

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
MONDAY 25th JULY 2016 3PM
WURZBURG ROOM, COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Present: Cathaoirleach John Snell, Councillors Gail Dunne, Daire Nolan, Mary Kavanagh, Shay Cullen.

Apologies: Cllr. Irene Winters.

In attendance: District Manager Joe Lane, District Administrator David Porter, District Engineer, Paul Byrne, Clerical Officer Caroline Lynch.

Cathaoirleach John Snell opened the meeting at 3p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD ON 27th JUNE 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gail Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Daire Nolan and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District meeting held 27th June, 2016.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Paul Byrne advised the Members that the surface water drainage works at Annamoe were almost complete. The Killiskey improvement works should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Following on from a query from Cllr. Gail Dunne in relation to tree roots damaging a footpath at 21 Ballinalea, Ashford, Mr. Byrne advised that this will be included on the list for footpath repairs. He said care would need to be taken not to damage the roots and undermine the trees when opening the footpath.

Mr. Byrne informed the Members that the recent fire inspections carried out on 5 random houses in Carrig View, Rathnew had been completed and reports had been received. These reports were forwarded to the Housing Section and they will arrange inspections on the remaining 16 houses in the estate.

The Members raised the issue of street cleaning on a Sunday.

LARAGH PUBLIC LIGHTING

Paul Byrne advised that there is ducting for the majority of the works. The €55,000 allocated will go a long way to providing these lights. Declan O'Brien has recommended lights are installed from Lynham's to the Brockagh Centre and if resources are available to continue to Glendalough Green. Mr. Byrne is waiting on final costings from SSE Airtricity and anticipates work will commence shortly. The Members asked how far the allocation will go. He replied approximately 400 metres however it depends on the light fittings agreed. Paul Byrne suggested black light fittings similar to those in Roundwood. The Members queried the area being covered. The Members thought the plan was to light up the new footpath from Laragh to Glendalough. Mr. Byrne said that Declan O'Brien's advice was to concentrate on the populated area first and then work out to the less populated areas. The Members suggested prices are obtained for the rural area. Mr. Byrne agreed to do this and compare the prices.

UPDATE ON MURROUGH COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS

Paul Byrne advised that 200 CB units have been installed. This is one third of the units. The weather has been very favourable and it is looking good for the scheduled completion date in October. The Members commented on the wheelchair access and steps for swimmers as originally on the plans. Mr. Byrne confirmed there is no change to the plans.

TOWN HALL

Joe Lane advised he had discussed the matter with the Chief Executive. He informed the Members one or more projects/sections would move into the Town Hall after September. The tidying up would continue. He agreed to keep the Members informed.

BURIAL GROUNDS – DISCUSSION OF ISSUES FOR SUB-COMMITTEE

The Members discussed this matter. Cllr. Dunne, Wicklow Municipal District's representative on the sub-committee, has attended one meeting. He advised that there were numerous issues and only 3 were discussed with no agreement reached. The process is slow as the issues are so sensitive. The issues raised by the Members to be forwarded by Cllr. Dunne at the next sub-committee meeting are as follows:

- Purchasing family plots
- Maintenance of the cemeteries
- Registrars –
- Drainage in part of Rathnew Cemetery

It was suggested this issue is kept on the agenda and Cllr. Dunne updates the Members.

CORRESPONDENCE

David Porter advised there was no correspondence.

The Members raised the following issues:

The Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the response from Irish Water regarding the treatment plant at The Murrrough.

The members raised the issue of the smell emanating from the recycled rubbish on North Pier.

Issues at Glendalough – public toilets, parking. David Porter agreed to write to the Environment Section of Wicklow County Council.

Traffic management at Laragh/Glendalough – the Members requested an update on the NTA funding as they were aware the funding is to be spent by end of the year.

The meeting closed at 3.54p.m.

SIGNED:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

SIGNED:

CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE:
