

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 3 PM  
TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Irene Winters, Councillors Daire Nolan, Mary Kavanagh, Shay Cullen, Gail Dunne, John Snell

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

**Cathaoirleach** Irene Winters opened the meeting at 3.30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr. John Snell, seconded by Cllr. Mary Kavanagh and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Paul Byrne advised the Members that resurfacing works on Market Square, Wicklow will commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. He estimates the work will take one week, however work may be completed ahead of schedule. He will be holding a meeting with the contractor to discuss the option of working at night.

Mr. Byrne advised that the road to Kilmurray will be completed this week. The members requested that a no parking sign or double yellow lines be put in place.

The Members discussed the vandalism in the playgrounds. Mr. Byrne advised that weekly inspections are carried out on all playgrounds in the district. It was suggested that the executive engineer talk to the community leaders involved in the Ballyguile playground before purchasing more equipment. Perhaps the playground could be locked and only be made available when supervised.

**UPDATE ON THE MURROUGH COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS**

Paul Byrne advised that the coastal protection works will begin in the second week of May. The supplier of the precast concrete must build a stock pile before commencing. Mr. Byrne is also waiting on the health and safety documentation etc. The Members voiced their frustration at the delay in starting this work. The Murrough is continually eroding and no work has commenced.

## TOWN HALL

David Porter advised that there is no update on the use of the building. He informed the Members that tenders were received to paint the exterior of the building. These tenders are currently being assessed. The Members asked for a timeframe on these works. Mr. Byrne feels the work would be best done in the summer months. The Members asked if sandblasting could be considered. Loraine Lynch advised that this would cost 5 to 7 times more than painting.

The Members expressed their disappointment that the building is not being used. They requested a meeting with the Chief Executive and Joe Lane, Director of Housing and Corporate Estate. Some suggestions made were to utilise the building as a maritime museum or heritage museum and possibly letting upstairs separately.

## ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY INCOME

The Members discussed the allocation of €110,000. They proposed the following breakdown:

€55,000 towards public lighting at Laragh/Glendalough.

€22,000 towards public lighting in Newtownmountkennedy.

€52,000 towards new footpath in Rathnew from Centra to GAA pitch.

**€129,000 Total**

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The other discretionary items were allocated as follows:

- €20,000 towards the Christmas Lights.(**Wicklow MD Festivals**)
- €5,000 towards festivals, to be decided on after the community grants have been awarded. (**Wicklow MD Festivals**)
- €10,000 towards tourism, on a project to be agreed later.(**Tourism Contribution**)
- €3,000 towards Twinning Committee (**Twinning of LA's**) **€3,000 left**
- €10,000 towards economic development, projects to be agreed at a later date. Suggested for Tidy Towns Committees(**€5,000 Economic Dev, €3,000 Twinning, €2,000 Tourist Promotion**)

## CORRESPONDENCE

David Porter advised letters were received today for the Members from Wicklow Rugby Club. The club are seeking Support for a trip to Canada. The Members agreed to contact the club ascertain what help they require and to wish them good luck.

## **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

The following votes of sympathy were recorded at the meeting:

- Theresa Synnott, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy
- Joan Hatton

The Members and those in attendance at the meeting stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the deceased and their families.

The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**SIGNED:**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**DATE:**

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