



**Wicklow County Council**  
**Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**  
**ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr. Michael Geaney, District Manager  
Mr. Brendan Doyle, District Engineer  
Ms. Sinéad Boddy, Assistant Staff Officer  
Ms. Jenny Seabrooke-Byrne, Clerical Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Tommy Annesley

Cllr. Miriam Murphy extended a warm welcome to Cathy Lee, Reporter, Wicklow Times.

**ITEM 1 – VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

The Cathaoirleach & Members expressed votes of sympathy to the families of the following, who recently passed away:

Shane Webster, Arklow, Paul Doyle, Arklow, John Sheehan, Arklow, Patrick (Pat) McGee, Arklow, Theresa Keegan, Arklow, Ernest Carter, Arklow, Alexandra (Alex) Keegan, Glenmalure, May Hamilton, Greenane, Elizabeth Lawrence, Knockananna, Richard (Dick) Kelly, Knockananna, Lilian McKenna, Rathdrum, Paul Doyle, Arklow and Seán Kennedy, Arklow & Canada.

A minutes silence was observed.

**ITEM 2 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 (DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED)**

The Minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were proposed by Cllr Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Bourke.

### **ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING**

**Speed Limit at Beech Road, Arklow:** Cllr. Fitzgerald raised the issue of the current speed limit on the Beech Road. The current speed limit of 80km/hr needs to be reduced as a matter of urgency. Cllr. Bourke agreed and added that members were not aware that an increase to the speed limit would occur. Brendan Doyle, District Engineer & Michael Geaney, District Manager reminded the members that there is no special case and no changes can be made until the next Speed Limit Review that occurs every 3 – 5 years.

**Avoca Men's Shed:** Cllr. Bourke raised the matter that the men's shed will have to vacate their current premises at Woodenbridge Golf Club. Cllr. Bourke was informed that WCC do not have storage facilities available for their tools. They will need to contact someone who deals with short term storage.

**Granite Pillars at Vale Road:** Permission has been given by the Landowner to have the sleepers and gate reinstated at another premises.

**Pedestrian Crossing on Wexford Road:** Footpath Contractor currently reviewing works. Emoclew Road – scheduled to be carried out on the 12<sup>th</sup> October – weather permitting. Line Markings – contract ready – availability of 2 – 4 weeks.

**Trees & Overhanging Boughs:** Cllr. Kennedy spoke of dangerous overhanging trees in the Aughavannagh/Beech Road Area/Rathdrum to Laragh road - Further action needs to be taken against Landowners who do not carry out their obligations to trim the hedges. Cllr. Bourke – raised issue of uncut hedges along some Coillte -owned land. He has received numerous complaints from motorists.

**Hazel Hill Estate** – Cllr. Kennedy expressed his dismay that the residents in this estate are on boil notice for nigh on 10 years. In response - Michael Geaney confirmed that the Hazel Hill Estate will be taken in charge. It is planned to connect Hazel Hill to the public supply. IW is examining the proposal.

### **ITEM 4 – Allocation of Balance of Festival Funding**

Sinéad Boddy stated that 2 Further Applications have been received. There is €300 remaining to be allocated.

### **ITEM 5 – To update the Members on the AMD Revenue Expenditure for 2018**

Revenue Budget - 75% spent to date. The Annual Budget Meeting is to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> November to consider Draft Budgetary Plan. Cllr. Fitzgerald emphasised the importance of increasing the current Burial Grounds Maintenance Budget by €10,000 in order to

continuously improve maintenance and ongoing works such as tree felling. Cllr. Murphy requested a Tree Survey to be conducted.

## **ITEM 6: To receive an update on the 2018 Roads Programme for the District**

### **6.1 2018 Roads Programme Report**

- **Road Strengthening**

All seven projects for road strengthening works as part of the Roads programme have now been completed, namely;

1. L-6126 – Glenmalure,
2. L-2196 – Moorshill/ Ballinasillogue
3. L-7136 – Cappagh / Asknagap
4. R748 – Carnew – Killaveny (Rosnastraw)
5. R752 at Avoca (Tinnahinch)
6. R772 at Ferrybank
7. L-2188 at Kish

- **Surface Dressing**

The Surface Dressing Works were completed during week of the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the following locations;

1. R-754 – Avoca to Conary
2. L-6126 – Glenmalure
3. L-2196-0 & L-2196-30 – Moorshill/ Ballinasillogue
4. L-7136 – Cappagh/Askanagap

Ballycoogue to Preban – Contractors are due to start within the next week with a proviso that the snag list must be completed in November.

Cllr. Murphy raised the issue of bricks missing from several footpaths on the Main Street in Arklow and opposite the Centra shop on Ferrybank.

## 6.2 Discretionary Projects

With regard to the discretionary projects list of approximately 15 different projects agreed, each of the projects is at varying stages of progression as per the table of information below;

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Current Status as at 10th October 2018</u>
FOOTPATHS AT GLENVIEW, THOMASTOWN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works completed in August/September 2018               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• **** Further Surface Works to commence shortly</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FOOTPATHS COOLGREANEY RD – funding transferred to Glenview Thomastown	Awaiting contractor pricing
TRAFFIC CALMING AVOCA NS	Works Programmed for October mid-term 2018
FOOTPATHS WCC HOUSING ESTATE KIRIKEE	Public Lighting Works are with Contractor for action
FOOTPATHS NEAR ST SAVIOURS NS RATHDRUM	Works Completed
FOOTPATHS AVONBEG HGTS BALLINACLASH	Works Completed
FOOTPATHS PARNELL PARK RATHDRUM	Works Completed
RESURFACE ROAD AT MAIN JCT AUGHIRM	Due for completion October 2018
FOOTPATH EMOCLEW RD BOXING CLUB	Works Completed
PAINTING GRANT SCHEME ARKLOW TOWN	Works Completed
TRAFFIC CALMING AT WOODLANDS GROVE	<b>Deferred</b>
CCTV CONTRIBUTION ARKLOW TOWN	In Procurement - E-Tenders
STREET LIGHT AT BEECH RD (COOLBOY BRIDGE)	Awaiting ESB – ** Cllrs Murphy, Fitzgerald & Bourke reiterated how dangerous it is without lights
FOOTPATHS ON THE WEXFORD ROAD ARKLOW	<b>Deferred</b>
FOOTPATHS AT ASHLEIGH CLS & MOUNTAIN BAY ARKLOW	Works planned for October 2018
PARADE GROUND ARKLOW	Transfer Completed
RECONSTRUCT L2191 ROAD AT BALLYDUFF	<b>Deferred</b> – **** initially listed at March 18 meeting - €140,000 too expensive
4 AGE FRIENDLY PARKING SPACES & SIGNAGE	Works completed

### 6.3 Footpaths/IPB Remedial Works

With regard to the Footpaths/IPB Remedial Works projects list of approximately 13 different project locations agreed, each of the projects is at varying stages of progression as per the table of information below;

<b>IPB - Areas for Remedial Works</b>	<b><u>Current Status as at 10th October 2018</u></b>
Avalon - Remedial Work on remaining uneven footpaths	Programmed for Oct '18
Wexford Road from Tesco Second Entrance to Bradys	Works Ongoing
Wexford Road at Pharmacy	To Follow above works
Wexford Road @ Applegreen (footpath and roadway)	Programmed for Oct'18 (10.10.18)
Vale Road Footpath between SAFC and Town	Programmed for Oct '18
Avoca - Morans Avoca, dip in path	Programmed for Oct '18
Navy Hill - Post Butts	Programmed for Oct '18
St. Peters Place - Footpath	Programmed for Oct '18
No.10 Hawthorn Drive	Programmed for Oct '18
Fernhill	Complete August '18
John Paul Avenue	Completed Feb '18
Road Opposite Elaine's Launderette - Tradewinds - <b>Not deemed to be required. Allocation used at School Lane/The Ditch, Castle Park</b>	Completed August '18
Junction of Coomie Lane and Main Street (as reported by Sunbeam services)	Completed August '18

### 6.4 Low Cost Safety Schemes

There are four pedestrian crossing schemes approved under the low cost safety scheme. The schemes are as follows;

- i. 2 no. @ Coolgreaney Road – rationalised to 1 crossing point – due to start at October school midterm break.
- ii. Vale Road (Sunbeam House) – Contractor delay. Works will start after the Coolgreaney Road
- iii. Dublin Road – due to start at October school midterm break.

The signals and beacon equipments have been ordered and delivery is expected in October 2018. In the meantime the civil works are due to start as outlined above.

**ITEM 7: To receive an update on the following projects:**

**✚ Arklow Town Team**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th November 2018 @ 7pm

**✚ The NETA judging event took place on 25th September** - The event went very well and the feedback from the panel and participants on the day has been very positive. The awards will be announced in late November.

**✚ Retail Painting Scheme for the Town** – 28 applications. 26 applications were approved for the grant. Payment of the grant to 24 applicants has been made.

**✚ CCTV Scheme** – 6 Tenders were opened on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> September. Contracts will be assessed over the coming weeks

**✚ Arklow Courthouse**

Roof repairs completed and new windows have been installed.

**✚ Flood Relief Scheme**

A meeting took place on 2nd October between Marc Devereux, Arklow MD staff, Elected Members and representatives for the residents of the South Quay area to discuss the proposed Scheme. Further studies are to be carried out before the final plans are drafted.

**✚ Waste Water Treatment Plant**

Irish Water has published notice of a planning application to An Bord Pleanála, in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development, to progress the Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. A notice of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project was also published.

The planning application has been lodged directly to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The third and final non-statutory public consultation report is available to view at Public Consultation. This report provides information on the project and how the consultation feedback has informed the development of the Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The application may be viewed/downloaded from Thursday, 20 September 2018 on the planning website [www.arklowwastewater.ie](http://www.arklowwastewater.ie).

Members of the public and interested parties can make observations and submissions on the planning application directly to An Bord Pleanála up until 5.30pm on Friday, 9 November 2018.

### **🚧 Redevelopment of the Parade Ground**

An application for funding has been made under the URDF scheme and the next step will be to appoint a design team.

The Pride of Place Awards are scheduled to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> November in Cork.

Cllr. Fitzgerald mentioned the attention that Gorey Town is receiving having featured twice in the Business Post. He queried how can Arklow be featured? Sinéad Boddy stated that Arklow is not ready – perhaps in another year.

### **ITEM 8: Notice of Motions**

#### **In the name of Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald**

*“In an effort to improve parking in the area, I am requesting that the green area in front of the houses in St. Kevin’s Terrace, Arklow is removed and parking bays put in their place. This will have the effect of making it easier for family members to collect elderly residents and will also improve the traffic flow on the Wexford Road who are often held up by cars parked on the grass.” (Received 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018)*

Cllr. Fitzgerald has spoken to Rob Mulhall, Exec. Engineer on the matter and voiced his concern for the octogenarians. Cllr. McDonald mentioned that she had spoken to Jack Kelly, retired District Engineer previously about this. Brendan Doyle, A/DE advised that a Traffic Survey for the length of the Wexford Road would need to be conducted in terms of new cycle lanes, traffic congestion and parking.

#### **In the name of Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald**

*“That consideration is given to carrying out some remedial works on the L62032 Toberpatrick to Crann local road.” (Received 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018)*

Cllr. Fitzgerald reiterated the dreadful condition this road is in and that heavy trucks will not drive on it. A local resident was successful in his application under the Local Community Involvement Scheme but, he was unsuccessful in getting other residents in the area to contribute towards 15% of the overall costs. Brendan Doyle, A/DE will review same and look at traffic linking it to the Gorey Road.

### **ITEM 9: Correspondence**

Sinéad Boddy received request from Moore Leisure Funfair – to operate in the Main Street carpark from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 during the Christmas Festival period. All members present had no objection.

Cllr. McDonald was contacted by residents in Lamberton regarding Virgin Media carrying out recent works. They have left barriers for 3 weeks and this is obstructing the footpath. The residents have tried to contact Virgin Media via email but, no response to date. Email to be forwarded Rob Mulhall & Brendan Doyle.

Dredging works – Cllr. Fitzgerald raised the matter of dredging works to be carried out as a matter of urgency. He called upon Michael Geaney raise the matter and carry out the works. Work is being turned down due to insufficient water depths. Shipwrecks are being removed.

### **ITEM 10 – Any Other Business**

Cllr. Pat Kennedy – Town & Village Renewal Application was successful - €68,000 received and to be used for the installation of lights to the train station in Rathdrum.

Sinéad Boddy – Free Parking at Christmas – all agreed. LEADER funding – festivals around Districts. Expression of Interest – closing date is 19.10.18. Specifications are not as detailed. Full Applications are to be completed by January 2019. There is a Budget of €100,000 available with the maximum of €30,000 being awarded to an individual group.

A Civic Reception will take place after the next Municipal District meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Presentations will be made to Emma Wall, Síonna Healy and recipients of the Festival Funding Grants.

Halloween Flyer circulated at the meeting.

Brendan Doyle and Michael Geaney are prepared for the impending inclement weather.

### **Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

Signed: 

**Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District**

Signed: 

**Ms. Linda McDonald, District Administrator Arklow Municipal District**