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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BLESSINGTON TOWN TEAM

Minutes of Meeting

Held at the Offices of Wicklow County Council at Blessington, Co. Wicklow
on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:

John Horan	Blessington Greenway (Chairman)
Liam Fay	Blessington & District Forum
Michael Doyle	Blessington & District Forum
Jason Mulhall	Blessington Tidy Towns
Shaun Durcan	Gardai
Sean Quirke	District Manager
Declan Geraghty	Municipal District Engineer
Susan Nicholls	Enterprise and Corporate Services
Eoghan Ryan	Blessington Health Check

Apologies:

Michael Sargent
Christine Flood
Cllr Gerry O'Neill
Cllr Jim Ruttle
Dionne Dixon
Kieran Burke
Kilian McGreal
Dan Kenny
Simon Murphy

The meeting was opened by Chairman John Horan.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Ruttle's mother in law had passed and sympathies of members were extended to Councillor Ruttle, his wife Kathryn and family.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th October 2018 having been previously circulated were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting followed a prepared agenda and dealt with the following matters.

Community based CCTV system

- Sean Quirke confirmed that WCC will act as the data controller. The specifics of this role for Blessington will still need to be confirmed as part of the submission process.
- Members were advised that the JPC at their last meeting had created a priority list for the deployment of CCTV in Wicklow, and this list included Arklow, Wicklow Town and Greystones but that Blessington was surprisingly not included on the list. The Chairman then advised that following discussions he had held on this, it is expected that Blessington will be added to this priority list at the next JPC Meeting that is to occur on December 4th – Members were pleased to hear this.

- Discussions on the locations of cameras and equipment then took place. It was clear that suggestions to use the library were not feasible as the building is not owned by WCC and space for the equipment would also be a problem.
- The District Manager was provided with a copy of the estimated costs for the project to see that it can be included in budget discussions for 2019. The costs will be discussed in more detail at future meetings once agreements and a final design is in place.

Working Groups

Business

- The Chairman confirmed that a meeting of business people with the Town Team sub group augmenting the evening with a speaker is scheduled for November 12th
- The meeting will update business people on the Town Team and the Health Check Phase 1 and the guest speaker will be Mr Declan Lavelle from the Valuation Office who will update on "The Reval 2019 Strategy" which is updating ratings, not updated since 1988.

Tourism

- John Horan confirmed that Wicklow County Council have a team dedicated to the completion of the Greenway Application, which will be known as the "Blessington E-Greenway" – this application will be submitted in November.

Culture and Heritage

- Michael Doyle provided an update on the establishment of a small group of like minded members from the community. This group is established and will meet in advance of Town Team meetings to outline their plans into the future.

Planning and Infrastructure

- Eoghan Ryan presented the draft Blessington Study (Health Check Phase 1).
- The study was presented in a summarised format and covered the four different areas of interest and outlined suggestions for each category.
- The study will be finalised in the coming weeks and then a final version will be distributed to all members for their feedback. Members in attendance provided some

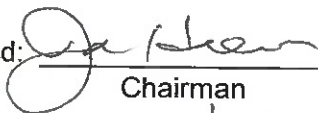
immediate feedback which was taken on board and would be used to make some small updates.

- The next phase of the health checks would be to do a business centric check. The scope of this would need to be determined and should be driven by the Business Group. This can then be appended to the phase 1 study and an overall plan in place that can then be used to input into future planning for Blessington.

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- Jason Mulhall outlined that he felt that the business community in the town were not yet fully on board & engaged at this point in time and that this would need to change as we move forward to ensure the success of the Town Team. It is hoped that the upcoming business meeting can be used to give the town team business group members a full endorsement to allow them represent the business community in Blessington and take decisions on their behalf.

This concluded the business of the meeting the next meeting being scheduled for Tuesday 6 December 2018 at 5.00pm.

Signed: 
Chairman
4/12/18