

## **MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING**

***TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 17:00 P.M.***

***WURZBURG ROOM, COUNTY BUILDINGS***

**PRESENT:** Cathaoirleach John Snell, Councillors Gail Dunne, Daire Nolan, Shay Cullen, Mary Kavanagh.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Manager, Joe Lane; District Administrator, David Porter; District Engineer, Paul Byrne; Senior Engineer Housing, Breege Kilkenny; Assistant Staff Officer, Catherine McCann.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Irene Winters.

Cathaoirleach John Snell opened the meeting at 17:05 p.m.

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gail Dunne and seconded by Cllr. Shay Cullen and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Daire Nolan and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

### **CONVENT LANDS**

Breege Kilkenny, Senior Engineer Housing, up-dated the meeting in relation to the proposed social housing development at the Convent Lands. The Design Team have had to make changes to the proposed entrance road due to the steeply sloping nature of the site. The proposed road from Crinion Park would have a gradient of 1 in 7.5 and current design road design standards recommend no more than 1 in 10. Therefore it is now proposed that the access to the site be from the top i.e. through the Broadlough estate.

It is hoped to provide pedestrian access to the site under current design standards that would be disability compliant.

Breege Kilkenny informed the members that the purpose of her attending the meeting was to keep them informed of developments in relation to this site. The Senior Engineer advised the Members that the Scheme should proceed as planned to Part 8 Consultation Process Stage in February 2017. The Members agreed that the Scheme should progress as designed to Part 8.

Breege Kilkenny left the meeting at 5.19 p.m.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Paul Byrne presented the District Engineer's Report:

### **Coastal Protection Works**

The works are now substantially complete. There are some small remaining items, for example, the lifting holes on the pre-cast concrete slabs need to be sealed and the railings on the steps to the beach are being fabricated at present. Grass seed has been sown.

The Members expressed concern in relation to a channel/trench which exists in the area that is used by the public for wheelchair access. Paul Byrne advised the Members that this is just another access point for machinery and the ground will be reinstated when the final works are completed.

Mr. Byrne informed the meeting that Senior Engineer, Marc Devereux, would be following up on any further coastal protection works that are required at The Murrough.

### **Glendalough Laragh Public Lighting**

The District Engineer informed the Members that the lighting columns have been delivered; however, there is a delay with the delivery of lanterns. Mr. Byrne hoped that the 32 lights should be connected in early 2017.

### **Newtownmountkennedy public lighting on R772 near Coillte Office**

Mr. Byrne advised the Members that the Municipal District is currently awaiting delivery of lanterns for this Scheme and he estimated that works should be completed by January 2017.

### **Up-date on Discretionary Fund Footpath Works**

Regarding the construction of the footpath at Centra, Rathnew, and the District Engineer informed the Members that ESB Networks would be moving the mini-pillar this week and works on the footpath would be completed in full shortly thereafter.

### **Laragh-Glendalough NTA Funding**

Mr. Byrne advised the Members that surfacing works would commence in the next week and was on target to be finished before Christmas 2016. The Members said that there was concern about School children running from the school down to the pedestrian crossing. The District Engineer informed the meeting that a barrier would be put in place to prevent children running out onto the road.

The Members highlighted an issue with buses turning at this location. Paul Byrne advised that a computer analysis and full scale test of four buses had been carried out and that there were no problems with buses turning at this section of road.

### **Emergency Repairs to Road at Multi-Metals Site**

The District Engineer advised the Members that the District had carried out repairs to the public road outside Multi-metals; a leaking water main had also been repaired. The Councillors said that this was a very dangerous section of road and they commended Wicklow Municipal District on the repairs.

The members were also pleased that the disabled parking spots at the Murrough had been moved.

### **Review of Parking Bye-Laws**

The District Administrator informed the Members that a draft copy of the parking bye-laws and Schedules had been circulated to each District. The Schedules are unique to each Municipal District. Each draft proposal must be considered by the Municipal District and subsequently approved by the full Council.

Mr. Porter recommended that the parking bye-laws be included as an item on the Agenda for the January meeting and suggested that the Members hold the January Wicklow Municipal District Meeting in mid-January as this would allow the Members to discuss the Schedule before it is presented to the full Council Meeting. The Cathaoirleach asked the Members put forward any suggestions they have which will assist the Review of Parking Bye-Laws being adopted at the full Council Meeting.

The Cathaoirleach requested a breakdown of the use of the car parks in Wicklow Town.

### **Flag South-East Programme**

David Porter advised the Members that the South-East FLAG scheme covers 100km coastal strip of Counties Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford. Mr. Porter had circulated the Members with details of the Programme in the event that they had suggestions regarding any applications that may be relevant to Wicklow, i.e., infrastructure up-grades, harbour amenities, etc.

The Councillors put forward suggestions regarding the Cliff Walk, Brittas Bay, The Murrough, Wicklow Harbour and The Black Castle, Wicklow Town.

The Members asked for costings in relation to infrastructure works at Brittas Bay. The District Engineer informed the meeting that he would draw up an approximate guide as to what funding would be required.

The Cathaoirleach asked the Members to make any submissions or suggestions by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

The District Administrator informed the Meeting that expressions of interest for the Programme would initially be made by Wicklow County Council on behalf of interested outside parties and community groups, such as fishing clubs and rowing clubs etc. But that the formal application might well have to be made by the interested party.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Estate Development Grants**

The District Administrator informed the Members that 24 applications had been received in relation to Estate Development Grants. The Grant is available to Council estates or estates with a number of social houses. Mr. Porter advised the Meeting that €8,000 has been made available to the Wicklow Municipal District to distribute amongst residents groups.

The Members stated that they had not received any notification about the availability of the grant and asked if the timeframe for the grant applications could be extended.

The District Manager explained to the Members that, unfortunately, due to staff shortages, the advertisement of the grant had been extremely rushed. However, he did emphasise that it would be the Members who would decide on the allocation of the monies.

The District Administrator pointed out that money will not issue to Residents' Associations until early 2017.

### **Glor na Casca 1916 Commemoration – Unveiling of Monument**

The Members decided to have the official unveiling of the Monument on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 3 p.m. The District Administrator informed the Members he would place an advertisement in the Wicklow People inviting members of the public to attend. The Cathaoirleach requested that all the groups that had received Community Grant funding be invited to attend. It was agreed by the members that light refreshments will be provided in the Leitrim Lounge after the event.

### **Schedule of Municipal District Works**

The Members sought further clarification from the District Engineer regarding how money, allocated in the budget for footpaths, would be spent, i.e. on footpath repairs or new footpaths.

The District Manager informed the Members that the Schedule of Municipal District Works will come before the members for their consideration.

### **Discretionary Fund**

Paul Byrne, District Engineer, expressed the hope that decisions in relation to projects would be made early in the New Year which would allow for the discretionary works to commence by May 2017.

### **Fitzwilliam Square**

The Councillors enquired as to whether there was any further progress with Fitzwilliam Square. The District Engineer informed the Members that survey stage and design stage were completed. He advised that there was no funding available for construction at the present time.

The meeting closed at 18.35 p.m.

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