

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2016 3PM
WURZBURG ROOM, COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Present: Cathaoirleach John Snell, Councillors Gail Dunne, Daire Nolan, Shay Cullen, Irene Winters, Mary Kavanagh.

In attendance: District Manager Joe Lane, District Administrator David Porter, District Engineer Paul Byrne, Clerical Officer Caroline Lynch.

Cathaoirleach John Snell opened the meeting at 3.02 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD ON 25TH JULY 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gail Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Daire Nolan and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District meeting held 25th July, 2016.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Paul Byrne updated the Members on the coastal protection works at The Murrough. He advised that the project was going well and that only a small number of CB units are still to be put in place out of a total of 600 units. The work is on schedule and should be completed by the original scheduled completion date of mid-October.

Mr. Byrne advised that work had commenced on the footpath to the GAA Club in Rathnew funded by the discretionary fund. He expects work to be completed in a couple of weeks. The path will tie into the existing footpath. The ESB have to move a mini-pillar.

Mr. Byrne updated the Members on the Glendalough/Laragh public lighting project. He advised that the price for option 2 (Brockagh to Lynham's) was back and it is €45,000 including VAT for the public lighting plus €56,000 including VAT for civil works. He suggested doing half of the project using the €55,000 allocated. The NTA project for Brockagh to Wicklow Heather could be incorporated and the two projects could be combined.

The Members discussed these updates. The members unanimously agreed that in relation to the Laragh Glendalough public lighting proposal option 2 is not the option they had agreed when allocating the discretionary funds. The members were disappointed that the cost of the scheme was now much higher than the original estimate provided. Mr. Byrne advised that they would be going against the technical

advice from the Road Department. It was agreed that Mr. Byrne would meet with Declan O'Brien and discuss the issues raised by the members.

The Members welcomed the progress with The Murrough coastal protection works and asked whether an application had been made to the EU for further funding. This query is to be raised with the Engineer in charge. The members also requested that the Murrough area situated immediately beyond the site of the current works be monitored. The members also welcomed the work on the new footpath in Rathnew.

Mr. Byrne referred to some emails from the Members:

- Request to prune the trees in Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town – it was agreed Mr. Byrne would come back regarding this issue.
- Speed ramps on Rocky Road, Ballynerrin near the Montessori school, Wicklow Heights – Mr. Byrne agreed to look at for next year.
- Entrance from Lower Mall opposite Post Office onto the Main Street, Wicklow Town – could a railing be placed? – Mr. Byrne agreed to look into this also.

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT AMENDMENTS FOR WICKLOW MD

David Porter advised that the Roads Department had already circulated the proposed speed limit amendments for the Wicklow Municipal District to all the members and other notifiable parties including the Gardai. Any draft amendments should be submitted directly to the Roads department as soon as possible. Once these amendments have been considered it is proposed to proceed with the preparation of a draft set of byelaws which will then be circulated during a public consultation process. It is hoped to run this public consultation process before the end of the year.

CIVIC RECEPTIONS - EVENTS

The Members unanimously agreed to honour Wicklow Rugby Club on winning the Provincial Towns Cup in May and also Wicklow Golf Club on winning the Provincial Towns Cup. They all remarked on the unique achievement as no town has ever held both Provincial Towns Cups in the same year. It was suggested that a joint civic reception be held in county buildings after the next Municipal District meeting on 24th October.

REVIEW OF PARKING BYE-LAWS

David Porter advised the Members that four Municipal Districts, Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Wicklow are working to combine the parking bye-laws so that there will be one overall set of Parking Byelaws for the county. Each town will continue to have the same rates. He suggested that as soon as the draft is prepared the members might like to meet to discuss same. It is intended that the draft bye-laws will go on public display in October. The Members asked if all the information on the parking machines could be updated. Mr. Porter advised that new stickers have been ordered informing the public of the two hours free parking on a Saturday and free parking all day Sunday.

LARAGH/GLENDALOUGH NTA FUNDING

David Porter advised that Margaret Hartnett, Senior Executive Engineer, has confirmed that the scheme that falls within the €100,000 allocated by the NTA is the scheme at the R756 School Church junction and the Roads Department intend to proceed with this scheme subject to NTA and landowner approval.

TOWN HALL

David Porter advised that the building is almost cleared. To date 330 bags of shredding have been removed and approximately the same volume of recyclable materials. 160 boxes of documents have been moved into storage. The project team involved in the new financial module will take up occupancy of the second floor soon, once some works have been carried out. New desks have been ordered, wi-fi has been installed and a fire safety check has been carried out. The Members enquired if the ground floor will be occupied. Mr. Porter advised that it is the Chief Executive's decision on who will use the ground floor. The Members suggested it would be ideal as a museum. They thanked the staff for their hard work getting the building in order.

BURIAL GROUND

Wicklow Municipal District's representative on the sub-committee Cllr. Gail Dunne advised the Members that the September meeting was cancelled. He suggested that the Members email him any queries and he will forward them directly to Helena Dennehy, Senior Executive Officer, Water & Environmental Services. The Members remarked that Rathnew Cemetery is not being properly attended to. They requested a copy of the policies in relation to graveyards/burial grounds. It was asked why the cost of a plot in Rathnew is €175 more than any other cemetery in the county.

CORRESPONDENCE

David Porter advised of the previously circulated Town & Village Renewal Scheme. The closing date is 30th September. The Members disagreed with the population for Wicklow Town. Mr. Porter advised that Wicklow Town is excluded on the basis of the population in the 2011 Census. However, Newtown, Rathnew, Ashford, Glenealy, Laragh and Roundwood are eligible. The projects must be shovel ready as the money must be spent by the end of the year.

Mr. Porter advised that an application was received from Mrs. Danni Halal with regard to a twinning project. The town Mrs. Halal represents is 50 minutes outside Paris, Due to the fact that Wicklow Town is already twinned with Montigny in the same region the members agreed that WMD should decline this application.

Mr. Porter advised he had contacted Joe O'Sullivan from NTA to check if the 2014 application for bus shelters is still valid. Mr. O'Sullivan confirmed that they are on the list

but could not indicate a timeframe. Cllr Nolan requested a copy of the response from Mr. O'Sullivan.

The Members raised the following issues:

- Disability parking space at the Murrough car park – to be done when line markings are being carried out.
- Dumping at High Street, Wicklow Town.
- Bins to be installed on behalf of Glenealy Tidy Towns.
- Lack of accessible footpaths Rathnew/Wicklow Town in relation to disabled access to buses.
- Road markings needed or upgraded.
- Naming of new estate on Marlton Road – Marlton Vale.
- The footbridge in Wicklow Town had a piece removed by the Fire Services to release a child who had got stuck. Paul Byrne advised that this will be repaired.
- The unveiling of the 1916 commemoration in Wicklow Town. It was suggested this is done next month. One member has been approached by a non regional group to perform a piece of music written to commemorate 1916.

The meeting closed at 4.51 p.m.

SIGNED:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

SIGNED:

CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE:
