

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
MONDAY 27th JUNE 2016 4PM
WURZBURG ROOM, COUNTY BUILDINGS**

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

Apologies: Cllr. Irene Winters.

In attendance: District Manager Joe Lane, District Administrator David Porter, Acting Senior Engineer Transportation & Roads Declan Marnane, Senior Executive Engineer Transportation & Roads Margaret Hartnett, Clerical Officer Caroline Lynch.

Cathaoirleach John Snell opened the meeting at 4.01 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD ON 23rd MAY 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Daire Nolan and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District meeting held 23rd May, 2016.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Paul Byrne advised the Members that he had received a quote from Airtricity for the public lighting project in Laragh/Glendalough and it is considerably higher than the original budget. He said the cost of civil works could be as high as €75,000 if there is no ducting in place and the cost of the light fittings and installation would be €30,000. This would total €105,000 excluding VAT. The amount allocated from the Discretionary Fund is €55,000. Mr. Byrne advised that there is no way to be certain until investigations are carried out. Mr. Byrne will update the members once the necessary investigations have been carried out. Declan Marnane recalled that the footpath was constructed by the Council's direct labour crew about 10 years ago and he believes that ducting was included.

Mr. Byrne confirmed the public lighting in Newtown is going ahead. The price from Airtricity is acceptable. He will check the start date for these works and advise the Members.

Mr. Byrne informed the Members that there was a small saving from the recent road works and he will arrange for some line markings done in Wicklow and Rathnew. He asked the Members if they had any suggestions. They suggested that the yellow

junction box at Delahunt's Hardware needs repainting and new litter bins need to be provided in certain areas of Wicklow Town.

LARAGH-GLENDALOUGH NTA FUNDING

Margaret Hartnett and Declan Marnane updated the Members on this project. They listed the 5 areas of the proposal:

- Entrance way through Laragh at OPW Centre
- Glendalough Green – near the coffee shop
- Junction at Lynham's
- Petrol station – Needs re-configuration and include pedestrian crossing
- Improve the junction at the school and Brockagh Centre

It was agreed by the members that the footpath to the GAA pitch was a priority. The cost estimates for the work are expected from the Consultant on Thursday 30th June. The drawings and details will be sent to the Members before the Part VIII is advertised.

The funding from the NTA must be spent within 2016 and it is therefore vital that only the elements that can be completed within the year are advanced. Legal agreements will have to be reached with the landowners and this could delay the footpath.

The Members thanked Ms. Hartnett and Mr. Marnane for the update. Ms. Hartnett and Mr. Marnane left at 3.34p.m. The Members agreed to have a further meeting once the costings are received.

UPDATE ON MURROUGH COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS

Paul Byrne advised he had met with RPS on site. It is almost 5 weeks into the job and the consultants are very happy with the progress. All the preparatory work is done and installation of the CB units will commence shortly and the rock armour will begin to take shape.

TOWN HALL

David Porter advised that no decision has been made yet. He said that considerable work clearing the building had already been undertaken. Another 2-3 days would be required to clear the remainder of the documents etc. The re-painting of the exterior of the building is now complete and the flower boxes will be installed later this week.

The Members asked Joe Lane to discuss the matter with the Chief Executive.

MURROUGH TREATMENT WORKS

A letter from the residents of Urban Villas complaining of odours from the WWTW plant and pumping station was distributed to all present. The letter included a list of dates up to mid June during which they say foul smells and odours were present. David Porter advised the Members that the contract with, Veolia who operate the plant, was

transferred from Wicklow County Council to Irish Water. He suggested writing to Irish Water. The public should continue to report these odours to Irish Water and advised there is a contact no. on the gate to the plant.

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUB-COMMITTEE FOR BURIAL GROUNDS

It was agreed at the Environment SPC meeting to create a universal policy to deal with cemeteries. It was agreed to set up a sub-committee. Cllr. Daire Nolan proposed Cllr. Gail Dunne as Wicklow Municipal District's representative and Cllr. John Snell seconded the proposal. The Members discussed the problems with the current procedures. They acknowledged the emotional nature of this issue. It was suggested that this should be included on the next agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

David Porter updated the Members regarding the issue of Ballynagran landfill. He received a reply from the EPA. He offered to forward the letter to the Members.

The Members raised the following issues:

- 30 km speed limits in estates – piloted in the estates as previously adopted by the Members.
- Overgrown areas – some areas being cut this week.

It was decided to make a decision about the venue for the next meeting nearer to the date.

The meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

SIGNED:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

SIGNED:

CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE:
