

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 3rd
APRIL 2017, COMMENCING 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR P. FITZGERALD, CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLORS T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, T. CULLEN, S. CULLEN, P. DORAN, G. DUNNE, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, , O. O'BRIEN, M. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, B. THORNHILL, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS.

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MR. B. DOYLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MR. T. MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. D. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. S. QUIRKE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. L. FITZPATRICK, HEAD OF IS
MR. M. GEANEY, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. FLYNN, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. L. GALLAGHER, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. H. DENNEHY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. D. MARNANE, A/SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. B. KILKENNY, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. S. WALSH, SENIOR PLANNER
MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. F. KEOGH, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. S. FOX, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MS. J. CARROL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. T. O'BRIEN, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. D. FORDE, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
MS. L. CASEY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. K. BOYLE, TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER**

ITEM NO. 1

To receive the Chinese Ambassador His Excellency Dr. YUE Xiaoyong

The Cathaoirleach on behalf of the elected members, Chief Executive and officials of Wicklow County Council welcomed Ambassador Dr. YUE Xiaoyong to the Wicklow County Council Chamber. He referred to the traditional shared values between the citizens of China and Ireland and the culture of both states. He referred to previous official visits from previous serving Chinese Ambassadors and the letter of intent which had been signed between the Hainan Province of China and Wicklow County Council to promote people to people contact

The Cathoirleach referred to Wicklow County Council having had the privilege of hosting some of the Ambassador's predecessors, in the past, with the most recent official visit being in 2015. He referred also to the letter of intent and collaboration in the areas of science,

forestry, technology and tourism which had been signed by Wicklow County Council and Hainan Province. The Cathaoirleach highlighted the visit by a delegation from Wicklow County Council led by the then Cathaoirleach Councillor John Ryan, to Hainan Province in 2016 and that it was hoped to have a return visit from a Hainan delegation to Wicklow later this year.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the large Chinese population in Bray, Co. Wicklow which share a special relationship with the Chinese Embassy since 2003 when Bray hosted the athletes and families from China for the Special Olympics World Games. Bray Municipal District enjoys encouraging the Chinese Community to celebrate their culture through participation in events such as the St. Patrick's Day Festival and the Chinese New Year. He concluded by saying that there were many opportunities to develop the strategic partnership between County Wicklow and China, to enhance our mutual understanding, respect and friendship and to grow relations between us in the areas of economic development, agriculture, tourism and education. He then invited the Ambassador to address the elected members.

Dr. YUE Xiaoyong gave the following presentation to the elected members.

County Wicklow is known as "the Garden of Ireland". I'm delighted and greatly honored to visit this beautiful county at the invitation of Wicklow County Council. At the outset, I'd like to convey the greetings and best wishes from the People's Government of China's Hainan Province to each and every leader of County Wicklow. Before lunch, Councilor Gerry Walsh, Mr. Fred Verdier, Ms. Annette Rowsome and Mr. Joe O'Connell impressed me deeply with your charming and well-briefed presentations about Wicklow and its people, its achievements as well as its tourist industry, film production industry, and business strengths. In addition, I'm so happy to learn that Wicklow is going to be officially twinned soon with Hainan Province. I would like to take this opportunity, if I may, to share with friends here my views on China's development and the bilateral relations between China and Ireland.

Over the past 30 plus years, China has made tremendous achievements in its economic and social development, which has attracted worldwide attention. The secret of China's success lies, among other things, in its Reform and Opening Up drive initiated in 1978, which is still an on-going process. In the past 39 years, China's GDP has increased by 201-fold from over 368 billion RMB *yuan* to 74.4 trillion RMB *yuan*. China has become the world's 2nd largest economy; it ranked No. 17 in 1978. The total of China's imports and exports per annum has grown from 20.6 billion U.S. dollars to 3.7 trillion U.S. dollars. China's Gross National Income per capita has risen from approximately \$200 to nearly \$8000. Foreign firms have invested \$1.7 trillion in China, while China's outward foreign direct investment has exceeded \$1.2 trillion. China has made significant contributions to the world's economic development. It is particularly worth mentioning that over 700 million people have been lifted out of poverty as a result of China's modernization drive. As President Michael D. Higgins said in his talks in December 2014 with President Xi Jinping, China's remarkable poverty reduction accomplishments constitute a great contribution to the noble cause of human rights in the entire world. This year will see China deepen its reforms, vigorously encourage entrepreneurship and innovation, and promote industrial upgrading and economic restructuring and transformation. We expect China's economy to grow by 6.5% this year, on the basis of \$11 trillion of last year. Such a growth would help create 11 million job opportunities. China will continue to be a major driver for global economy. China is in a new historic transition. We started to implement the 13th Five-Year Plan last year. What is special about the Five-Year Plan, compared with all the others previously is that for the first time we have aimed to put into practice five new grand ideas for development – a better-quality development emphasizing Innovation, Coordination, Greenness, Openness and Sharing. China's door will open even wider to the rest of the world. Just Chinese President Xi Jinping said in his keynote speech in Davos in January during the World Economic Forum, China is

opposed to any protectionism and supports free trade, investment liberalization, with a very positive view on globalization. President Xi called upon all the members of the international community to join hands in building “a community of common future for mankind”, “to make the process of economic globalization more invigorated, more inclusive and more sustainable.” “We should commit ourselves to growing an open global economy to share opportunities and interests through opening-up and achieve win-win outcomes with our partners.”

Ladies and gentlemen, During the 5 years, according to our Plan, China is expected to import \$8 trillion of goods, take in \$600 billion of foreign investment and make \$750 billion of outbound investment globally; Chinese tourists will make 700 million overseas visits. All this will create a bigger market, more capital, more products and more business opportunities for the rest of the world. China’s development will continue to offer opportunities to business communities in other countries, of course including Wicklow and Ireland. In 2013, President Xi Jinping proposed the “One Belt, One Road” initiative, which consists of 2 main components -- the land-based “Silk Road Economic Belt” (SREB) and oceangoing “Maritime Silk Road” (MSR). This visionary initiative focuses on much-needed connectivity and mutually beneficial cooperation between and among countries, primarily between China and the rest of Eurasia. This initiative ushers in a historic new chapter of China’s Reform and Opening-up and international cooperation. Over the past three years, the Belt and Road initiative has received positive responses from more than 100 countries worldwide, including Ireland. I’m delighted that Ireland has become a member of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Its membership application was formally approved about two weeks ago. We will host a “Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation” in Beijing in mid-May. Over 1,200 representatives from more than 100 countries will attend this Forum. Conducting mutually beneficial cooperation in pursuit of common prosperity is a consistent principle of China’s opening up policy. As President Xi Jinping said in his speech in Davos in January, “We will open our arms to the people of other countries and welcome them aboard the express train of China’s development.”

China and Ireland established diplomatic relations on the 22nd of June 1979. In about two years time, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral ties between our two countries. Since then, deep and strong friendship has been forged between our two countries and peoples. In March 2013, during Taoiseach Enda Kenny’s visit to China, our Governments agreed to jointly build a Strategic Partnership for Mutually Beneficial Cooperation. The past five years has witnessed a robust growth in the China-Ireland relations. We have seen frequent high-level exchanges, which are vitally important for leading and guiding our bilateral ties with long strategic commitment and support. Thanks to the efforts of leaders from all walks of life from both sides, friendly exchanges and fruitful cooperation have been conducted between Ireland and China at all levels. In 2016, against the backdrop of global economic sluggishness and world trade decline, the bilateral trade between China and Ireland grew by a staggering 13.75% to 8.1 billion U.S. dollars. Ireland outperformed all the other EU member states in terms of its trade growth with China. Irish agri-food exports to China increased by 10 fold over the past 10 years. China has become the third largest export market for Irish food and beverages, and the second for Irish dairy and pork products. Chinese investment in Ireland has created over 2000 jobs and I believe this figure will continue to grow in the future.

The China-Ireland relationship has enjoyed a sound foundation and a positive momentum, with an even brighter future in store. Since my arrival in Ireland in June 2016, I have been to over a dozen counties and almost all major cities. It appears to me that Irish people take an increasing interest in the development of China, and they genuinely want Ireland to be able to seize the opportunities brought about by China’s continued development and transformation. There is an obvious passion here in Ireland about strengthening and deepening the friendship and mutual trust with the Chinese people. China is the world’s biggest developing country; Ireland is a most dynamic member of the EU

and the OECD with unique features and strengths. Our two countries should support each other as trusted partners; we should work closely together to enhance and substantiate our Strategic Partnership. The potential is enormous and the prospects promising. Let's go all out for it together.

Thank you!

Following the presentation the elected members paid tribute to the Chinese Ambassador and thanked him for making the visit to Wicklow County Council. They referred to synergies between County Wicklow and China and referred to the potential opportunities between the two communities which were echoed by the Chief Executive. At the conclusion of the visit the Cathaoirleach and Chief Executive made a presentation to the Ambassador to mark his visit to County Wicklow. The meeting then adjourned for 2 minutes to bid farewell to the Ambassador reconvening at 2.55 p.m.

Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members expressed a vote of sympathy for the families of the late Mr. Robert Kinsella, Mrs. Mary Byrne, Mr. Hugh O'Brien, Mr. Doney O'Connor, former Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, Mrs. Nancy Hughes, Mr. John Webster, Mr. Laurence Byrne, Mr. Liam Woolley, retired general services supervisor for the Wicklow area, Mr. John Timmons, , Mr. Ned Lynch, former rate collector with Wicklow County Council, to Mrs. Bernie McGuinness on the death of her husband Martin McGuinness, Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland, to Deputy Pat Casey on the death of his uncle Bishop Eamon Casey and to the crew of Rescue 116, Captain Dara Fitzpatrick, Captain Mark Duffy and missing crew members Airman Paul Ormsby and Winchman Ciarán Smith. A minutes silence was observed for all of the deceased.

In response to Cllr. T. Fortune's request to read a prepared statement and that he would be attending Council meetings from here on in under protest, the Cathaoirleach advised that he would be proceeding with the agenda as set out and advised that he would not be taking the statement. Cllr. T. Fortune then withdrew from the meeting.

In response to requests from the floor to discuss matters relating to the High Court case currently underway, it was considered that as the matter was currently before the courts it would be unwise to discuss it in the Chamber. The Cathaoirleach suggested that any questions the elected members would like information on could be submitted to the Chief Executive.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the disposal of 0.2448 Hectares (0.6048 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Ballinameesda, Kilbride, Co Wicklow to Mrs. Jennifer Grogan, Castlewood's, Killinerin, Gorey, Co Wexford in accordance with notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. M. McDonald and agreed to dispose of 0.2448 Hectares (0.6048 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Ballinameesda, Kilbride, Co Wicklow to Mrs. Jennifer Grogan, Castlewood's, Killinerin, Gorey, Co Wexford in accordance with notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider the disposal of 0.2418 Hectares (0.5976 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Ballard Lower, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Mrs. Bernadette Madden,

Ballytore Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 in accordance with notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to dispose of 0.2418 Hectares (0.5976 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Ballard Lower, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Mrs. Bernadette Madden, Ballytore Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 in accordance with notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of 0.02913 Hectares (0.0542 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Kilboy, Kilbride, Co Wicklow to Mr. David Johnson, Penrose House, Redcross Village, Redcross, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed to dispose of 0.02913 Hectares (0.0542 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Kilboy, Kilbride, Co Wicklow to Mr. David Johnson, Penrose House, Redcross Village, Redcross, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of 1.7444 Hectares (4.3105 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Togher, Kilmurry South and Ballyvaltron South, Co Wicklow to Mr. Stuart Sheane, Togher, Kilbride, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to dispose of 1.7444 Hectares (0.0542 Acres) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Togher, Kilmurry South and Ballyvaltron South, Co Wicklow to Mr. Stuart Sheane, Togher, Kilbride, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 6

To consider the disposal of the Council's interest and equity in 14 Tyronnell Close, Inbhear Mór Park, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Mr. David Farrell, 14 Tyronnell Close, Inbhear Mór Park, Arklow, Co Wicklow in accordance with the notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed to dispose of the Council's interest and equity in 14 Tyronnell Close, Inbhear Mór Park, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Mr. David Farrell, 14 Tyronnell Close, Inbhear Mór Park, Arklow, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 7

To consider the disposal of 139 sq ms or thereabouts of ground floor retail premises comprising approximately 103 sq ms and a store comprising approximately 36 sq ms by way of 4 year and 9 month lease at Richmond Hill, Fassaroe, Bray, Co Wicklow to Terry Fegan, 27 Killarney Park, Bray, Co Wicklow in accordance with disposal notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Vance, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Connor and agreed to dispose of 139 sq ms or thereabouts of ground floor retail premises comprising approximately 103 sq ms and a store comprising approximately 36 sq ms by way of 4 year and 9 month lease at Richmond Hill, Fassaroe, Bray, Co Wicklow to Terry Fegan, 27 Killarney Park, Bray, Co Wicklow in accordance with disposal notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 8

To consider the disposal of fee simple interest comprised in Leasehold Folio No. 2621L Co Wicklow being 9 St. Joseph's Road, Blessington, Co Wicklow to Noreen Nugent, 11 Oak Drive, Blessington, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Ruttle, seconded by Cllr. C. Fox and agreed to dispose of fee simple interest comprised in Leasehold Folio No. 2621L Co Wicklow being 9 St. Joseph's Road, Blessington, Co Wicklow to Noreen Nugent, 11 Oak Drive, Blessington, Co Wicklow in accordance with notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 9

To consider report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) in respect of development of 7 housing units on the site of the Old Library, St. Mary's Road, Arklow (report previously circulated by email on 21st March, 2017).

Elected members were circulated with report dated the 21st of March, 2017 signed by the Director of Housing, Mr. Joe Lane, with drawings. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by a margin of 24 votes for, 7 not present and 1 abstaining to proceed with the development of 7 apartment units at the Old Library Arklow, St. Mary's Road, Arklow County Wicklow as set out in report dated the 21st of March, 2017 circulated to the elected members viz:- A vote was taken.

FOR (24)	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G. DUNNE, M. O'CONNOR, S.CULLEN, P. FITZGERALD, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, O. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE AND G. WALSH.
NOT PRESENT (7)	CLLRS. T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, T. FORTUNE, D. NOLAN, J. RYAN, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS.
ABSTAINING (1)	CLLR. B. THORNHILL

ITEM NO. 10

To consider the entering into a Section 85 Agreement with Dublin City Council as the lead local authority to act as the 'Contracting Authority' for the delivery of social houses as a single PPP Contract under Social Housing Bundle 1 Public Private Partnership Programme, that includes the development of 51 units at the Convent Lands Wicklow Town.

Elected Members were circulated with report of the Chief Executive dated the 3rd of April, 2017 and Information Note for Councillors in respect of the Social Housing Public Private Partnership (Bundle 1) dated the 1st of March, 2017. In response to issues raised by the elected Members Mr. J. Lane, DOS confirmed that both he and Ms. B. Kilkenny, Senior Engineer were on the Management Board and would keep both the SPC and the Municipal District up to date. At the conclusion of the discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed that the elected members enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Dublin City Council as the lead local authority to act as the 'Contracting Authority' for the delivery of social houses as a single PPP Contract under Social Housing Bundle 1 Public Private Partnership Programme, that includes the development of 51 units at the Convent Lands Wicklow Town.

ITEM NO. 11

To consider the Bray Head Special Amenity Area Order Draft Management Plan 2017 – 2021.

The Elected Members were circulated with the draft Wicklow County Council Bray Head Special Amenity Area Order Management Plan, 2017 – 2021. Mr. S. Fox advised in relation to the document which was drafted by the Committee and represents the management plan

for the SAAO for the five year period. The plan will be reviewed annually having regard to progress and future events that may impact on the priority of the works. In response to a query in relation to wheelchair accessibility the elected members were advised that a sum of €7,000 had been included in the estimates since 2008 and that it would be open to the members to review it. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Matthews, seconded by Cllr. O O Brien and agreed to adopt the SAAO Management Plan, 2017 to 2021 as circulated.

ITEM NO. 12

To note NOAC Report on Performance Indicators in Local Authorities, 2015

Elected members were circulated with the National Oversight and Audit Commission Performance Indicators in Local Authorities, 2015 report no. 11, November, 2016.

Mr. T. Murphy, Director of Services, gave a brief outline on the report and setting the context. He advised that the Local Government Act, 2014 provided for the establishment of NOAC and its role and the report was published by the Department at the end of 2016. He advised that it was the second performance indicator report, that there were 31 indicators covering a wide range of functions over various Council Department. He said that the results were set out in 28 tables and that the report had been considered by the Management Team, the Audit Committee and the CPG. He concluded by saying that Wicklow County Council performs fairly well, that the report contains some very useful comparative information and is reviewed annually.

The Chief Executive stated that this report is an important document and is an essential piece of work for both the Management Team and the Extended Management Team and it is important that VFM is achieved and that the following item on the Agenda, the Annual Service Delivery Plan are reflective of it.

The report was broadly welcome by the Elected Members and it was agreed to note NOAC Report on Performance Indicators in Local Authorities, 2015.

ITEM NO. 15

To consider the taking in charge of the following housing estates:

- **Avoca Wood, Avoca**
- **Ocean's Crest, Arklow**

Elected members were circulated with report dated the 23rd of March, 2017 signed by Ms. Damhnait McGuire, Executive Engineer, Planning Department. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. M. McDonald and agreed to the taking in charge of Avoca Wood, Avoca. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed to the taking in charge of Ocean's Crest, Arklow.

ITEM NO. 20

To note the Annual Report for 2016 of the LCDC

Elected members were circulated with the Wicklow Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2016 which was noted.

ITEM NO. 21

To note Monthly Management Report, March 2017.

Elected members were circulated with the Monthly Management Report, March 2017 of the Director of Services, Enterprise and Corporate Services which was noted.

ITEM NO. 16

To consider the Chief Executive's Report on submissions to the draft Rathdrum Local Area Plan, 2017 and to consider making, not making or amending the draft plan as appropriate.

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive's report on submission to the Draft Rathdrum Local Area plan, 2017 dated March, 2017. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to defer consideration of the draft plan until the May meeting having regard to time constraints.

ITEM NO. 14

To review the Appointed Stands Bye-Laws for Bray Municipal District (report previously circulated and deferred from meeting of 13th March 2017).

Elected members were circulated with the Draft Bray Town Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws, 2017 and report dated the 2nd of February, 2017 of Mr. Liam Bourke, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following a brief discussion wherein Cllr. M. O Connor suggested that there was a need for the subsidiary rank to be kept clear by the buses after 6pm. He proposed that the subsidiary taxi rank be kept clear after this time and that all cars and private buses who park there be removed which was seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless. It was noted that this matter had already been discussed and agreed unanimously at Bray MD level and it was then proposed by Cllr. S. Matthews, seconded by Cllr. P. Vance and agreed that the Taxi Stand Bye Laws for Bray MD be adopted as presented which was agreed.

ITEM NO. 13

To consider the Wicklow County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan, 2017 (previously circulated and deferred from meetings of 6th March 2017 and 13st March 2017).

DOS Mr. J. Lane presented the Housing Annual Service Delivery Plan.

Mission Statement

'to facilitate the provision of sustainable, high quality, social, affordable and cost effective housing accommodation to meet the existing and likely future needs responsive to the requirements of all categories of persons in the County'

Functional Areas

- Housing Provision & Planning
- Housing Capital Programme
- Housing Improvement & Estate Management
- Social Housing Options
- Special Categories/Target Group
- Corporate Asset Management
- Housing Inspections
- Staff Safety, Health & Welfare
- Financial Management

Performance Goals

- Enable every household in Co. Wicklow to avail of an affordable dwelling of good quality, suited to its needs, in a good environment and as far as possible, at a tenure of its choice
- Deliver a range of housing supports to meet the broad spectrum of social housing need in Co. Wicklow
- Addressing the problem of homelessness

- Deliver sustainable, high quality housing environments for the Travelling Community
- Make specific provision for the housing needs of older people
- Make specific provision for the housing needs of people with disabilities
- Manage, protect and develop the property of Wicklow County Council
- Provide a safe and healthy working environment

Housing Provision and Planning

- Implement national housing policy (Rebuilding Ireland – An Action Plan for Housing & Homelessness)
- Social Housing Assessment
- Work with Approved Housing Body sector in the provision of social housing countywide
- Part V
- Support the work of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Housing Capital Programme

12 schemes progressing under current programme will deliver 97 units (€36m est.)

PPP Scheme being progressed -Bundle 1

Working with Approved Housing Bodies

- CALF Leasing
- CAS
- EOI on Council owned lands

Housing Improvements and Estate Management

- Energy Efficiency and Fabric Upgrade Works
- Maintenance Programme
- Annual Boiler Maintenance Programme
- Rent
- Estate Development

Social Housing Options

- Social Housing Assessment
- Non Direct Housing Provision
- RAS, HAP, Long Term Social Leasing, House Purchase Loans, Incremental Purchase Scheme, Mortgage Allowance Scheme

Special Categories/Target Groups

- Making specific provision for the needs of the elderly and for people with disabilities within the Social Housing Programme
- Homelessness - providing exit strategies and pathways into sustainable tenancies
- Traveller Accommodation – work with Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee - Traveller Accommodation Programme

Corporate Asset Management

- Maintain a register of all Council owned lands in the County (Property Interest Register)
- Ensure all Council owned lands are registered to the Council in the Land Registry/Registry of Deeds
- Maximise the income from Land Lettings
- Ensure all Council-owned lands are properly secured
- Continued upkeep of County Buildings
- Review energy usage in County Buildings

Housing Inspections

- Ensure adequate inspection regime for works/adaptations undertaken for persons with a disability and house adaptations for older people
- Investigate reports of unauthorised alterations to LA houses
- Carry out inspections of PRTB properties (RAS/HAP)

Safety, Health and Welfare

- To endeavour to provide a healthy and safe working environment for all employees
- To promote staff development and ensure staff welfare
- To create a cooperative work environment that promotes a healthy work place with dignity and respect for all

Financial Management

- To monitor and report on all expenditure
- To address overspend on budget
- To follow appropriate procurement procedures
- To provide and maintain appropriate systems that allows for effective management of files

National Performance Indicators @ 31/12/2015

- H1 – Social Housing Stock - 4,878 (includes RAS 501 units)
- H2 – Housing Voids - 49
- H3 – Average Re-letting Time & Cost – 78 properties; 33.74 wks; €1.7m
- H4 – Housing Maintenance Cost - €3.6m
- H5 – Private Rented Sector Inspections – 358
- H6 – Long Term Homeless Adults (as percentage of total number of homeless adult individuals) – 33.93%

DOS Mr. S. Quirke presented the Transportation and Roads Infrastructure Annual Service Delivery Plan.

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- National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Department of Transport Tourism & Sport
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- Public Lighting
- Performance Indicators

Allocations 2017

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	
National Roads	
Improvement	
N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment Scheme	€600,000
HD28 NS Pavement Renewals 2017	€260,000
LA Eng Support B.1.1.	€125,000

Total improvement allocations	€985,000
Maintenance	
NP Winter Maintenance 2017 WW	€40,000
NS Ordinary Maintenance 2017 WW	€68,275
NS Winter Maintenance 2017 WW	€90,000
Both NP & NS	
Support (Maintenance) 2017 WW	€15,200
Support (Winter Maintenance) 2017 WW	€10,000
	€223,475
Total allocation	€1,208,475

National Transport Authority (NTA)	
Other Roads	
Arklow Woodenbridge Shillelagh	€50,000
Boghall Road Cycle	€100,000
Strand Road Cyle	€298,000
Bray Dart interchange	€5,000
Fitzwilliam Square Wicklow	€10,000
PAR Wicklow Train Station	€5,000
Vale Rd Wexford Rd /Main St, Arklow	€60,000
St Laurence's, School Footpath	€100,000
N81 Baltinglass VRU Improvements	€100,000
Strand Road Extension Harbour/Schools	€350,000
Marine Road, Greystones (remedial)	€40,000
Permeability to PT or Schools	€20,000
Total allocation	€1,138,000

Dept of Transport Tourism & Sport	
Non National Roads	
Restoration Improvement	€3,773,889
Restoration Maintenance	€952,823

Discretionary Grant	€1,520,024
Bridge Rehabilitation	€204,000
Safety Improvement works	€310,000
Speed Limits	€100,425
Training	€38,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	
White Bridge 30000	€30,000
Rathdrum	€54,000
Fortgranite Bridge	€15,000
Bay Bridge, Shillelagh	€30,000
Cherrymount Bridge Avoca	€15,000
Rosnastraw Bridge Tinahely	€20,000
Roddenagh Bridge	€20,000
Beech Road Bridge	€20,000
	€204,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works	
Calary Upper, Roundwood	€200,000
Church Road/Lane, Greystones	€30,000
Main St, Castlepark, Arklow	€30,000
Adelaide & Florence Rd Bray	€25,000
Avoca	€25,000
	€310,000
Total Allocation	€6,899,661

Total Allocation 2017

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| • Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) | €1,208,475 |
| • National Transport Authority (NTA) | €1,138,000 |
| • Dept of Transport Tourism & Sport | €6,899,661 |
| • Total Allocation | €9,246,136 |

M11/N11 Corridor Study Jct. 4 (M50) to Jct. 14 (Coyne's Cross)

- Draft Report presented by TII to WCC, DLRCC and NTA on 30th November
- Proposals include:
 - Additional lanes
 - Junction improvements
 - Service roads
 - Access closures
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Target for finalisation – end March 2017

Speed Limit Review

- Speed Limit Review commenced in the Summer of 2016.

- Public Consultation of proposed speed limits was completed at the end of November 2016.
- 294 submissions made on the speed limits.
- Review of these submissions is ongoing.
- What next
- Planning to have a report to Each Municipal District with Wicklow County Council Responses to these submissions (by End of March 2017)
- Consider observations from these Municipal District meetings and prepare the Actual Bye-Laws that will be brought before the full Council for adoption.
- Adopted by Wicklow County Council (Hopefully circa April 2017).
- Procure and erect/change signage as required. (2 or 3 month period)
- See new bye-laws commence in the summer of 2017.

Public Lighting

- There are approximately 15,600 lighting units in the county of Wicklow
- Total running cost for these lights in 2016 ran to €1.89 million broken down as follows:
 - Energy accounts for €0.98 million
 - Maintenance accounts for €0.70 million
 - Specific Repair etc accounts for €0.19 million
 - Miscellaneous costs accounts for €0.02 million
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- PUBLIC LIGHTING now accounts for approximately 56.5% of the total energy consumption used by the Council.
- PUBLIC LIGHTING uses 69.8% of all electrical energy that is consumed by the Council.
- Total Electrical Energy Consumption for Public Lighting is in the region of 6,150,700 KWh.

Performance Indicators

- R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI)
- The following indicator will be presented in the performance indicators report:
 - A. The % of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary, (c) Local Secondary, and (d) Local Tertiary roads that have ever received a PSCI condition rating,
 - B. The % of total regional roads that received a PSCI condition rating during 2016 and
 - C. The % of total (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary, (c) Local Secondary and (d) Local Tertiary road kilometres represented by the numbers of kilometres at 31/12/2016 rated in each of the following 4 groupings of the 10 PSCI rating categories; 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 for each road type.

Performance Indicators

R2: Regional road grants works

The following indicator will be presented in the performance indicators report:

- A. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2016 using Road Improvement (RI) grants and the RI grant amount relating to that work,
- B. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2016 using Road Maintenance (RM) grants and the RM grant amount relating to that work,
- C. Kilometres of local road (i.e. total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2016 using Road Improvement (RI) grants and the RI grant amount relating to that work,
- D. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2016 using Road Maintenance (RM) grants and the RM grant amount relating to that work.

Performance Indicators

R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI)

% of total road kilometres that have ever received a PSCI condition rating

<i>Road Class</i>	<i>% Surveyed to date</i>
Regional	96%
Local Primary	96%
Local Secondary	96%
Local Tertiary	67%

% of total road kilometres that received at PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2016 and 31/12/2016

<i>Road Class</i>	<i>% Surveyed in 2016</i>
Regional	86%
Local Primary	23%
Local Secondary	94%
Local Tertiary	64%

At 31/12/2016 the number of road kilometres having a PSCI rating of (a) 1-4, (b) 5-6, (c) 7-8 and (d) 9-10 expressed as a % of total road kilometres in the local authority area

<i>Road Class</i>	<i>PSCI Ratings</i>			
	1-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
Regional	4%	11%	57%	24%
Local Primary	9%	20%	53%	13%
Local Secondary	11%	24%	49%	12%
Local Tertiary	9%	14%	33%	12%

• R2: Regional Road Grant Works	
(a) Length of Regional Road Strengthened	9.44 km
• RI Grant Amount	€983,934
(b) Length of Regional Road Resealed	20.2 km
• RM Grant Amount	€476,939

It was agreed to defer the remainder of the presentation on the Annual Service Delivery Plan, 2017 until Council meeting scheduled for the 8th May 2017.

ITEM NO. 17

Update on proposal to construct an Access Ramp into the River Dargle.

Elected Members were circulated with the following documentation:

1. Report of Mr. Des O'Brien, DOS Planning and Development and Bray Municipal District Manager dated the 30th of March, 2017
2. Drawing number B1282.3 – 7000 Rev 06, depicting the latest development of the Design of the Ramp at River Lane
3. Email from the Law Agent, Mr. David Sweetman dated the 21st February, 2017, setting out the advice in response to email of Mr. Marc Devereux, Senior Engineer, Bray MD dated the 21st of February, 2017 also.

Cllr. M O Connor, in referring to the background to the matter and discussions and presentations at previous Council meetings proposed that the Council seek independent legal opinion on the legality of the Part 8 proposed works in the People’s Park, Bray. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless.

The Elected Members raised the following points/issues:

- Reference made to the revised drawing circulated
- View expressed that notwithstanding assurances given at Municipal District level and at WCC meeting a revised plan was circulated following challenges by the Residents.
- The revised drawing shows less of the park to be included which is welcome
- Reference made to the legal advice in the exchange of emails, and view expressed that the proposal is reasonable and that it would be money well spent to establish an independent view.
- Call for formal liaison to be set up.

Des O Brien, Director of services responded to the issues raised. He advised that a stay had been put on the process at the last meeting until clarification had been received in relation to the ownership of the land and that he was on annual leave at the time. He referred to the drawing which had been circulated which showed that the proposed works are within the CPo line and the public road. He stated that the development was necessary and essential to everyone in the area affected by the River Dargle and that the residents of the area have had a fair say in the Part 8 consultation process. He advised in response to a query from the floor that to obtain outside independent legal advice would cost in the region of €1,500 to €2,000.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. M. O’Connor, seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless and agreed to “seek independent legal opinion on the Part 8 process”

A Vote was taken.

FOR: 6	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. O’CONNOR, M. KAVANAGH, N. LAWLESS, M. MCDONALD AND B. THORNHILL.
AGAINST: 19	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G.DUNNE, S. CULLEN, P. FITZGERALD, P. KENNEDY, S. MATTHEWS, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, O. O’BRIEN, G. O’NEILL, R. RYAN, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH AND I. WINTERS.
NOT PRESENT: 7	CLLRS. T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, D. NOLAN, J. RUTTLE AND J. WHITMORE.

ITEM NO. 18

Update following presentation by Raheenleagh/Ballinvalley Windfarm Group at Council meeting of the 6th March, 2017.

Des O Brien, updated the members in relation to the three elements referenced. In relation to the noise survey, proposals have been submitted by the developer, feedback has been received from the residents and the Council will write to the Developers in this regard. It is proposed that additional noise monitoring will be carried out this week. With regard to legal issues, legal advice is currently being sought. With regard to the complaint re. viewing stand, further inspections have to be carried out to inspect the site and to clarify what the bases constructed were applied for.

The Elected Members raised the following points/issues:

- Additional noise monitoring welcomed
- View expressed that the base referred being used for viewing are very different to bases that would be required for cranes.
- Council officials asked to prioritise inspecting the base stands.
- Call for S160 of the Planning and development Act, 2000 to be implemented for temporary closure.
- Relocation of the stands to another area called for
- Progress with regard to noise monitoring acknowledged, however view expressed that this was an issue of child protection and is to be taken seriously.

Mr. Fergal Keogh, Senior Engineer, Planning updated the elected members further in relation to the matter and as to the current position. The elected members requested that Mr. Keogh meet with the residents in the matter and that the matter be considered again at meeting of the 8th of May, 2017.

ITEM NO. 19

To receive presentation on the National Broadband Plan.

This Item was deferred to 8th May 2017.

ITEM NO. 22

Correspondence

Deferred to the 8th of May, 2017.

ITEM NO. 23

Notices of Motions

Deferred to the 8th of May, 2017

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CLLR. PAT FITZGERALD
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**