is there a reason why it can't be interlinked with a PPS number?

>>: I think that is a national debate and you would be opening a can of worms unless we got a steer at national level from that, because a lot of people hold a PPN number close to their heart and they feel it shouldn't be used for anything other than a certain purpose and so we have never been able to get a clear advice in relation to that.

CLLR LEONARD: Just to be on the register, you know, once you get it...

CLLR TIMMINS: Sorry, chairman, there was no response to my proposal that you get written to if you are taken off the register.

CATHAOIRLEACH: You do get written to.

CLLR TIMMINS: No, before you have been taken off, but after you have been taken off, is a letter like that sent saying you are no longer on the register.

>>: Off the top of my head, Cathaoirleach, I can't say for sure, as I say, I wasn't, I don't have the precise detail, I will check it out.

CLLR TIMMINS: I suggest that is done, because that is a serious letter, people say we are going to take you off, to say you have been taken off, people might take it more seriously. Just a discussion.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Sean Quirke, if you want to give an update on the vacant site levy and the fisherman...

SEAN QUIRKE: Thank you. The vacant site levy referred to the [INAUDIBLE] site. That was levied after the result of an arbitration process. So the invoice hasn't been taken as of today as far as I know. When the proceeds of that comes in, 90% goes to capital [INAUDIBLE], just in case you were looking to spend it. The harbour, the harbour company, it's not a committee, it's a company, it's a leader of a conveyancing of land it doesn't have any financial transactions at all, it's very difficult to explain, but the land that the houses and the apartments are being built on where transferred by the County Council to the designated activity company and the designated activity company transferred it to the financial owner. There is, the two directors, the two councillor directors are Derek Mitchell and Gerry Walsh. So, it's not something that you nominate on to, there are directors of the company, there are three officials on it, myself, the Chief Executive and the Finance Officer. But it doesn't trade as a financial company, it's a real, it's for the convenience of conveyancing, because other than that each transaction would have had to come back to council for a Section 183 disposal notices and it just wouldn't work, it would be clogged up with disposal notices in here. So, it's not a committee.

CLLR CREAM: I have read the history and the purpose of that, I understand. It was more so around the democratic aspect of it, there is two - democratic aspect of it. There is, like every other company, and partnership companies as well, is it open to new members and also if it isn't or is to know why not? It might be like you were saying just for ease of getting the work done, but equally when does it meet? Are there minutes of those meetings? Because I suppose commercial citizen is an issue, for me I need to be aware of where is being discussed and who is discussing it and for the next meeting if that could be put on the agenda.

CLLR WHITMORE: Thank you, chair. Just in relation to that, is it possible each time that a transfer occurred that Greystones District are notified. We have been asked, we ask for updates every month and sometimes it's quite limited in what we get, but we never know, even the phasing of it and my understanding is this company essentially a phase is complete, is that right, that it transfers it over. Is it possible we get notified when that transaction happened as such at district level, because since that committee is set up the District Council has received no notification about what has happened?

>>: It's not a...

CLLR WHITMORE: Or a company.

SEAN QUIRKE: It doesn't transfer in the way you think it does in phases or anything like that. It's signed off, the transfers to each individual is signed off by the company, so [INAUDIBLE] Section 183 is done here. Now, I would have to do a bit of research as to whether we can release the names because it's a designated activity company and you are talking about releasing the names then to a Municipal District, so I am just not 100% clear whether we can legally do that.

CLLR WHITMORE: Each time a 183 is conducted.

CATHAOIRLEACH: There is no.

CLLR WHITMORE: Or the equivalent. This was set up so there is no need for 183s but yet the district council is not being informed when any transfer or transaction happens or any.

SEAN QUIRKE: Is the information you are looking for who is buying the houses?

CLLR WHITMORE: No, is it done on a house by house basis? So even if it was X percentage, even if we get percentage of transfers.

SEAN QUIRKE: Sales. That is in the report of the Municipal District, they usually put that into the report of the Municipal District, the number of sales.

CLLR WHITMORE: As a percentage of the entire?

SEAN QUIRKE: Well that is only a fraction.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Can I just say, is this something that could be discussed at the Municipal District meeting?

SEAN QUIRKE: Just to get back to Councillor Behan, the nominations were made by the Council, it wasn't the committees, that was the decision at the time.

CLLR CREAN: That is not up for review?

SEAN QUIRKE: Unless one of the directors wants to resign we will nominate someone else.

CLLR CREAN: Just asking.

CLLR MITCHELL: The directors have a very good involvement of with the running of this company and there should be an annual report which maybe could be public, summarises what has been done in the year and if we haven't really, if that hasn't happened I think it would be a good idea. Really the only pieces of land that were transferred to this company were the ones directly being sold to the final customers of the houses and apartments, so as I understand it, the public land, etc, was not transferred to this company and so it's only the ones which each individual is going to pay money for to be his home, if we want to get someone to spend 70 million on the sea walls there has to be some guarantee they could sell the properties to that, while at the same time we didn't want to give the long-term freehold which you would have to give to houses for the harbour to a private company, so the land was segregated and given to this company, with the idea that it would be given a potentially freehold to those that paid the money for the houses and it wouldn't be giving the freehold of the area to the company which built the sea walls and the harbour facilities.

SEAN QUIRKE: The idea of the special purpose vehicle company came

up as part of the debate and basically the bidders didn't want a situation where sales would be held up in August when there is no meeting of the council or they didn't want to wait, you know, they will be waiting on Monday to sell the houses, so they wanted a mechanism that would allow them to complete the sales and this is the mechanism. It's not terribly complicated, there is no financial transactions in it, but it came up as part of the bid process. They needed certainty there wasn't going to be any political in inverted commas, process that would be going to frustrate their sales.

CLLR BEHAN: Cathaoirleach, a number of councillors at the time expressed reservations about that whole process, because what it effectively are doing is selling off public property, however I compliment Mags Crean for raising something very fundamental is that two members which were put on that SPV by a previous council seem to be there as a personal right, because it's, as Mr. Quirke has said they can stay on it as long as they want until they decide they don't want to be on it anymore. That most definitely would raise questions about the democratic accountability of two people nominated by this democratic body and I furthermore say it could raise questions about the legality of any more sales that are going to happen under that particular company, if the two people that the Council nominated didn't come before this body for ratification. I certainly think that should be examined, I think we should be getting legal advice on this.

I compliment Cllr Crean for spotting this as a new councillor. We should not have a situation where a previous member or a member is a member as of personal right. They are only a member because a previous council voted for them at that time. At the very least that should have been ratified it should have come up on the agenda. I didn't spot it at the time, but now it's been mentioned I don't we can ignore it and I think we should get legal advice on it.

SEAN QUIRKE: The members, the directors of that company that comes with its own responsibilities the same as the directors of any company. They were nominated by the members of the Wicklow County Council and agreed by the members at the time. I don't think we would have a situation where you would be changing directors every year or every five years, but look it, if there is people who are interested in being directors of the company and some of the members want to step down, that is matter for yourselves and there isn't, as I say, there is no remuneration for being a director of the company, there are no financial transactions, it's merely a conveyancing tool, but if the members want to step down and members want to nominate someone else it's a matter for them, but I would be wary about questioning the legality of the company and the legality of transactions that have happened to date or that might happen in the future because that could have a lot of implications for everyone.

CLLR BEHAN: Sean, you might be wary about it, but the point is an important issue has been raised as to whether these members are nominated by this current council and they are not. In my opinion they should be.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Can I say that a similar situation had previously arisen in the Wicklow Enterprise Park where people who have been nominated by Wicklow Town Council remained on it even though they were no longer members it took with a change in the memorandum and articles of the company to get that changed, which happened after nine years of that, so it is, it is what it is up to, until you get the memorandum and Articles of Association changed, so I suggest the board members actually talk about it and come back maybe and discuss it at the next meeting, but it's something that the board should be looking at themselves from a governance point of view.

CLLR WHITMORE: Sorry, just on that, chair, my understanding is Wicklow Tourism that each of the public reps that are elected on to that are also directors of the company, is that correct?

CATHAOIRLEACH: It depends what is written in the memorandum and Articles of Association. That was the difficulty with Wicklow Enterprise Park and they changed theirs, so this company would have to do the same. Now, Colm Lavery, in relation to the water results and the LIS.

COLM LAVERY: Just in relation to the local improvement scheme, unfortunately as you know, the local improvement scheme was to carry out improvements to private roads and as such the agreement of all the landholders is required to allow works to be carried out on privately owned property. I can understand the frustration where if there is not agreement to do that and unfortunately then the council can't, if you are on, they can't go on to privately owned land without the permission for the works to be carried out by the landowners. Unfortunately other local improvement scheme projects do go ahead where there is full agreement by the landholders.

In terms of Cllr Mullen raised the issue of the public water scheme and communication with Irish Water, they were to update in relation to the progress, the Irish Water have applied to the HSE to lift the boil water notice, unfortunately the EPA has requested more results on nitrate levels are made available before they accede to that request. A new nitrate level was commissioned last week and they want to test that following on from the commissioning of that filter. So hopefully in the very near future we will see the do not consume notice lifted, maybe while I am at it, just to update on Avoca as well, we are very close to applying to get the boil notice water lifted. The EPA raised issues in relation to the ultraviolet sensors on the plant, which the contractor has serviced last week, so following on from updated results after the servicing of the UV treatment we should be in a position shortly to apply again to get the boil water notice lifted. In terms of communication with Irish Water I suppose this is an issue that comes up, particularly around issues such as do not consume and boil water notices and how much information and how up to date we are kept.

I can assure you in the background that at official level we are in constant contact in relation to progress, but also Irish Water do offer clinics, normally four clinics per year for councillors in Wicklow. I know it's probably been a while since one was held in Quarter 1 of this year. They also have a

dedicated email and phone number for councillor and reps to make contact and again in relation to these two issues in Kiltegan, we requested that members so wish they could attend a future meeting at the Municipal District to brief on the update, but hopefully events will overtake that and we will have the noticed lifted in the near future.

CLLR O'NEILL: Just on one point, it's a privately owned, it's right away, the three laneways that are being objected to are being objected to by one or two individuals, of right of ways, you and I can walk these lanes any day of the week.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Maybe that is for the Municipal District? To bring them.

CLLR O'NEILL: The engineers are as frustrated as I am with the fact that they want to do these lanes, there are people on these lanes who are seriously elderly people can't get in and out of their home. They are right of ways and a lot of the land says seemingly so, that is what I want to check out, one individual can say no, there was one lad, on environmental grounds he said the Tarmacadam wasn't environmentally friendly. A lad came down from Dublin living there for ten years, he put a stop one lane, there is people trying to get in and out of these rural roads but it's right of ways we are talking about, it's nothing to do with these people. It's nothing to do with them. This is going on and on and the engineers are as frustrated as Gerry O'Neill and other councillors in our area and what we want to do is once of all nail this, that people, because people are paying their money upfront and even if an individual doesn't want to contribute to the scheme and on the three occasion I know, they are not even being asked to contribute, other people are doing it for them, yet they put the heels in and they say it's environmental not friendly on the Tarmacadam laid, I would like to see this carried right through, a solution to this, because as I say, it's right of ways it's not right of roads.

>>: I can understand, Councillor, the frustration where there is objections to works being carry out and the engineers do share your frustration and there is a lot of logistic engineer meetings with management.

In relation to the particular circumstances we will look into those and see what the objections are and whether they can be progressed, but again where there is not full agreement to carrying out of works, it's very difficult and in relation to carrying out the works.

CLLR O'NEILL: I fully understand what you are saying, if it's the law of the land, it's another land, it shouldn't change.

CATHAOIRLEACH: To consider the Wicklow County Draft Strategic Policy Scheme.

ADMINISTRATOR: The statutory basis for the establishment of SPCs in the local Government Act. It was circulated with the draft SPC and the cover note on the 26th of June. The committees are as follows:

So, the draft scheme separates out the functions of the SPCs. SPC meetings and procedures, proposal number and configuration, proposal sector and the number of representatives from each sector

for the committee. Principles applying in relation to the appointment of members, representatives and the nomination process. So the corporate policy group, at their meeting this morning considered the SPC scheme, so they made one amendment which is on page 6 of the scheme and they have circulated it before the meeting, so it's the configuration scheme, climate, biodiversity and climate biodiversity SPC and additional members not including the pharma sector.

So, if the members adopt the draft scheme today, as circulated, it's proposed then to commence the process in relation to the process to allow for organisations to comment on the scheme, as well as we write to each individual elected member, seeking an indication of their preferred SPC. Public notice will also be given to the effect that the Wicklow County Council has considered a draft scheme and is invited submissions from interested parties. At the conclusion of this process then we will revert to the elected members at the meeting of the 2nd of September to finally adopt the SPC scheme, having considered the submissions received over the summer and then we will be writing out the PPN and the national ski stakeholders to nominate - key. The elected representatives as set out in the adopted scheme.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr Matthews wants to propose and Cllr Behan.

CLLR BEHAN: I want to ask a question, are these the updated guidelines from the Department or are we expecting another in the future?

ADMINISTRATOR: We worked on the guidelines. The guidelines that were worked on, this is the 2014 scheme but we have had regard to the draft guidelines that come down from the Department which don't deviate really from the original ones. We are proceeding, as all other local authorities are doing, we are not waiting.

CLLR BEHAN: Just in looking at the guidelines, one of the points that is made is that they are supposed to be a more informal arrangement than the formality of a council meeting and there is also supposed to be flexibility in terms of the number of people, number of members of any SPC and I would just like that we retain that flexibility when we come to actually making a final decision in September. Like one of the things I see with this and it happens with a lot of stuff coming out from central Government, unless you are a member of a particular organisation or a pillar as they call it, you don't have any rights to be on an SPC. There may well be people out there in the county who might have an expertise or an interest or some point, something they would like to devote their time to and what I would like to say, see is that we would keep open the possibility in the ask, that if there are people out there, if they have a genuine interest and they have some experience of the area, whatever it might be and it's covered by the SPC, that they could express an interest in being considered and we retain maybe two positions on each SPC for members of the public to who are not necessarily members of any particular organisation, just to ensure the democratic accountability goes as far as possible.

CLLR D O'BRIEN: I second that proposal and in terms of people with expertise in research and people from academia and people who have

been informed that the work of the SPC is and bring it to a level where change-making is possible and they can contribute very much to the agenda of the SPC.

CLLR WHITMORE: I agree, I think it's really important as well, these policy groups are really powerful committees as such and I think we need to get that message out in and really tell people what they do as well. I only found out today that the minutes for the SPC are online, I wasn't even aware of that. But it is important, I think most people wouldn't know these bodies exist and they are meant to be the main drivers of policy development within the council and they don't know how to feed into it or get involved in it, it's important that in the next five years we really get that message out to people that they can get involved, what they do, what is involved in the work they do is really important that we explain that.

CATHAOIRLEACH: So I have a.

ADMINISTRATOR: Before we move off that, I want to refer to the appointment guidelines in relation to the appoint of sectoral representatives. So it talks about the principles we should be respecting, the selection of the roles and the guidelines do outline the pillars which are the PPN for the environmental pillar, the community pillar and the social inclusion pillar. Then for the business and commercial you have the business pillar which consists of the chambers of commercial, etc, etc, then also there is the pharma pillar and then the union pillar, so we have to respect those four pillars. It does talk about groups and associations should be active in the area and have a county-wide impact. So when we are reaching out to the public we will be asking for groups, associations and it should be up to new members to go to AGMs. Single interest groups should be eligible, but campaign focus groups and disabled or elderly people, similarly issue groups should not be considered for inclusion in the sector. So if the SPCs are county-wide they shouldn't be single issue focus groups but it is open to the elected members to look at local issues and, for example, the economic development and enterprise SPC did have regard to the west of the county in having a representative from there, so the PPN is the Public Participation Network and the nomination of sectoral representatives is the sole responsibility for each particular sector. But we will leave a window open, but just to.

CLLR BEHAN: If you say they have to be in a sector, or they have to be in an organisation that rules out any individual who might have an interest or a capacity to contribute and all I am saying is, I am not saying anything about those pillars being affected, they can still have their members as agreed, I am saying that we should maintain the option for one or two places for members of the public who we consider might have something to contribute, a lot of people don't want to be in their pillars or organisations, they might have a view that Councillor Whitmore could help us. I don't see why we couldn't put it in, if there are individuals with a particular interest or experience or expertise, please let us know as well.

CLLR MATTHEWS: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, it's within the remit of the SPC from time to time to invite someone in to present to them so I

asked the question this morning of people from academia, the climate change experts out there I would like to see come in on our SPC, the climate and biodiversity. I take Cllr Behan's report that there may be people outside of the group and if we were aware we can invite them to the SPC. It's my experience if you are a member of a group or forum or some sort of organisation you have a commitment to that organisation and you will tend to turn up for meetings. A lot of the time there is committee where people don't turn up. So it does help when someone is part of a group. You shouldn't exclude them and that is open to the chair to provide an expert in, or an expert that any member of the SPC is heard of. So that scope exists within the plan as far as I would be concerned.

CLLR BEHAN: I would still like to propose what I proposed, notwithstanding what Stephen Matthews has said. That could still be done. I am saying give us the flexibility, we can have flexibility and we should exercise that flexibility. I would like to propose it, I think Cllr O'Brien has seconded it.

ADMINISTRATOR: The public notice will look for submissions on the scheme. Once the scheme is adapted here in September then we will be going out for nominees, so we are not looking for nominees, we are looking for, at this point in time, we are looking for comment on the scheme, which includes the make up of the.

CLLR BEHAN: I thought we were adopted in draft form the scheme today. I am saying the scheme should allow for this flexibility. I understood something was being proposed to us as a draft scheme?

ADMINISTRATOR: Correct, just the ordinary... it will go out as is and the submissions will come in and you get another bite of the cherry.

CLLR BEHAN: Can I not have a bite of the cherry today.

ADMINISTRATOR: You have to put something out for public display in accordance with the guidelines.

CLLR BEHAN: As long as we are not ruling out the option that is fine.

ADMINISTRATOR: Five years ago we got submissions from the Simon Community and they were included, which was outside, so it will, you will find it.

CLLR BEHAN: I am talking about individuals now, not groups. Thank you.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay, so Cllr Matthews, do we have a seconder? Councillor Whitmore. To establish the Audit Committee of Wicklow County Council.

JOE LAMB: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. The Local Government Reform Act requires that each council must establish an Audit Committee within three months of polling day. So, as you know, as members here with will be aware, the other committees play an important role, they have a key role in advising the council on financial reporting processes and internal controls on risk management and on other audit matters. The Local Government Audit Committee regulations provide that the Audit Committee shall consist of three members and shall include not less than three external members and not more than two serving or retired elected members. Nominations for appointment to an Audit Committee shall be made by the corporate policy group to the Council,

following consultation with the Chief Executive. Appointment of members of an Audit Committee is a reserve function the outgoing committee advised Mr. Tom Cregan, former regional manager of FBD Insurances,... Miss Mary Savage, Councillor Edward Timmins and Councillor Gerry Walsh. The outgoing committee were extremely active and met five, six times annually. Over the last five years a committee presented their Annual Report to This Council, generally during the first quarter of each year and that Annual Report set out and detailed their very busy workload. Just to give you a flavour of the type of work programme that the committee is engaged in, they were involved in periodic meetings as required by statutory regulation, consideration and approval of the annual audit plan, dedicated meetings with members of the management team, an annual training day that they each had to sit in on that.

Consideration of the internal audit reports, including those prepared in connection with the public spending code, consideration of reports issued by the National Oversight and Audit Commission, NOAC for short.

Consideration of relevant department and value for money reports. Review of the annual financial statement and meeting with the Local Government Auditor and consideration of the Statutory Audit Report. I, in preparation for this I made discreet enquiries of the outgoing five members of the committee who all meet the criteria and have the skill sets set out in the various regulations. They have all agreed to allow their names go forward for a further period unless there are other nominations. The matter was listed as was required to be done for consideration by the corporate policy group, just before lunch. I think, Cathaoirleach, the corporate policy group agreed to nominate the outgoing members for consideration by this council unless of course there are other nominations coming from.

CLLR BEHAN: I want to nominate Councillor Mary Kavanagh who has a lot of experience in the financial sector and would be an excellent member of the Audit Committee and if she is willing to serve I would like to propose her.

CLLR SNELL: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. Again it was discussed this morning at corporate policy and I think the three people we have from the general public are excellent candidates and they have been here for a number of years and the one thing about this is that every member of this chamber gets an opportunity to question the Audit Committee every year. I said it this morning and I say it again, they are very open and transparent and I do believe that there won't be too many people out there in the public domain, but their expertise and who will volunteer to come on to that committee, in regards to the public representatives, it was indicated this morning that one they were prepared to stay on and hopefully two, but certainly the Audit Committee have done a Trojan job and I fully support them.

JOE: Do I have a seconder for Councillor Kavanagh?

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr Snell.

CLLR BEHAN: Sorry, Cathaoirleach, we are not saying that we are going to restrict a member of the council from being on the Audit Committee by having a vote? Like, what we should be doing here is making sure that public elected representatives are on the Audit Committee and if there are two places left, if three members of the council want to be on that committee they should be on the committee and if there are two outside people after that, they can be added in and we can vote on which two we want. We are surely not saying that an independent elected public representative has to be kind of compete against someone from outside the council to be on the Audit Committee. I don't think that is good enough, Cathaoirleach, I am proposing that the three councillors, the two who were and Councillor Kavanagh should be on the committee, first of all, then we can fill the other two positions.

CLLR SNELL: In conjunction with the three people were the public who have been here for the last ten years. It's a committee of circumstance rather than five.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Can I say we had this exact situation two years ago, or three years ago when I wanted to go on the Audit Committee and Gerry Walsh was proposing and Pat Casey came off it and we weren't allowed three elected members because the regulations lay down that it can be only three outside people and two, say three external people and two internal and that is the way it was two years ago so it hasn't changed. So we this had exact vote three years ago.

JOE: Cathaoirleach, this is up to the members, but the regulations are that the Audit Committee shall consist of five members and shall include not less than three external members and not less than two existing members...

CLLR M KAVANAGH: Can I ask a question, is the period for five years or can we share or is it up to the people whose name is put forward to maybe negotiate whether they would do a shared period or something like that?

JOE: It's not prescribed Cathaoirleach, but it is fair to say it is a special iced committee and there is a lot of reports to read. It takes a while to get up the pace with the various requirements of the position, so I would suggest that if you are to split it that it would be for a minimum of two years, Cathaoirleach, because there is a lot of training, it is specialised and there is loads of reports to be read and it is probably one of the most hard, one of the harder working committees of the council.

CLLR BEHAN: Anyway, my proposal stands, I propose councillor Kavanagh.

CLLR WALSH: I was at a CPG this morning and I replaced Councillor Casey on this committee two-and-a-half years ago now and again in relation to the outside members there, I must concur with Cllr Snell's comments, they were most effective and totally in tune with the council and it was an enjoyable committee to work on and a learning curve from my perspective. I did indicate if there were other members who want to go on in my place I have no problem with that. In relation to Cllr Kavanagh's proposal to share the position I don't know if that is

practical, if it is I would be open to that.

CLLR TIMMINS: Thank you, Chair. I am not hung up about being on this committee, I have been on it for the last ten years, it's not a very good and serious committee. It deals with a lot of very sensitive information, you could be looking at pay roll and recruitment and expenses, so it's, the confidentiality aspect of it is very important and I emphasise that to people when we are deciding what we are going to do and what is possible. As I say, I also think committees like this should be freshened up, there should be a variety of people on it, I have no objection to that at all. But by its very nature, the committee has to be a committee for questions that asks hard questions but equally respects the confidentiality of the office and from that point of view, I have no issue with stepping back or sharing, whatever the members here decide today I have no issue with it.

ADMINISTRATOR: Okay, well, members, we have councillor Mary Kavanagh proposed by Joe Behan and seconded by John Snell. Any other proposers and seconders?

ADMINISTRATOR: Cllr Timmins, are you saying you would prefer to step off the committee?

CLLR TIMMINS: I am not saying that explicitly, but...

CATHAOIRLEACH:

CLLR FITZGERALD: Can we not do a sharing arrangement, surely that is possible? If we can't do that for local Government will get enough of them, so we should be able to share those positions?

ADMINISTRATOR: We will just go through the formal proposers and seconders and then decide on the sharing arrangement.

ADMINISTRATOR: I propose councillor Timmins.

ADMINISTRATOR: Seconded by councillor Flynn.

>>: Gerry Walsh proposed by Pat Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Dunne.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Do the three of you want to sit down and chat with Tom Fortune and work out the sharing arrangement? Okay. To receive the presentation on the Local Community Development Committee and to consider increasing the number of elected members on the LCDC from three elected members to four elected members which was agreed on the annual general meeting on Friday 7th of June. Director Michael Nicholson.

MICHAEL NICHOLSON: Thank you, Cathaoirleach. I am going to give a presentation on the LCDC, but just before I do that, just to remind the members what happened at the AGM. The LCDC has 19 members, we have ten on the committee side and nine on the public side.

On the public side of those nine three of them are elected members. You agree that the AGM to increase that to four, which you are entitled to do, which means I have to drop some other non-elected member from the public side. I have circulated to you a revised list of the LCDC make-up and I have brought this to the CPG this morning to endorse it, so I know you have that yourself as a fully elected council. I also agree this morning CPG that I would come up with a mechanism to better inform the wider elected members of

the activities of the LCDC, we do put a piece in the monthly Chief Executive report, but the feeling was that it doesn't give enough detail of what the LCDC does. So I will come up with a mechanism whereby I will give you a better report every month of what exactly the LCDC does. I am constrained somewhat in what information I give and a lot of information is of a confidential nature, but I will find a mechanism on giving you a better report every month, aside in what you are getting. So if I could have a proposer and an agreement to the make up it would be appreciated.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Proposed by Dermot O'Brien and seconded by Anne Ferris.

>>: Is that agreed? Thank you very much.

CLLR SNELL: Fully agree with that, but just for the record, in regard to the directors giving an indication that he will go to the PPP or PPN in regard to representatives from east Wicklow, because east Wicklow is not represented on the LCDC. Two elected members from Arklow district and we have two from Bray, one from each district of Bray, it's just to make sure that is something that will be followed up on. Thank you, Cathaoirleach.

>>: Yes, that is, I suppose in the IT world, you would probably have one member from each, but it hasn't worked out like that, I have agreed, with one vacancy on the community side so I have asked, I whether ask the PPN to try and pick someone from the east, sorry the west of the county, because the west is... [INAUDIBLE], or the east, sorry, the east. Okay, so I am going to give a preparation, there is a lot in this. This will be new to the new members, some of the other members will have seen it before. This will be circulated to you after the meeting, I don't expect you to learn it all today. There is a lot in it. We often speak a different language at the LCDC, you have to get used to it, I will go through it as quickly as I can. That is what the LCDC does:

Presentation presented.

>>: I have sent this to you and you can read it at your leisure. Any questions or are you all completely baffled?

CLLR SNELL: Thank you, Cathaoirleach, just a general question in regards to the PPN, how many people are employed through the PPN and are they employed by the County Wicklow Partnership or what way does it work?

CATHAOIRLEACH: Any other questions?

CLLR MULLEN: Just a quick question, you mentioned at the start of your presentation, about the programme, my understanding was it would be a national programme, did that ever happen, I know the arts centre were anxious about it, it doesn't seem to have been brought out nationally?

>>: No, there was supposed to be a national programme, we haven't seen it, I will keep you posted, as soon as I hear you will hear. The

PPN has two employees and they are paid contribution from the Department and a contribution from the county council. The way it's summed up the Department have taken on of staff themselves in Wicklow they were taken on through Ceart organisation and basically we employ them and we recoup Ceart. They prefer it, we prefer it and it works very well, so we have two employees a full time administrator and a part-time assistant.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay. Thank you very much. Michael. Number 11 to ratify the appointment of Gerry O'Neill, Baltinglass Municipal District and Stephen Matthews, Bray Municipal District, and any Municipal Districts not represented on the corporate policy group.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Proposed Cllr Snell and seconded by Cllr Blake.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Agreed. 12, to ratify the 14 elected members to the Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee.

ADMINISTRATOR: They were referred out to the relevant Municipal Districts and they were listed there 1-14, but there is, there are, there is scope for 15 elected members so, I am throwing it out there, Baltinglass has two, all of the other districts have three, it's open to that district to nominate another one.

CLLR BLAKE: Sorry, at the meeting Gerry O'Neill did talk about the fact he was already on it and it was my understanding he was going back on it as a third member of the Baltinglass constituency, but he is not here to verify that.

ADMINISTRATOR: No, the notification from the Municipal District administrator just gave two names because the nomination was for at least two members, so I think that is where the confusion lay, it's open to you if you want to nominate a third member from the Baltinglass district.

CLLR BLAKE: Can we nominate Gerry in his absence.

ADMINISTRATOR: Proposed by Vincent Blake and the seconder, John Mullen.

ADMINISTRATOR: Then the ratification for 15 members.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Can I have a proposer. Aoife Flynn Kennedy and a seconder? Councillor Dermot O'Brien.

ADMINISTRATOR: Thank you very much. Okay, 13.

CATHAOIRLEACH: To ratify the appointment of the following five elected members to the local traveller accommodation consultant committee. Joe Behan from Bray, Lourda Scott, Greystones, Irene Winters Wicklow and Peir Leonard from Arklow. Can I have a proposer? Proposed by Tom Fortune and seconded by Paul O'Brien. Agreed? Okay. To ratify the appointment of three elected members to the Bray area partnership, that is Grace McManus, Aoife Flynn Kennedy and Lourda Scott.

CLLR FERRIS: I propose.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Proposed by Anne Ferris and by Cllr Ryan. The three elected members to the East Coast Drugs Task Force. One John Snell and three Tommy Annesley from Arklow. Proposed by Pat Fitzgerald and seconded by Rory O'Connor. Agreed? Okay. 16 to ratify the appointment of the following five elected members to Wicklow County Tourism Limited Melanie Corrigan from Bray, Gerry Walsh from

Greystones and Paul O'Brien from Wicklow and Patsy Glennon from Baltinglass and Miriam Murphy from Arklow. Proposer? Proposed by Gail Dunne and seconded by Cllr Paul O'Brien. Agreed? 17 to ratify the appointment of the following one elected member to Bray Tourism limited, Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy. Proposed by Anne Ferris. Agreed? 18, to ratify the appointment of the following six elected members to the Greystones/bray Cliff Walk management authority. Melanie Corrigan, Rory O'Connor from Bray, Tom Fortune from Greystones and Derek Mitchell from Greystones and Gerry Walsh from Greystones. Proposed by Dermot O'Brien seconded by [INAUDIBLE]...

CATHAOIRLEACH: Lourda Scott. Agreed. 19 to ratify the appointment of the following two elected members to the Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee, Stephen Matthews from bray Municipal District and Anne Ferris from Bray Municipal District, proposed by Paul O'Brien and seconded by Grace McManus. Agreed? 20 to ratify the appointment of the following two elected members to the Bray Swimming Pool Committee, Anne Ferris and Aoife Flynn Kennedy Bray Municipal District and there is a third person to be appointed?

ADMINISTRATOR: Yes, it's Bray will come up, we will come back.

CATHAOIRLEACH: So if we can have someone to propose the two that are there, Stephen Matthews and seconded by Derek Mitchell. Agreed? 21. To ratify the appointment of the following two elected members to the Ballynagran area. Proposed by Paul O'Brien, seconded by councillor Mary Kavanagh. To consider the appointment of two elected members to Comhairle na nÓg. Cllr Behan.

CLLR BEHAN: I propose Tom Fortune.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Seconded by Cllr Snell. Do we have any other proposals?

CLLR FERRIS: I would like to propose Cllr Grace McManus.

CLLR FLYNN KENNEDY: I second that.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Any other proposals? Okay, well I deem the two of you elected. Cllr Behan.

CLLR BEHAN: Just on 23, if you are finished?

CATHAOIRLEACH: 23 to consider the appointment of four elected members to the Maritime Business Development Group, one from each the Municipal Districts.

CLLR BEHAN: I want to propose Peir Leonard.

CLLR WHITMORE: I second that.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

CLLR CORRIGAN: I propose Derek Mitchell.

>>: I second that.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Sorry, Cllr Snell.

CLLR SNELL: I was just wondering should item 23 and 25 not be put back to the Municipal District?

ADMINISTRATOR: I think, it forms part of the work of the county and both [INAUDIBLE] is considered on today's meeting, if that is a separate to the members.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay, so at the moment we have.

ADMINISTRATOR: We have Peir Leonard proposed by Joe Behan seconded by Anne Ferris, so then we have Derek Mitchell proposed by

Melanie Corrigan and seconded by? Gerry Walsh. That is two.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

CLLR P O'BRIEN: Paul O'Brien I nominate Gail Dunne.

>>: I second that. (Unknown councillor.)

CATHAOIRLEACH: That is Arklow. We need someone from Bray.

CLLR MATTHEWS: I don't know if anyone is interested, we did the first, if no Bray member is interestedly put my named for.

CLLR D O'BRIEN: I will second it.

ADMINISTRATOR: So Peir Leonard, Derek Mitchell, Gail Dunne and Stephen Matthews.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay, item 24, to consider the nomination of an additional elected member to the County Wicklow Partnership committee?

ADMINISTRATOR: Can I say at the annual meeting of the Wicklow County Council, the following two members were nominated Avril Cronin and Paul O'Brien. In addition, they proposed a third nominee and ask that the council write to facilitate the third member which at that time was John Mullen, but now Brian carte CEO has confirmed to Wicklow County Council that we have four places on the board of the County Wicklow Partnership for councillors in Wicklow County Council and looking for us to confirm the names of the nominees at your earliest convenience. We have Cllr Cronin, Paul O'Brien and John Mullen, we are looking for a fourth.

CLLR FITZGERALD: Can I propose, unfortunately he is not able to be here today, but Miriam Murphy.

CLLR P KENNEDY: I would like to second that.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Agreed? Okay, to consider the appointment of five elected members to the county Wicklow Heritage Forum, one from each Municipal District.

CLLR MITCHELL: I propose Aoife Flynn Kennedy.

CATHAOIRLEACH: I will take them as you appear on the screen. So, Patsy Glennon.

CLLR GLENNON: I propose John Mullen for the position in Baltinglass area.

>>: I second that...

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay, all the lights have gone out, so you have stopped proposing people.

ADMINISTRATOR: We have Aoife Flynn Kennedy proposed by Derek Mitchell, seconded by? Melanie Corrigan. Then John Mullen proposed by Patsy Glennon and seconded by Vincent Blake.

CLLR SNELL: Again I would have preferred it was put back, but it obviously didn't explain that, as a sitting member of the county Wicklow Heritage Forum, I think it's a hugely important committee, I think it's probably a little bit disingenuous the way it's happened if we had been given a more of a forum to discuss it. The amount of work that goes on within that through our district, is huge and indeed the chair himself, Noel Keys who was a former chair of the tourism board puts a huge amount of effort into it. I know that really it's been brushed over today, at the last minute, but certainly I want to remain on that committee, if there is no interest coming from that district, but I think we will hear over the next five years about heritage and the

importance of that, but I am disappointed with the way it's been handled through no fault of anyone.

CLLR DUNNE: I propose Cllr Snell.

>>: I second that.

CLLR FITZGERALD: I am going to propose Peir Leonard.

CLLR ANNESLEY: I second that?

ADMINISTRATOR: Just to respond to that, it doesn't appear on the annual meeting, those nominees were appointed during the year so it didn't come on the annual meeting radar, so the heritage officer asked for it to be list add at today's meeting, so that is how that happened.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Maybe for five years' time we will make sure it's on the AGM.

ADMINISTRATOR: We have four at the moment, one from Greystones, one from Baltinglass, sorry, one from Bray, one from Baltinglass and one from Arklow, so we are looking from someone from the Greystones area. So anyone from Greystones area that would like to be on the?

CLLR SNELL: I propose Cllr Fortune.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr Fortune proposed by Cllr Snell and seconded by Cllr Fitzgerald.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Okay we have no notices of motion this month, so, I hope you all have a lovely summer and we will see you in September.

ADMINISTRATOR: Before you go, the 12 member of the protocol committee can you stay here, if you wish to stay here and have your meeting or alternatively you can go to the Wurzburg room.

CLLR M KAVANAGH: A vote will be taken on and it was recorded that 32 people voted there is only 30 members present.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Two absent, 34. It's 30 people voted for it and two were absent.

CLLR M KAVANAGH: Okay because it said 32...

CATHAOIRLEACH: Yes.