



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th February 2019

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

Officials Present: Mr. Michael Geaney, District Manager.
Mr. Michael Nicholson, Director of Service, Community,
Cultural & Social Development.
Ms. Linda McDonald, District Administrator
Mr. John Bowes, District Engineer
Ms. Orlagh Hall, Clerical Officer

Item 1 - Vote of Sympathy:

The members expressed votes of sympathy to the families of the following, who recently passed away:

Eddie Murphy, Angela Dempsey, Fintan Byrne, Liam Gahan, Niall Kernan, Kathleen Hughes, Sheila Mc Donald, Sean Doyle, Sarah Tyrell, Eddie Byrne, John Jnr Hogan, Josephine O'Connor, John(Jack) Randle, Tommy Godkin.

A minutes silence was observed.

Item 2 – Confirmation of Minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting, held on the 16th January 2019.

The Minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 16th January 2019 were proposed by Cllr Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Annesley.

Item 3 : Matters Arising.

Cllr Bourke advised that the owners of Kilbride Graveyard, have a plan ready and will attend a half an hour before the next meeting on 13th March. Cllr Bourke will reconfirm.

Linda Mc Donald DA confirmed that Coillte have commenced hedge cutting works along the Vale Road and their plan is to continue hedge cutting along the main routes towards the meetings and other areas of concern highlighted by AMD. Rob Mulhall Executive Engineer will continue to liaise with Coillte between now and the 1st March deadline for hedge cutting works and again after the 1st September for any remaining works not completed.

Cllr Bourke stated that from Avoca back to Arklow (Ann Kinsella's Road) hedges needs to be cut.

Cllr Mc Donald highlighted that the Vale Road is dreadful with litter. A spring clean up will commence in April.

Cllr Fitzgerald a lot of trees need to be cut towards Arklow.

Cllr Bourke requested that trees need to be cut around lights in Barndarrig. Light bulbs have been changed but vegetation needs to be cut.

Linda Mc Donald DA received an update on the LA housing fabric upgrade programme works from Declan Marnane. The remaining areas with houses to be completed in phase 1 are: Tyndalls Lane, Tinahask Lower, Meadowvale, St Michaels Close, St John's Villas, Rockview, Mill Meadows, Gleanart Drive, Avondale Crescent.

Areas currently designated for phase 2 are: Woodlands Park, Asgard Close, St Peters Place, Rory O Connor Place, Rockview, Parnell Park, Chapel Lane, Griffith St, Fr Redmond Park, Corballis Drive and Conary. There is an estimate of 126 houses without heating. 32 of those are within the town area and the other 94 are in the rural part of AMD. Most of these have back boilers and the Senior Engineer in housing is taking no central heating as being those without gas, oil or electric heating. Some of these tenants were offered heating in the past but refused.

Item 4: To consider report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended: Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations , 2001-2006 as amended: To construct a Heritage and Pottery Centre at the Abbey Lane , Arklow, Co Wicklow, together with associated site works including improvements to public realm and associated works abutting the proposed building.

Wicklow County Council propose to construct a Heritage and Pottery Centre at Abbey Lane, Arklow, Co Wicklow, together with associated site works including improvements to public realm and associated works abutting the proposed building. Michael Nicholson Director of Services informed that applications were made early this year looking for funding of two million but was unsuccessful. We can apply for

other funding if the full two million is not obtained. The timeline for construction is two years. Michael Nicholson informed there are two observations made; a private on site waste water treatment plant is to be included on the site. An archaeological Impact assessment needs to be carried out prior to the development and an archaeologist needs to be on site to monitor before and during the development.

Cllr Murphy stated that it is a brilliant feature and thanked the department.
Cllr Fitzgerald said it is huge development and will bring a lot of people to the town.
Cllr Kennedy congratulated everyone and said it's great for Arklow.
Cllr Bourke welcomed the development.

This was proposed by Cllr Annesley seconded by Cllr Fitzgerald.
A vote was taken by the Councillors and the development received approval to proceed.

Item 5 : To receive an update on the Avondale Forest Park Project.

Michael Nicholson planning permission has been granted. Coillte is designing the build stage at end of June and will be completed end of this year. The building will start next year. An adult changing facility will be considered. Michael Nicholson will pass on a contact number to Cllr Murphy.

Item 6: To receive an update on Local Authority Housing Construction Schemes within the AMD.

Part 8 is in the pipeline for a new housing development on the former Council depot site and will go to public consultation in the summer 2019. The new development needs to be named in order to get an ESB connection.

Cllr Annesley proposed that the housing should be called Sheehan Court as history plays a huge part and seconded by Cllr Mc Donald. The family should be asked before the name is decided.

Linda Mc Donald DA will give details of the family.

Cllr Murphy thanked Cllr Annesley for the research work he had carried out.

Item 7: To discuss the spending of festival funding.

Linda Mc Donald DA requested that €5,000 for festival funding be advertised as it had been in previous years. Cllr Fitzgerald proposed and seconded by Cllr Kennedy.

Item 8: To receive a report from John Bowes DE District Engineer on the following works.

2019 Roads Programme

John Bowes DE informed that the 2018 roads programme is now completed. Ballycoog to Clone and L-2143- Anncurragh to Preban both overlaid last year by

private contractor Moriarty. The current contractor has commenced snag works which are expected to be completed by the end of February and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Kennedy asked about works on the Annacurragh to Preban, Cllr Bourke also had a few queries with the road. Cllr Bourke will discuss same with the District Engineer. Cllr Fitzgerald has concerns about muck on the road. Cllr Bourke has concerns that it the 9" pipe should be an 18" pipe. John Bowes DE informs that it is one of the snags.

Cllr Fitzgerald raised concerns about two bad sections on Lower Tinahask Road and wants to know will they be done. John Bowes DE will provide a map with roads. Cllr Annesley suggested due to the high volume of trucks on the road, Roadstone should be responsible for the road and should have to contribute. Cllr Fitzgerald will forward contact details for Roadstone to John.

Cllr Fitzgerald raised concerns about the Bull Ring needing to be resurfaced. John Bowes DE gave an estimate figure to resurface the Bull Ring 650m² is €13,500. Cllr Bourke suggested if any savings are made on the other projects can it be used on the Bull Ring. Cllr Murphy suggested pricing a temporary Project?

Michael Geaney DM raised concerns about the number of outstanding ESB connections, it is very hard to get a date from ESB. John Bowes DE informed they are liaising with ESB.

Cllr Bourke raised concerns about Rathdrum Lower Main Street; the road is in bad condition.

Tendering work has commenced on the 2019 roads programme.

Road Strengthening Works

LOCATION	Current Status as at 13th February 2019
R752 Avoca to Meetings - Tinnahinch – Ballygahan	Tenders invited
R747 Aughrim to Tinahely - Kilpipe Bends	Tenders invited
R755 Laragh to Rathdrum - Ballyhad	Tenders invited
L6908-L6906-L2901 Arklow Town - Tinnahask Lower	Tenders invited
L6187-L6189 Johnstown - McGraths Cross	Preparing tender documents
L2180 Avoca - Beech Road	Tenders invited
L6125 Rathdrum Area - Ballyteige	Tenders invited

Discretionary Projects

The discretionary projects list of approximately 9 different projects agreed, each of the projects is at varying stages of progression.

IPB Remedial Works

With regard to the Footpaths/IPB Remedial Works projects list of approximately 8 different project locations agreed, each of the projects is at varying stages of progression.

Cllr Kennedy requested that footpaths between the Meetings and Avoca can be done the same time as Avoca – Moran's Avoca, dip in path.

John Bowes DE informed that Avoca – Moran's Avoca, dip in path was been done by the Direct Labour crew in the next few days.

Cllr Bourke requested that the plastic barriers left at Avalon be removed as it is annoying the residents.

Cllr Murphy raised concerns about footpaths sinking and stated that this is very dangerous at Abbey Lane, Main Street, and Boland's Lane. John Bowes DE informed that Rob is chasing up with the ESB about the conditions of footpaths.

Cllr Kennedy requested replacing footpaths in Avonbeg Heights as there is a lot of elderly and young people. Footpaths are poor and in need of repairing. John Bowes DE informed if there is money at the end of the year we will consider it.

Cllr Bourke enquired about installing a light between 9 and 10 Hawthorn Drive.

Low Cost Safety Schemes.

There are three pedestrian crossing schemes approved under the low cost safety scheme 2019.

Other Road Works

Storm Damage Works—Works at Greenan, Ballyteige and Toberpatrick are complete. Local Improvement Scheme works are complete and snagging is to be completed.

Item 9: To receive an update on the URDF- Arklow Historic Town Core Project.

A report from Brendan Doyle Executive Engineer was circulated giving an update on the URDF project. The Courthouse works including Digital Hub is currently going through a detailed design process which is hoped to be completed by late February/ early March 2019. The next step is to tender this works to the market pending

successful appointment of a work contractor it is envisaged that construction could commence in May 2019. It is hoped the Courthouse works including first floor works be completed by end of 2019.

The design and tendering of the Parade Ground Public Realm works are to be completed during the first half of 2019 with construction to commence in the second half of 2019. Works completion is envisaged during the first half of 2020.

Item 10: To receive an update on the Primary Health Care Centre for Arklow and Rathdrum.

The developer of Arklow Primary Care Centre has received a full grant of planning and has informed the HSE that works are programmed to commence construction in 2019.

Rathdrum Primary Care Centre is being developed under the same system as the Arklow PCC so will be unaffected by the HSE Capital Budget.

Cllr Kennedy informed that the Rathdrum PCC lease has been signed.

Cllr Fitzgerald will get further information from Stephen Donnelly TD.

Item 11: To discuss current works in Arklow town- Virgin Media & Irish Water

Virgin Media

Rob Mulhall EE confirmed that Virgin Media have completed all outstanding snagging work within most areas of the town. There are some minor snagging works required at St. Michael's Terrace and Oakland's. Also, there are a comprehensive number of areas left to be top-soiled and reseeded when the weather improves. Their hope is to complete this work in March/April if temperatures permit.

Irish water Update on the Water Network Program Works currently under way in AMD

Gang 1. North of Town in R750 Sea Road Area.

Planned Works: Monday 7th Jan to Friday 3rd June.

Total length of rehabilitated/replaced Mains: 2.00 km.

Working Areas: Sea Road, Seaview Avenue, Beresford and St. Patrick's Terrace.

Gang 4. Coolgreaney Road Area.

Planned Works: Monday 4th Feb to Friday 24th May.

Total length of rehabilitated/replaced Mains: 2.96 km.

Working Areas: Coolgreaney Road, Coolgreaney Park, Vale Road and St. Peter's Place.

Gang 7. Abbey Street Area.

Planned Works: Monday 21st Jan to Friday 9th August.

Total length of rehabilitated/replaced Mains: 3.89 km.

Working Areas: Abbeyville, Liam Mellows Ave, Liam Mellows Court, Abbey St and Abbeylands.

Cllr Murphy requested a list of works or updates about work that will take place in AMD.

Traffic Management was discussed and Michael Geaney DM will speak Irish Water about traffic management.

John Bowes DE has been liaising with Irish Water and improvements have been made.

Item 12: To discuss the AMD March Meeting to be held Redcross.

Next Meeting is to be held in Redcross National School. Cllr Murphy will confirm if the community group will be attending.

Item 13: Correspondence

Linda Mc Donald DA advised that a part of the LL113 (Beehive) is in AMD. Stephen Howes will be doing a traffic count and Rob Mulhall EE will organise a meeting with the Sergeant in Bray.

Leanne Byrne wrote to AMD looking for funding for her daughter Brianna who will be competing at the Dance World Competition in Portugal. Cllr Fitzgerald advised to apply for Community Grant.

SSE requested to present a presentation. Cllr Fitzgerald proposed to let them present at the next meeting on the 13th March 2019.

Gillian O'Toole from Inbhear Coral Group contacted AMD enquiring about funding, to set up international festival for choirs. Cllr Bourke advised to apply for the Arts Grants.

Item 14: Any Other Business

Linda Mc Donald DA informed that the CCTV is still at a standstill period until next Monday 18th February. The next step is to sign a contract.

International Women's day was discussed, each Councillor was asked to sell tickets. There will be a raffle on day and all proceeds will be going to Ceart Women's Group.

Cllr Fitzgerald informed a street light survey was completed on the Wexford Road. Declan O'Brien has sent a draft report to Michael Flynn Senior Engineer.

Cllr Fitzgerald requested if white lining can be done from Ballinclash to Aughrim and Aughrim to Tinahely as it is in bad condition.

Cllr Kennedy raised concerns about the manhole outside the chemist in Aughrim has sunk.

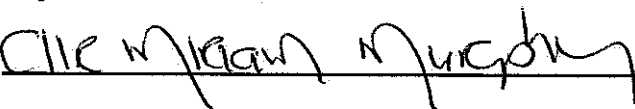
Cllr Kennedy requested if a letter can be sent to Mrs O'Flaherty as she turned 100 years old.

Cllr Bourke raised concerns about the laneway closed to St Mary's students who are complaining and it is difficult for traffic.

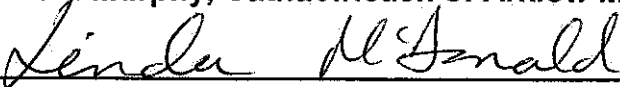
Cllr Bourke advised that local businesses are trying to expand levies €45m² compared to Gorey €10m². Cllr Bourke will discuss with SPC and come back to AMD.

Cllr Annesley raised concerns about the Vale Road; there have been two serious accidents. Cllr Annesley has contacted the Roads Section.

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 13th March 2019.

Signed: 

Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

Signed: 

Ms. Linda McDonald, District Administrator, Arklow Municipal District