



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2018

Present: Cllr. M. Murphy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. T. Annesley
Cllr. P. Fitzgerald
Cllr. S. Bourke
Cllr. M. McDonald
Cllr. P. Kennedy

Officials Present: Mr. M. Geaney, A/District Manager
Mr. Brendan Doyle, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Sinead Boddy, ASO

Item 1 - Vote of Sympathy:

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

James Walker, Michael Halpin, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrne, Eileen Smyth, Eileen Brennan.

Cllr Miriam Murphy asked all to think of those who have died and are not well at present.

A minutes silence was observed.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes from meeting of Arklow Municipal District

The Minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th November 2018 were confirmed. An amendment to the minutes was agreed and confirmed. (Amendment attached.)

Item 3: Matters Arising

Cllr. Pat Kennedy requested that local development levies be ring-fenced for projects within the district. Michael Geaney DM to follow up on this.

Item 4: URDF Projects for AMD.

On the Parade Ground/ Courthouse works project, Brendan Doyle, A/SEE stated that the tender for the works will be advertised. Cllr. Tommy Annesley asked why the delay, Arklow Town Team asking if the works will be carried out during June/July – busy, peak time of year and businesses will suffer. Brendan Doyle stated that the process for planning and tendering will be managed to minimally affect residents and businesses. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald stated that some work won't affect the Main Street, only the Courthouse with parking and court sittings will be affected. Cllr. Miriam Murphy enquired as to whether this work would include night time work? Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald stated that Gorey and other towns managed while work was being carried out. Cllr. Miriam Murphy stated that strong communication with the businesses would have to be maintained. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald stated that all people would be affected, shoppers etc. Brendan Doyle, A/SEE stated that extra staff may be brought in for the works.

Item 5: Speed Limit

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald and Cllr. Mary McDonald asked to contact an official on Beech Road, Residents Association in relation to the request to have the 80km speed limit reduced to 60km speed limit on this road. A further report is due on 14th February 2019. Mr. Michael Geaney, A/District Manager stated that when all information is received a review if needed will be held.

Item 6: Wicklow Tourism – Arklow Pyramid Project - who owns it

Cllr. Tommy Annesley raised this query 15 months ago and was informed that it was not Council's responsibility. Cllr. Miriam Murphy stated it was privately owned. Cllr. Tommy Annesley – tourist attraction, because of supervisor and schemes – graves collapsed etc; Cllr. Pat Kennedy national monuments – write to them and involve them. Cllr. Sylvester Bourke discuss with architects on new houses, company want to meet AMD in the coming months. Perimeter wall is vandalised. Cllr. Miriam Murphy will have the correspondence contact. Mr. Michael Geaney will discuss it with the Heritage Officer. As previous grants were received it will be a listed monument. An invitation will issue to Heritage Officer to attend the January meeting.

Item 7: Twinning Association Project

Cllr. Mary McDonald – school projects, exchange students, Irish dancers from Arklow going to Chateaudun on St. Patrick's Day. Cllr. Tommy Annesley - rowing coming under proposal. Payment of balance of 2018 funding to be made to the Twinning Committee was proposed by Cllr Bourke and seconded by Cllr McDonald.

Item 8: Public Lighting on the Wexford Road

To be discussed at next SPC – End of February. LED lighting staying but needs to be reviewed. Cllr. Sylvester Bourke receiving complaints. Cllr Annesley said that lighting is adequate for walking but not for driving. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald to speak to Airtricity in relation to lighting at Kavanagh’s Shop, Wexford Road. Cllr. Miriam Murphy – put on agenda for January 2019. It was suggested that a survey of the lighting in the area be funded from 2019 discretionary funding.

Item 9: To receive a report from Brendan Doyle Senior Executive Engineer on the following works.

2018 Roads Programme

Road Strengthening

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

Surface Dressing

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

R-754 – Avoca to Conary

L-6126 – Glenmalure

L-2196-0 & L-2196-30 – Moorshill/ Ballinasillogue

L-7136 – Cappagh/Askanagap

There is currently liaison ongoing regarding actioning of snags between AMD and the current contractor for the works sections at L-6197 – Ballycoog to Clone and L-2143 – Annacurragh to Preban both overlaid last year by private contractor Moriarty. The Current contractor has commenced actioning snag items.

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 with the following deferred –

Traffic Calming at Woodlands Grove

Footpaths on the Wexford Rd

Reconstruct L2191 Rd at Ballyduff

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.

Low cost Safety Schemes

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

- 2 no. @ Coolgreaney Road – rationalised to 1 crossing point – Civil Works completed. Lights installation and ESB connection works outstanding.
- Vale Road (Sunbeam House) – Civil Works completed. Lights installation and ESB connection works outstanding.
- Dublin Road – Civil Works completed. Lights installation and ESB connection works outstanding. Contact with ESB has been made to advance the works as a priority.

Other Road Works – Storm Damage and LIS Works

- **Storm Damage Works:-** Works at Greenan, Ballyteige and Toberpatrick are ready to commence. The works contractor is yet to confirm a start date due to delays experienced on other projects as a result of inclement weather.
- **Local Improvement Scheme Works:-** Works at Cronawinnia, Kilmagig Upper and Ballycooleen have commenced and are due for completion by 19th December 2018. Works at Carriglineen are yet to commence with a firm start date awaited from the contractor (likely to be in early 2019).

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – Beech Road – strip lighting why – agreed full light.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – path never finished at John Bracken’s shop on Wexford Road.

Cllr. Pat Kennedy – Greenane/Conary. 2 lights to come in this area. Brendan Doyle stated he would follow up.

Cllr. Tommy Annesley – why signs up at crossings – leaving ourselves liable. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – better to have signs.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy - Foxton’s cars damaged – ditches Ballyduff. Please cut.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – Tommy Crammond invite Engineer – Coillte not cutting/maintaining ditches. Awful damage to cars. Cllr. Pat Kennedy a lot not cut back.

Brendan Doyle – had minimum correspondence from Coillte.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – if they don’t do it why should the public do it?

Cllr. Pat Kennedy – Rathdrum to Laragh – needs cutting back, lorry company losing mirrors.

Item 10: 2019 Proposed Roads Programme for the District

Cllr. Pat Kennedy Kilpipe Bends: pricing will depend on decision on what will be done – tested to the market. Cllr Pat Fitzgerald – Emoclew Road needs urgent repair, four attempts made at repairing it. Cllr. Miriam Murphy – have a costing for Emoclew Road. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – road near Ballyduff (Jimmy Dunne’s), Johnstown very dangerous.

All agreed with proposed programme.

Members expressed their thanks for the works carried out in the Thomastown Estate.

Item 11: Notices of Motions

(a) In the name of Cllr Pat Kennedy

“That the footpaths along both the Main St and Lower St Rathdrum be assessed to ascertain if they are safe for pedestrians and that whatever works need to be done are carried out in the interest of public safety.” (received 11th October 2018)

Cllr. Pat Kennedy – entrance of town, opposite Avon Motors – maybe works could be funded from some of development funds.

(b) In the name of Sylvester Bourke

“ That the Council install a public light between houses 9 & 11 Mountain View Drive, Mountain Bay, Arklow” (received 27th October 2018)

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – antisocial behaviour , aged residents. Brendan Doyle to report in January. Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald – Ballymooneen – motion at next meeting. Cllr. Tommy Annesley – Rugby Club – light for area. Brendan Doyle will look into it.
Proposal for discretionary spending in 2019

Item 12: Correspondence

Correspondence received from ABP advising that an Oral Hearing has been scheduled for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Letter to be emailed to members.

Item 13: Any Other Business

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke – Old Rugby Road – trim back bushes. The Rise – Delany Park – drive through – walk through – no traffic. Pedestrian only – no opening at bottom. Cllr. Tommy Annesley – Sign Post to Ballycoogue, Seamus Killoran – new line drains blocked.

Cllr. Pat Kennedy – request made for a housing report for January meeting. Avondale planning permission has been granted – great for district. Footpath from Arklow to Woodenbridge – Town Team.

Cllr. Mary McDonald – Pedestrian access, Harbour Court/Old Chapel ground – please re-surface.

Mr. Michael Geaney – Hazel Hill, Annacurra – water connected to mains. Cllr. Pat Kennedy expressed this was great news.


Cllr. Tommy Annesley - epidemic of rats around town – drains of Seaview Avenue, Eirgas.

Cllr. Miriam Murphy – Blackberry Glade – pest control is an issue around the town.

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 16th January 2019.

Signed: 

Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

Signed: 

Ms. Linda McDonald, District Administrator, Arklow Municipal District

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ITEM 10 – Minutes 14th November 2018

COUNCILLOR MURPHY AMENDMENT NO. 1 –

PROPOSED: Cllr Annesley

SECONDED: Cllr Kennedy

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To remove the heading "Avoca's Men's Shed" – Cllr. Murphy

REPLACE WITH:

"Arklow Men's Shed"