

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT SPC HELD IN COUNTY BUILDINGS ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER, 2018**

**Present:** Irene Sweeney, Gertie Salley, Shay Cullen, Pat Kennedy, Nicola Lawless, Jim Ruttle (Chair), Brendan Thornhill.

**Apologies:** Grainne McLoughlin, Miriam Murphy.

**In Attendance:** Michael Nicholson, Caroline Fox, Máire Halvey, Brendan Martin, Aishling Hubbard, Jenny Sherwin.

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**{1} Adoption of the Minutes**

Adoption of the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> September was proposed by Nicola Lawless and seconded by Gertie Salley.

**{2} Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**{3} Updates**

Michael Nicholson provided the following updates:

**Playgrounds** – Playgrounds at Laragh, Roundwood and Annacurra all in progress and should be completed in the first quarter of 2019.

**Celtic Routes Interreg Project** – Contracts on both sides have been awarded to a company called Bluesail and a stakeholders meeting has been held.

**CLÁR** – Funding received for Baltinglass and Arklow areas. Have requested Department include more townlands in 2019.

**Healthy Ireland Grants** – Aisling Hubbard circulated details of Round 1 and Round 2 grants awarded to Wicklow under this fund.

**Town and Village Renewal** – County Wicklow had been awarded almost half a million in funding this year and works are underway. This is almost double the funding received in 2017.

**Avondale Forest Park** – Planning decision due – positive decision expected. Works will be funded by Coillte and Fáilte Ireland. Overall project will be €25 - €30 million with Phase 1 in the region of €10m. Phase 1 expected to be completed by middle of 2020.

**Fáilte Ireland Festival Grants 2018** – Six festivals funded to a total of €13k.

**Ronnie Delaney Sculpture** – Contract awarded to Paul Ferriter. The project is a 9 month contract, costing €85k and to be finished in June 2019.

**Arklow Pottery Museum** – Planning application submitted under Part 8. Should be on agendan for approval at Arklow MD meeting in February. Funding has been applied for under the Urban and Rural Development Fund.

**Creative Ireland** - Draft strategy on website. Jenny Sherwin circulated details of grants awarded and the development of a Children & Young Peoples Plan under the umbrella of the Creative Ireland Strategy.

**Community CCTV** – 1 application per county is allowed per year. €40k per application with matched funding required. Arklow at tender stage but delay with Wicklow application so Blessington may take second place as it has already gone through the JPC and has been forwarded to Garda Commissioner for approval.

**Katie Taylor Bursary** – Amy Wall from Bray is this year's winner of the bursary.

#### **{4} Tourism Projects Fund**

Approved at previous meeting – transfer of funds taking place.

#### **{5} Community Enhancement Scheme –**

Máire Halvey circulated details of grants awarded under the Community Enhancement General Scheme and the Men's Shed Scheme.

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme** – Projects funded under Measure 1, no results for Measure 2 yet and 1 project for bridge over Avonmore River awarded €400k

#### **{5} Arts Report**

Jenny Sherwin circulated a report outlining details of –

- Strategic Projects
- Grants 2019
- Public Art
- Programme 2019
- Communities Choral Activation Plan
- Women's Suffrage events

Cllr Pat Kennedy enquired about delay with sculpture at Kirikee. Jenny informed him that there were specific site works requirements set out by the insurance company which had to be met. Pat informed her that the residents had paid for the kerbing for the site and requested they meet at the site to discuss the insurance requirements.

#### **{6} Library Report**

Brendan Martin circulated a library update outlining

- The development of an Open Library in Arklow,
- Display of a valuable edition of The Book of Kells in Arklow Library
- Progress with Wicklow Library
- Purchase of new mobile library.

#### **{7} Local Sports Partnership Report**

Aisling Hubbard circulated the LSP Report detailing –

- Dormant Account Funding
- Bike Week 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Age and Opportunity
- Sports Capital Grant Applications

#### **{8} Leisure Centres in Arklow and Wicklow**

Michael Nicholson informed members that both centres need capital investment. The Coral Leisure Centre in Arklow need a capital investment in the gym. A preliminary cost was being sought. It is intended to seek funding for both projects under the recently announced sports capital grant scheme.

**{9} Wicklow Gaol**

Wicklow Gaol has received funding from Fáilte Ireland for an interpretive story-telling facility. Works due to start early January/February.

**{10} Greenways**

Arklow to Shillelagh - route being developed. Liaising with landowners  
Arklow to Woodenbridge - Arklow Town Team hoping to do this section  
Greystones to Wicklow - developing route.

Blessington Greenway - €8.5 m funding application has been made. Route is 42 km.  
To be an E Greenway with electric bikes and environmentally friendly features. Decision on funding expected February/March. First greenway around lakes.

**{11} Urban and Rural Regeneration**

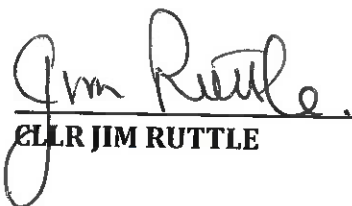
Three schemes funded in Wicklow Town, Arklow and Bray.  
Rural Regeneration applications for Rathdrum Community Centre and Baltinglass may be looked at in the new year. Arklow Pottery to be resubmitted once planning permission received.

**{12} Any Other Business**

The Chairman congratulated Rathdrum Community and the Wicklow Hospice Foundation on their award in the national Pride of Place Awards. He also thanked Michael Nicholson and his staff for the great efforts made on behalf of communities. This was also endorsed by Pat Kennedy and Shay Cullen.

The next was arranged for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:   
ELLR JIM RUTTLE

Date 11/3/19.

