



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2018

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

Officials Present: Mr. Michael Geaney, District Manager
Mr. Jack Kelly, District Engineer
Ms. Sinéad Boddy, Assistant Staff Officer
Ms. Jenny Seabrooke-Byrne, Clerical Officer
Ms. Orlagh Hall, Clerical Officer

ITEM 1 – VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

Alice Nolan, Joe Cullen, John Kenny, Ailish Killeen Ildes, Andreina O'Brien, Bernard Quirke, Annie Stedman, John Byrne (Bubbles), Margie Fogarty, Patrick Drumm, Denis Kinsella, Nicky Jackman, Tyrone Kinsella, Edward Doyle, Bill O'Toole, Michael Dalton, Bernadette McCartan, Thomas Bermingham, Breda Dillon, Mary Bergin, Denis Keogh, Timothy Cashman and Annie Kennedy.

A minutes silence was observed.

**ITEM 2 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 14th FEBRUARY 2018
(DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED)**

To Note and Adopt the Amendments to the Minutes taken on the 14th February 2018 at the next Council Meeting.

ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Bourke raised the matter of a representation he received from Mr. Peter Crooke to reconsider taking out ramps on lower Abbey Street. Jack Kelly DE concluded that there were no problems there and that he would not be recommending the removal of same. The vibrations referred to the large volume of lorries that passed by his house and not the actual ramps.

ITEM 4 – To agree the Municipal District Schedule of Works for 2018

The Schedule was discussed at length and amendments to same are attached.

ITEM 5 – To agree schedule of works under the IPB funding

This Schedule was discussed at length and amendments to same are attached.

ITEM 6 – To discuss projects for 2018 under Tourism Funding of €10,000

Parts of Parade Ground – would they be eligible for funding? Only one project is to be submitted. This item will be listed on the Agenda for discussion at the next Council Meeting that will take place on the 11th April 2018.

ITEM 7 – To receive an update on the 2018 Roads Programme for the District

There are 7 projects:

- ✚ Ferrybank, Arklow – commence during Summer 2018
- ✚ Cappagh, Askanagap
- ✚ Mooreshill, Ballycoogue
- ✚ Kish
- ✚ Rosnastraw – mini Tender completed, Health & Safety aspect to be completed
- ✚ Tinahinch, Avoca
- ✚ Glenmalure – Jack Kelly, DE confirmed that the contracts for this project have been awarded

Cllr. Bourke raised the matter of the disrepair of the roads at Toberpatrick, Tinahely. Jack Kelly, DE stated that the road was damaged by the inclement weather conditions of late. There is no date set for when this road will be repaired.

ITEM 8 – To receive an update on the following projects:-

Abbey Graveyard

Work on the wall has been completed and just over 15% of the cost of the repairs has been recouped from the adjoining landowner.

The Archaeologists assessment of the damage to the headstones has not been carried out yet and until this has been completed and the repairs done, the graveyard will remain closed. It is hoped to have the graveyard open within 6 weeks.

Arklow Town Team

The specifications for the CCTV tender documents have been drawn up and it has been agreed to consider engaging a consultant to look after the tendering and awarding of the contract. Three quotes will be sought for this under the Procurement process.

The application for LEADER funding has been submitted for the Flower Basket Scheme irrigation system and the flyers for this year's scheme will be distributed early next week. It was noted that Croghan Industrial Estate are interested in getting involved. Cllr. Annesley queried why the baskets are costing €35 (the same price as last year). In response, Sinéad Boddy A/DA explained that the costs remained the same and that the scheme was subsidised last year. Cllr. Fitzgerald stated that there is no profit from implementing this scheme.

The International Women's Day organised and supported by the Town Team was a resounding success with over 80 in attendance and feedback suggests that this will be an annual event. Cllr. Miriam Murphy thanked everyone involved with the event and suggested that the event may change to a Gala evening as opposed to taking place during the day next year.

The clean up of the Vale Road is going ahead on the 8th April at 10am in Pearse's Park – Cllr. Fitzgerald to organise this. This will be for over 16's only. Cllr. Kennedy, Cllr. Bourke & Cllr. Fitzgerald will be marking the route out prior to the 8th. Advertising for the recruitment of over 100 volunteers will be submitted on social media and in local newspapers. The Woodenbridge Hotel will be providing refreshments after the clean up.

Arklow Courthouse

The final costing for the works are to be completed and the meeting with the Court Services will be rescheduled as the arranged meeting was cancelled with the bad weather.

Coastal Protection Works on the North Beach

There is no update on this and Rob Mulhall EE along with AMD will continue to liaise with the OPW and work on the specification report for the works.

Parade Ground

The closing date for submissions under the Part VIII process closed on the 26th February and AMD received 32 written submissions. Some are very detailed and a summary of all submissions will issue in the coming weeks and will be considered at the next AMD meeting. A brief synopsis of the submissions was circulated and viewed by the Members.

ITEM 9 – Correspondence

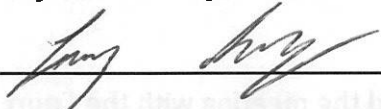
1. Irish Water will be holding their clinics in County Buildings, Wicklow on Monday 9th April 2018.
2. Arklow Duck Pond - Cllr. Miriam Murphy received an email regarding the upkeep of the Duck Pond. The reduction in Council staff and storm damage has played a part in the area being neglected. The Governor in Shelton Abbey has been in contact regarding providing a team of workers – Would this be a possibility? - S. Boddy A/DA suggested the community come together along with An Taisce for a spring clean up. The overgrown bushes etc cannot be cut back until September due to regulations. The grass cutting will commence when the weather improves.
3. Arklow Twinning Association – Friday 18th & Saturday 19th May 2018. Twinning issues relating to Aberystwyth & Chateadun will take place in the Chamber on the 18th and other Twinning issues relating to Europe will be discussed in Arklow Library on Saturday 19th May.

Item 10 – Any Other Business

All Members present expressed their gratitude to Jack Kelly, DE, all Contractors, Outdoor Staff, Chief Executive and all staff in the Municipal Offices for their professionalism and availability during Storm Emma. Cllr. Tommy Annesley suggested that a letter be forwarded to both the Emergency Services and the Management Team conveying their appreciation.

*****Amendments to minutes noted at the meeting on the 11th April 2018 and will be appended to the minutes of the 11th April 2018.***

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 14th April 2018.

Signed:  _____

Cllr. Tommy Annesley, Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

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Ms. Linda McDonald, Arklow Municipal District Administrator