



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2018

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
Ms. Linda McDonald, District Administrator
Mr. Rob Mulhall, A/District Engineer
Ms. Pauline Canavan, Clerical Officer

Cllr. Miriam Murphy extended a warm welcome to everyone, especially to Cllr. Tommy Annesley after his recent operation, seconded by Cllr. Sylvester Bourke. Cllr. Tommy Annesley congratulated the young people on their Junior Cert achievements and wished Avoca best wishes on their forthcoming game.

Item 1 - Vote of Sympathy:

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

Patrick Healy, Aughrim, Marty Porter, Rathdrum, Maeve Scott, Rathdrum, Sandra Kennedy, Rathdrum, Thomas Dempsey, Arklow, Betty Finn, Arklow, Margaret Bonner, Arklow, and Joe Duffy, Arklow, Katriona Clarke, Arklow, Paul Laffin, Arklow, Michael Kirwan, Arklow, Katriona Clarke, Arklow, Margaret Shanley, Arklow/Redcross, Baby Carter McManus, Arklow.

Cllr Murphy asked that those battling illness be included in our prayers. A minutes silence was observed.

Item 2 – Confirmation of Minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting, held on the 11th of July 2018.

The Minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th July 2018 were proposed by Cllr Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Bourke.

Item 3 – Matters Arising:

Cllr. Pat Kennedy suggested that granite pillars which were discovered on clearing ditches on the Vale Road be incorporated into the new development at the Court House, Rob Mulhall to follow up. Permission was sought from owner of pillars by Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald for them to be removed.

Right of Way Kynochs: A Beresford Tce. resident had a reply from the Planning Department stating that there is no right of way. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald has submitted 30 photographs from the 60's & 70's signed by the public who used this area. Cllr Pat Fitzgerald as Commissioner of Oaths handed this documentation to Wicklow County Council. Cllr. Miriam Murphy confirmed Wicklow County Council have received these. Karen Duskey of Coast Care would like to meet the Councillors to discuss. Members will discuss the issue on receipt of the response from the Planning Section and will schedule a meeting with concerned residents.

Bus Shelter, Wexford, Road & Rathdrum: National Transport Association is in charge of deciding if a bus shelter can go into each area and will contact Linda when decision is made. Also the condition of rusty sign posts at stops in Rathdrum was raised. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald wished to thank the National Transport Association for the bus shelter on the Wexford Road. Cllr. Sylvester Bourke thanked them also for the bus seat at Ferrybank bus stop. Cllr. Pat Kennedy wished to thank them also for the Rathdrum signs. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald said there were many objections to the shelter at Knockmore.

Item 4: To consider proposed allocation of festival funding for AMD.

Festival funding of €3,700 divided between the 8 valid applicants. The remaining €1,300 for the 3 outstanding valid applicants will be discussed at the October meeting.

Item 5 : To discuss projects for the Economic Development budget of €5,000.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy suggested that funding go towards promotional media for the Bank of Ireland NETA Project and that the Arklow Town Team is also involved with the application. Cllr Pat Kennedy requested €2,500 for Aughrim Tidy Towns to enhance their efforts for the Tidy Towns competition. It was proposed that €3,000 should go towards the Enterprising Town event and €2,000 to Aughrim Tidy Towns.

Item 6: to receive a report from Brendan Doyle Senior Executive Engineer on the following works - .

2018 Roads Programme

Road Strengthening - All 7 projects for road strengthening works have now been completed.

Surface Dressing - Surface Dressing works were completed in the following locations:

Avoca to Conary
Glenmalure
Moorshill/Ballinasillogue
Cappagh/Askanagap

All snags have been addressed.

Cllr. Pat Kennedy congratulated Brendan Doyle and Rob Mulhall on the speed of all these works.

Discretionary Projects

The agreed projects are at varying stages of progression – report was circulated to members.

Footpaths / IPB Remedial Works

The agreed projects are at varying stages of progression – report was circulated to members.

Low Cost Safety Schemes

4 schemes approved –

Coolgreaney Road
Vale Rd
Dublin Rd

Civil works due to start in September.

Street Furniture Allocation

Report was circulated to members.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy's stated she has problems in crossing pedestrian crossing at the Roundabout on Wexford Road as her wheelchair gets caught on the lip of the path. Rob Mulhall to investigate.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald commented on the state of the road at the entrance to the new estate off the Emoclew Road. Michael Geaney reported that Irish Water is awaiting a road opening licence to repair same.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy received many congratulations on the road markings on the Dublin road. Could the disabled bay be painted before judging on the 25th September 2018.

Cllr. Pat Kennedy stated there was no yellow box at South Quay to entrance onto the bridge.

Linda McDonald stated that the age friendly signs were erected in town.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke stated that trees on the Beech Road coming from Kilbride need to be trimmed as dangerous for tractors and lorries.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald stated that centre line or road markings at corner at 3 houses at Clogga.

Cllr. Tommy Annesley stated that the road to Avoca River Park needs looking at. Also yellow lines required at 11 Connolly St, Arklow. Rob Mulhall to look into this.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – bins on Wexford Road. Cllr. Miriam Murphy stated that large bins are required at the Duck Pond. Rob Mulhall stated that people used these bins for household rubbish. Dog poo bins on the Emoclew Road – Coolgreany Road, & the Wexford Road. Rob to investigate.

Cllr. Pat Kennedy looking for bench to be put into Conary Community Hall – Mass there on Saturday nights. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – bench for River Walk Old Ship area.

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – improvement works at Rory O'Connor Place, St. Bridget's Tce, & Abbey Street.

Item 7: to Receive a report from Linda McDonald District Administrator on the following projects:

- **URDF applications for AMD**

3 applications have been submitted under this funding stream. (Value 3m)

- **Arklow Courthouse**

Roof repairs completed and new windows installed

- **Redevelopment of the Parade Ground**

Part 8 planning received Monday 3rd September.

- **Ronnie Delany Sculpture**

Tender awarded – Paul Ferriter. Official signing to take place in the coming weeks.

- **Arklow Christmas Festival**

Dates set for events –

Turning on of Lights – 24th November

Christmas Market Day – 8th December

Prize giving Awards night – 18th December

- **Arklow Halloween Festival**

Event is to be bigger and better than last year. Programme of events being finalised.

Item 8: To discuss funding allocation for Burial Grounds 2019

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald said that it had been agreed that 2 bench seats would be installed in St Gabriel's graveyard. To be reviewed on account of anti social behaviour. Rob Mulhall suggested that they could be removed if there were any issues. More tree surgery to be carried out in St. Gabriel's graveyard. Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – install car park on piece of ground beside Barndarrig graveyard. Cllr. Miriam Murphy asked for Disabled parking and Age Friendly parking spaces to be included. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald proposed at next Wicklow County Council meeting to increase funding for the burial grounds.

Item 9: Notices of Motions.

a) In the name of Cllr Tommy Annesley

“ That Arklow Municipal District ban all posters on poles on the old N11 running from Hills Garage to Knockmore Roundabout”. (Received 5th July 2018)

It may not be possible to enforce this legally. It may be possible if it is publicised properly and goodwill would prevail.

b) In the name of Cllr Pat Fitzgerald

“ That further investment in footpaths and roads in Glenview Estate in Thomastown are carried out as part of our roads programme which will be funded from discretionary funding ”. (Received 17th July 2018)

For consideration - 2019 discretionary spending budget.

c) In the name of Cllr Pat Fitzgerald

“ That resurfacing of the tarred area in the Bull Ring, Rory O Connor Place is carried out in 2019 ”. (Received 17th July 2018)

For consideration - 2019 discretionary spending budget.

d) In the name of Cllr Sylvester Bourke & Cllr Pat Fitzgerald

“ That the Council review the speed limit on the Beech Rd, Arklow to reduce it back down to 60km per hour ”. (Received 31st July 2018)

For consideration in the next Speed Limit Review (every 2-5 years, last review 2017)

Item 10: Correspondence

OPW letter received – contents relayed with Mark Devereux's report.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy asked Michael Geaney if there was any progress on the flood scheme. He reported that a report had been received by e-mail before the meeting and outlined the contents. Cllr. Miriam Murphy called to have a separate meeting to

discuss the matter with Mark Devereux and then another meeting with Mark and the residents. Cllr. Mary McDonald seconded this motion. Michael Geaney also said that 2 studies to be done on the flood scheme.

Item 11: Any Other Business

Cllr. Tommy Annesley - Give contributions –

1. €750.00 on behalf of A.M.D. to Sheena Healy, Arklow Rowing Club, who is taking part in the world championships.
2. €500.00 to Emma Wall, who is making a film. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald seconded this motion

Cllr. Pat Kennedy congratulated the 4 people from the district for the People of the Year Award.

Aughavanna – cut back ditches – owned by Coillte - will talk to Rob.

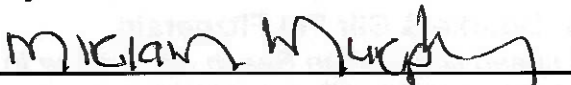
Boil water notice – 10 years – “Hazel Hill” Annacurra, Michael to report – council have taken in charge – talks between Irish Water & Wicklow County Council at present.

Cllr. Mary McDonald – Avoca Playgroup in Avoca. Would AMD write to the Community Hall showing their support? Cllr. Miriam Murphy did not think AMD should but as individuals could support them.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – Avoca Men’s Shed – could AMD supply somewhere to store their tools as they have to vacate present premises.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – Congratulations to Cllr. Pat Kennedy on his representation at Pride of Place in Rathdrum.

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 10th October 2018.

Signed:  _____

Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

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Ms. Sinéad Boddy ASO, Arklow Municipal District