

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN MEETING**

**TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015 3 PM
TOWN HALL**

Present: Cathaoirleach Irene Winters, Councillors Daire Nolan, Shay Cullen, Pat Casey

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

Cathaoirleach Irene Winters opened the meeting at 3.04 pm. She asked if there were any apologies. There were none.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGETARY PLAN FOR WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Cathaoirleach Irene Winters summarised the draft budget as €36,000 being the overall allocation. Cllr Winters stated that the current allocation is €6,000 for twinning, €5,000 for economic development and promotion and €20,000 towards the Christmas lights and €5,000 for concerts and festivals. She asked the Members if they had any amendments.

The Members asked if any provision was made for the collection of bins during the summer. Loraine Lynch advised the overall budget must be balanced and this request would be considered as part of that process.

The Members asked if they have to make the decision today. Ms. Lynch advised that the overall figure won't change but the categories can be increased or decreased. The Members do not have to decide on that today. It was suggested that this decision should be made after the County Council have decided the overall budget.

Ms. Lynch stated that the issues with the budgetary process have been acknowledged at national level.

The Members raised the issue of income from the car parks in Glendalough and Brittas Bay. They suggested the Municipal District should have an input into the tender process for the food outlet and parking. Ms. Lynch agreed to make a case that the income from parking should come back to the district. It is the decision of the Chief Executive. She will check the legislation in regard to casual trading. This is a Council responsibility/charge as opposed to a district one.

The Members asked if Brittas Bay and Glendalough are only car parks which are in the Municipal District area that are controlled by the County Council. David Porter agreed to check this out.

The Members asked if the waste water treatment in the upper car park is funded by the car park. Ms. Lynch advised that WMD may get this funding but would also be responsible for the costs associated with the car park.

The members indicated that Glendalough is due to go out to tender this year. It was stated that the council need to come with a pot of money for any redevelopment. The members are concerned that the money collected is not being spent in Glendalough.

The Members discussed the closure of the Brittas Bay car parks in winter. They suggested that the car parks are opened every weekend regardless of the temperature. They recommended that this be included in any new tender.

The Members asked about the parking in Wicklow Town. David Porter advised that the current three year contract has been extended to June 2016 to allow for procurement. The Department are due to publish new national guidelines for Pay Parking and this will inform the preparation of the new tender. Christine Flood and Martin Cook are reviewing the current parking bye-laws.

The issue of €6,000 for environmental or community purposes was discussed. Mr. Porter suggested using the money towards the coastal erosion works on The Murrough. The original estimate for the works was €150,000 and €135,000 has been allocated by the OPW. The works are to commence after Christmas.

The Members agreed to provide two dog foul bins on the Wicklow Port Access Route in Wicklow Town. It was also recommended that some of the funds be used towards the upcoming civic reception. The balance of the €6,000 to go towards the coastal erosion works.

The meeting closed at 3.26 p.m.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

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