



**Wicklow County Council  
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

**ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014.**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr. Bryan Doyle, District Manager  
Ms. Linda McDonald, District Administrator  
Mr. Jack Kelly, District Engineer  
Ms Lorraine Lynch, Head of Finance  
Ms Iris Gould, A/Staff Officer.

A minute's silence was observed following Votes of Sympathy passed for the following:  
Denis Kinsella Arklow who was a former Councillor, Tony Price Arklow, Mickey O'Reilly Arklow, Kathleen Graham, Margaret Keogh Conary Lower, Tom Byrne Johnstown, John Byrne Moneylands, Willie Lawlor Arklow and Christopher Healy Arklow.

**Item 1 - Confirmation of minutes of the Budget meeting of the Arklow Municipal District held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

The minutes of the Budget meeting for Arklow Municipal District held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were confirmed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Miriam Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Tommy Annesley.

Matters Arising.

- Cllr Pat Fitzgerald highlighted the need for additional Kerbing to be provided in St. Gabriels Graveyard. Mr Bryan Doyle advised the members that he will review the matter and revert back in due course.

**Item 2 – Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of the Arklow Municipal District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

The minutes of the meeting for Arklow Municipal District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were confirmed, proposed by Cllr Tommy Annesley and seconded by Cllr Mary Mc Donald.

Matters Arising.

- The Members were informed that officials will meet with Willie Murphy South East Cycling Club to ascertain what services are required by the Club prior to identifying a site for a clubhouse.

### **Item 3 – Airtricity Contract.**

Cllr Miriam Murphy advised the members of the difficulties she has experienced when dealing with Airtricity with regard to public lighting in the area. It was agreed by the members that a letter should be forwarded to the Director of Roads in Wicklow County Council identifying the issues raised. Linda McDonald to arrange this.

### **Item 4 – Bus Eireann Stops as Shared Facilities – Request for submissions.**

The NTA (National Transport Authority) has requested the Council's views on the proposal to designate Bus Eireann Stops as shared facilities. The general feeling among the Members was that the existing bus stops within the AMD should not be shared until such time that they are upgraded with shelters and lighting. Members were requested to submit all comments to Linda McDonald in order that a submission could be compiled and forwarded to the NTA by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

### **Item 5 – Update from Cathaoirleach on the following meetings.**

- Meeting with Simon Harris TD – Cllr Pat Fitzgerald advised the Members that the Chief Executive has given a guarantee to review the purchase of the 10 houses for Arklow Town. He referred to the huge housing problem in the Arklow Municipal District and the number of homeless. A discussion followed by the members on the constraints with regard to building houses in Avoca.
- Corporate Policy Group - Cllr Pat Fitzgerald advised that there was a discussion about Bray and Wicklow having a full fire service and advised that this is unlikely to take place.
- Transportation, Water & Environmental Services SPC – The Members were informed that information with regard to the Regional Waste Management Plan will be circulated in due course.

### **Item 6 – Notice of Motions**

**Cllr Miriam Murphy proposed that**

**“That Arklow Municipal District upgrades and installs new lighting and look into bus shelters at all bust stops in Arklow. There are some stops with no lighting with a lot of passengers waiting for public transport. There is an urgent need for the people of Arklow”. (Received 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014).** This was seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald. Linda Mc Donald advised that this motion will be included in the submission to the National Transport Authority with a proposal to review all of the nine bus stops in Arklow Town. A copy to be forwarded to Bus Eireann also.

**Cllr Miriam Murphy proposed that**

**“That Arklow Municipal District upgrades the signage on the island at the entrance of Inbhear Mor Park. This needs clear signage for entry and exit out of estate”. (Received 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014).** Jack Kelly in his report has advised that he will arrange for the design of this junction, based on the criterion and will bring it to a future meeting of Arklow Municipal District.

**Cllr Pat Fitzgerald proposed that**

**“Improvement works are carried out to the footpaths and road in Woodview Park, Avoca as soon as funds are available”. (Received 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014).**

This was seconded by Cllr Pat Kennedy. Linda Mc Donald advised the members of Jack Kelly's findings and work will be carried out when funding has been allocated.

**Cllr Pat Fitzgerald proposed that**

**“Works are carried out on the footpaths on the Wexford Road and Main Street Arklow at the earliest opportunity”. (Received 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

This was seconded by Cllr Sylvester Bourke. Linda Mc Donald advised the members of Jack Kelly's report which stated that provision should be made in the Budget to include a Footpath Improvement Program. Cllr Sylvester Bourke informed the members that as Woodview was never completed it should be given priority.

## **7. Correspondence**

- A request was received from Arklow Pride to use the Park/bandstand for a Arklow Christmas Market on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014. This was agreed by the members.
- Correspondence received from Deputy Billy Timmons to make Bradshaw's Lane in Arklow Town an one way. It was agreed that Linda Mc Donald would enquire about the procedures involved and advise the members in due course.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- Cllr Pat Fitzgerald raised concerns about The Brook being an one way system. It was agreed that Jack Kelly would review and Linda Mc Donald is to find out about the procedures involved and advise the members in due course.
- Cllr Pat Fitzgerald enquired about the status of the site behind the Garda Station in Aughrim. Bryan Doyle advised the members that correspondence has been received from the OPW inviting proposals and that it would be appear that they are willing to transfer the land to WCC. The members will kept informed of any developments.
- It was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Sylvester Bourke that rural roads in south Wicklow need attention. The members were advised that under the Gateway programme training is commencing for 20 outdoor staff for Arklow Town and 7-8 for the Rathdrum area. Bryan Doyle advised that the embargo on staff is still in situ.
- Linda Mc Donald advised the members that the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council has ordered that during the period Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 inclusive that there will be free parking throughout Arklow Town with a 2 hour restriction for the main street.
- Cllr Miriam Murphy informed the members of the difficulties she has encountered with regard to the commencement of access works at the Post Office in Arklow Town. It was agreed that a letter of support from Arklow Municipal District to be sent to the relevant person in An Post.
- Cllr Pat Kennedy informed the Members that the residents of Lourdes Crescent in Aughrim have signed a letter requesting the trees to be felled. This was given to Jack Kelly.
- Annual Rate Evaluation. Lorraine Lynch Head of Finance advised the members of the proposals for the unification of the Annual Rate Evaluation. A decision has to be made for Budget 2015.

**Minutes confirmed at Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

Signed: Pat Fitzgerald  
Cllr Pat Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District

Signed: Linda Mc Donald  
Linda Mc Donald, District Administrator.

