

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2014.**

Members Present: Cathaoirleach Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. T. Annesley, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Sylvester Bourke,
Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cllr. Mary Mc Donald.

Officials Present: Mr. Bryan Doyle, District Manager
Ms. Linda Mc Donald, District Administrator
Mr. Sean Dunne, Executive Technician
Ms Iris Gould, A/Staff Officer.

Item 1 - Confirmation of minutes of meeting of the Arklow Municipal District held on the 9th July 2014.

The minutes of the meeting for Arklow Municipal District held on the 9th July 2014 were confirmed, proposed by Cllr. Tommy Annesley and seconded by Cllr. Miriam Murphy.

Item 2 - Local Authority Housing Supply for the Arklow Municipal District.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald outlined the history of the approval by the Department to purchase 10 houses in Arklow and the current situation. He stated that WCC should buy these houses in Arklow and that this money should not be engulfed into the budget of WCC. A discussion on the 10 houses followed.

Mr Bryan Doyle advised the members that he would convey the message that Arklow should not lose the opportunity to purchase these houses.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald asked Cllr. Sylvester Bourke to arrange a meeting with Simon Harris T.D. on the 30th September 2014 with all the members of Arklow Municipal District.

Mr Bryan Doyle outlined to the meeting the issues with sewage in the Aughrim and Avoca areas which is having an impact on development in these areas.

A discussion took place in relation to the different rates of development levies between WCC and ATC. Mr Bryan Doyle advised the Members that the ATC scheme will be brought into line with the WCC scheme. Linda McDonald agreed to circulate the existing ATC scheme to the Members.

Item 3 & Item 4. -To consider report on applications for funding under the Community & Arts Grant Scheme 2014.

Ms Linda Mc Donald outlined to the meeting the number of applications received and how the funding was to be distributed. The Members agreed the report as set out and this was proposed by Cllr. Sylvester Bourke and seconded by Cllr. Miriam Murphy.

Item 5 - Notice of Motions

Cllr Sylvester Bourke proposed that

“That the Municipal District Council undertake to review the current pay parking system in Arklow Town”.

This was seconded by Cllr Tommy Annesley.

Bryan Doyle acknowledged that it is time for a review in the four towns and that it is being examined presently.

Arklow Municipal District is to advertise for submissions with regard to parking. It was agreed that this item would be listed on a future Agenda to be discussed in greater detail.

Cllr Sylvester Bourke proposed

“That the Municipal District take steps to enhance road safety at all the schools in the South Wicklow Area”

This was seconded by Cllr. Mary McDonald

Linda Mc Donald read the following reply from Jack Kelly District Engineer *“The first step is to set up an accurate list of all the Schools in the Arklow Municipal District and to decide if Crèches and Montessori Schools should be included? Then it is recommended that the Members make provision in the Budget process for a particular sum, which would be used to provide or improve safety in the vicinity of these schools. It is suggested between €20,000 and €40,000 for 2015. Subject to resources the members would decide the priority of these works. The existence of such a fund would not hinder the Arklow Municipal District from seeking funding from other sources.*

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald proposed

“That funds are made available to have a pedestrian crossing put in place in the vicinity of Redcross National School”.

This was seconded by Cllr Tommy Annesley and agreed that it could be considered similarly to the previous motion.

Cllr Miriam Murphy proposed

“That following the completion of the new Civic Offices in September 2015 that the new Chamber be officially named “McElheron Chamber”.

This was seconded by Cllr. Tommy Annesley and agreed that that the new Chamber will be officially named as “The Vincent Mc Elheron Chamber”.

Cllr Pat Fitzgerald proposed

“That an upgrading of the road markings within the Municipal District takes place as soon as funding allows”.

This was seconded by Cllr. Pat Kennedy.

Linda McDonald read a reply from Jack Kelly District Engineer *“It is recommended that the Members make provision in the Budget process for a particular sum, which would be used to improve Road Markings in the Arklow Municipal District. It is suggested between €8,000 and €10,000 for 2015.*

Item 7 - Correspondence.

- Letter received from Arklow Rowing Club requesting funding for one of their members who will be participating in this years' World Coastal Rowing Championships in Greece. It was proposed by Cllr. Tommy Annesley and seconded by Cllr. Mary McDonald to provide €500.00 sponsorship.
- Letter received from Arklow Community Games with regard to their community grant application. It was noted that this application had been dealt with under item 3.
- Following on from the WCC meeting on Monday 8th September an e-mail was received from Sean Quirke, Director of Services for Roads clarifying concerns around the proposed extinguishment of Rights of Way at Johnstown North & South. This was proposed by Cllr. Sylvester Bourke and seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald.
- A Petition was received with regard to Footpath at Beech Road, Arklow. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald advised that this could be considered at the budget meeting.

Item 8 - Any other Business.

- Cllr Miriam Murphy proposed sending a letter of congratulations to Paul Kenny who had participated in the World Special Olympic Games and Philip Kavanagh on his participation in the World Transplant Games.

- Cllr Sylvester Bourke advised the Members that the new bridge at Ballycappel (behind the Tap) is very narrow and residents have complained. It was agreed that this matter would be forwarded to Deirdre Forde in Wicklow County Council.
- Cllr Tommy Annesley advised the Members about traffic issues at The Brook, Lr Main St, South Quay, Bradshaws Lane and the footpath on Riverbank. It was agreed to bring these matters to the attention of Jack Kelly District Engineer.
- Riverwalk - Sean Dunne advised that 4 tenders were received for this work and it is hoped that a contractor would be appointed shortly.
- Cllr. Pat Kennedy advised the group that residents in Ballinaclash are asking for the 15km to be expanded and also enquired about the possibility of a footpath in Avondale Forest Park.
- Cllr Pat Fitzgerald advised the group that Arklow Boxing Club would like to invite the members to view the facility. A date is to be arranged.
- It was noted that an update on the Avoca River (Arklow Town) Flood Relief Scheme had been circulated to the Members.
- A minute's silence was observed following Votes of Sympathy passed for the following:
 - Patrick (Pat) Kenny, Wicklow Terrace.
 - Mossy Byrne, Highfield Ave.
 - Eddie D'arcy, Ballinglen
 - Rosaleen Connolly, Late of Abbey Park
 - Ian Bracken, Johnstown.
 - William (Billy) Bracken, Ballycoogue
 - Aideen Marshall
 - William (Bill) Laughlin, Cherryfield
 - Pat Murphy,
 - Terence (Terry) O'Neill, Annacurragh.
- Cllr. Miriam Murphy noted the success achieved by Arklow and Aughrim in the recent Tidy Towns awards. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would issue to both groups.

Dates for future meetings were confirmed as follows:

Pre Budget Meeting - Wednesday 8th October 2014.
 Arklow Municipal District Meeting - Wednesday 15th October 2014.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Minutes confirmed at Meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2014.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District

Signed: _____

Linda Mc Donald, District Administrator.

