

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
MEETING  
MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 3.30PM  
ROADS MEETING ROOM, WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Irene Winters, Councillors Daire Nolan, Shay Cullen, Pat Kavanagh, Pat Casey.

**Apologies:** Cllr. John Snell.

**In attendance:** District Manager Loraine Lynch, District Administrator David Porter, District Engineer Paul Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer Transportation and Roads Margaret Hartnett, Clerical Officer Caroline Lynch.

**Cathaoirleach Irene Winters** opened the meeting at 3.52pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2015**

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Casey. Seconded by Cllr. Daire Nolan.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

Proposed by Cllr. Daire Nolan. Seconded by Cllr. Irene Winters.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Paul Byrne presented the District Engineer's Report.

- Colley Row footpath:  
Paul Byrne advised that this will be done this year.
- Sign for Bramble Glade:  
Mr. Byrne advised that the Housing Section is to supply this sign and his staff will install. It should be completed in a couple of weeks. The Housing Section has to release the funding.
- Footpath to Clermont campus:  
Mr. Byrne advised this is on the list but will not be done in 2015

The Cathoirleach reminded the members that, where possible, items for the District Engineer should be submitted by the members at least a week in advance.

## **FITZWILLIAM SQUARE – REPORTS FROM ROADS DEPARTMENT**

Margaret Hartnett handed out a set of drawings of the revised plans for Fitzwilliam Square. She advised that the intention of the scheme is to create a multi-functional space that would improve accessibility, enhance the presentation and public realm of the Town centre at Fitzwilliam Square.

She advised of the 6 week public display earlier this year on the modified plans. The submissions have been summarised and the District Mangers Report have been previously circulated to the Members.

Ms. Hartnett went through the Summary of the Main Issues Raised and the response to these issues. She said they will consider the introduction of some suitable trees at the bottom end of the square. She will consider the removal of the bushes as referred to by Wicklow Tidy Towns which may attract litter. The suggestion that darker material should be used will be considered at detailed design stage. The tiered effect is a good idea in principle but not suitable for disability access.

Ms. Hartnett advised that 28 submissions were received, 6 were a definite no and 10 were yes, 4 yes but with trees, 6 observations, 1 not applicable, 1 Archaeology She advised the Members that the reviewed scheme should be recommended and asked if they had any questions.

The Members raised the following:

- It was suggested that temporary bollards be placed for a trial period to close the road along the Coffee Shop to observe the effects on traffic in the area.
- Church Street Car Park – pedestrians, cycle lanes, difficult to get car park space there as staff etc park there. It was suggested that no residential parking should be allowed in this car park.
- The cycle lane on Bridge Street is on the wrong side of the road. When you turn left up Phil Healy's corners you are facing traffic.
- Cycle lane goes through the proposed loading bay.
- Wrong street is being pedestrianised – should be Phil Healy's hill.
- Concerned cars and larger vehicles driving down the hill would come out wider.
- It was suggested that bye-laws be adopted banning heavy vehicles coming through the town. The port road should be used and deliveries dropped off and delivered locally.
- Study the use of 5 axle vehicles coming through the town.
- Counter Flow Cycle lane on Bridge Street goes nowhere.
- Trees would soften the starkness of the design.

Lorraine Lynch advised that this proposal must be recommended at the full council meeting in September. The council will have to apply to the NTA for funding. It will be at least 2016 before any work is carried out. She advised that in the interim Paul Byrne would look at the trial traffic management suggestion.

The Members asked what happens if the design is amended too much. The worst outcome would be the plans would be abandoned and the whole process would have to start again.

The Members voted on recommending the reviewed plans:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Daire Nolan	Pat Kavanagh		John Snell
Pat Casey			
Shay Cullen			
Irene Winters			
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>		

Margaret Hartnett left the meeting at 4.36p.m.

### **REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMITS WITHIN CERTAIN HOUSING ESTATES**

David Porter advised that the reduction in speed limits will be rolled out. The estates the Members selected back in December will go ahead with the exception of Rossmore as it has not been taken in charge by the Council. Mr. Porter advised all estates taken in charge will be done.

Mr. Porter reminded the Members of the chosen estates i.e. Lakeview Grove, Garden Village, Wicklow Heights, Woodview, Djouce Meadow.

### **PARKING SURVEY REPORT**

David Porter advised the Members that the survey was countywide however he would only update the Members on Wicklow Town. Wicklow Town had the highest percentage response due partly to the Chamber of Commerce campaign. He advised that the most popular method of paying is at the parking machine by cash. The main reason given for difficulty in finding a parking space is inadequate spaces. 47% of paid parking users in Wicklow Town stay between 1-2 hours. Out of a total of 416 respondents 217 people suggested flexible charging, free periods and ticket transferability between zones. Mr. Porter advised of the short summary at the back of the report. All the collated information will be used to inform the bye-laws and parking going forward.

The Members found this study interesting and suggested the Council should consider colour coding the zones as in Dublin. It was commented that the parking should be uniform countywide to re-generate town centres.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

David Porter advised there was no correspondence.

There were no votes of sympathy.  
The meeting closed at 4.45p.m.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_