

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 2014
TOWN HALL, WICKLOW TOWN**

Present: Cathaoirleach Pat Casey, Councillors, Pat Kavanagh, Shay Cullen, John Snell, Irene Winters, Daire Nolan.

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

Cathaoirleach Pat Casey opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2014**

Proposed by **Cllr. Irene Winters**, seconded by **Cllr. Pat Casey**.

Cllr. Daire Nolan arrived at 3.10 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Rumble Strips at Cunningham's Corner:

Paul Byrne advised that he has discussed the issue with the Roads Department regarding an alternative to the rumble strips. He is also waiting on a price from ESB in relation to a permanent electricity supply.

Kerbing in Wicklow Town:

Mr. Byrne agreed that the concrete is new and un-slightly but suggested it is left for a couple more months to weather. It was suggested the Council look at funding for footpaths in the new year. The matter of the ACA was raised and **Mr. Byrne** confirmed that kerbs are not mentioned in this document. The work carried out on the footpath was a temporary solution given the number of claims against the Council it was safer to carry out these maintenance works. The use of health and safety equipment was raised. **Mr. Byrne** advised that equipment is supplied to employees but it is up to the employees to wear it.

Netting at the Ballynerrin Playground, Wicklow Town:

Mr. Byrne wonders how frequently incidents are occurring. He stated evidence is required. It could set a precedent if nets are installed at playgrounds all over the county. It was agreed Paul Byrne would get prices and he asked if Cllr. John Snell would forward on the details of the company he has spoken to.

24 Rosehill, Wicklow town:

This matter has been referred to UPC. **Cllr. Irene Winters** confirmed that the UPC cover is not repaired.

Parking at St. Dominick's Road:

Cllr. John Snell has obtained the contact details of the residents. Mr. Byrne advised he will look into it in more detail.

The Members raised the following issues:

Gateway/TUS workers stopped working in Glenealy and Hill View:

Cllr. John Snell seeks clarity on this matter. Mr. Byrne was not aware of this. **David Porter** advised that there is a meeting shortly with SIPTU and this issue should be raised.

Cllr. Pat Kavanagh suggested that the Gateway workers are informed of the biodiversity plan before they commence work in particular dealing with cutting back ivy in graveyards.

Accident at Slaughter Hill:

A cyclist from Bray Wheelers, fell from his bike recently and subsequently died. It was agreed to pass on condolences to his family. The members raised a number of queries about this stretch of road. Mr. Byrne agreed to look at this matter and have a response for the next meeting.

Erosion at The Murrough:

David Porter said a feasibility study of the area is required. It was suggested Irish Rail should have an input and also to look into whether EU funding could be sourced. It was agreed to have a more in-depth presentation for the next meeting.

Annamoe Road Drainage:

The pipe cannot take the water. Mr. Byrne advised one option is to cross the road however the Council would need to discuss with the residents in the area and check the availability of funding.

It was noted that the path from Rathnew to Ashford on Junction 16 is overgrown and that the grass could be cut. Mr. Byrne agreed it would be an ideal job for the Gateway workers.

Sewerage Pump Station, Newtownmountkennedy:

It was noted that there is a huge volume of traffic coming in and out of this facility. An explanation is sought from Irish Water.

Out of Hours Service:

It was commented that the contact numbers in the Emergency Plan were out of service or not answered. It was suggested that this matter be brought up at CPG level.

Flooding at Long Hill:

A request was made that this matter be investigated.

Flyover at Kilmacanogue:

It was suggested that the access to the garage be looked at from a safety point of view. Mr. Byrne agreed to pass this matter onto Declan Marnane.

Traffic around Primary School, Roundwood:

It was suggested speed ramps or other traffic calming measures be put in place and that the NTA would look at an overall scheme.

NPPR money:

This money is to be spent by the end of the year. The Members are aware some of the money must be used to write off the deficit, however it was suggested that perhaps the members could assign some money pending what is decided at the County Council meeting.

Bus Fares in Wicklow Town:

David Porter advised that a letter was sent to Bus Eireann however no reply has been received yet.

Hospital building:

It was agreed to make an informal enquiry into the use of this building which is rumoured to become vacant.

Traffic at new health centre:

The issue of traffic entering and exiting was raised. There is no provision for the extra volumes in the planning conditions. Paul Byrne advised an impact study would have been issued with the planning application.

HILL VIEW ESTATE

A copy of the survey carried out by O'Keeffe Architects was circulated. Michael Nicholson gave a quick overview. He suggested the Members read the survey and the issue would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

SPORTS FACILITIES AND PLAYING PITCHES

It was noted that the Development of Community and Recreational Facilities, Active Open Space and Amenity Space in Arklow, Greystones and Wicklow Through Public Private Partnership report, previously circulated was produced in 2004 and is out of date.

Michael Nicholson commented that land had been an issue in Wicklow Town. It was suggested that a special development contribution scheme be introduced to fund this.

It was agreed that the Members schedule meetings with the individual clubs before council meetings.

UPDATE ON WMD PROJECTS

FCA Hall:

David Porter advised that the State Solicitor had submitted a draft Deed of Surrender. The Council's Law Agent is currently on leave however will look at it on his return. Once checked and amended as required it will be returned and a final Deed will issue for signing and sealing.

Fitzwilliam Square:

David Porter advised the Members of an email from Margaret Harnett. It was suggested a trial run of the new traffic management layout be implemented.

Remembrance Garden:

Michael Nicholson advised that the first phase of the work has been carried out. They are awaiting delivery of the cross. The weather has been too wet to bring machinery into the site.

Playground at The Murrrough:

Michael Nicholson advised that work could commence on 1st December however that would mean leaving the equipment on site over Christmas. He advised work is to start in January 2015.

TOWN HALL

Michael Nicholson advised that he had been showing people around the building. He suggested putting an advert in the newspaper looking for interested parties, putting a panel in place and then making a final decision.

TOWN TWINNING

Michael Nicholson advised that there was a recent meeting with DJ Kenna of the Twinning Committee. He advised the committee are keen to extend to other areas within the Municipal District area. He assured them of their continued support.

CORRESPONDENCE

David Porter advised that he had finally made contact with the NTA regarding the bus shelters. He was advised to make an application by letter supplying the bus stop number, name of the street and a map. The NTA in conjunction with Bus Eireann prioritise the applications based on their criteria and make a decision. Clear Shell erect the shelter and Ad Shell put up advertisements. It was agreed to make an application. This will be discussed at the December meeting.

David Porter advised that the Gardaí replied to his letter regarding speeding on Milltown Lane. They advised they cannot put a speed van on this stretch of road as it is too narrow. However, they would conduct periodic checks.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at 12.30 on 15th December, 2014 in the County Buildings, if available.

The meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

SIGNED:


DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

SIGNED:


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DATE:

15.12.2014