

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
MONDAY 26th June 2021 @ 3.25PM**

The Council Chamber, County Buildings

- Present:** Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne, Councillors Paul O'Brien, Mary Kavanagh, Shay Cullen, Irene Winters, John Snell
- In attendance:** District Manager Brian Gleeson,
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon,
District Administrator Joan Sinnott,

Myles Buchanan, Wicklow People,
- Zoom Attendees:** Muireann Dalton,
Linsay O'Neill (Secretary to John Brady TD).

Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne opened the meeting at 3.25 pm.

ITEM 1.

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 24th May 2021

It was proposed by Cllr John Snell, seconded by Cllr Paul O'Brien and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 24th May 2021.

ITEM 2.

2021 Schedule of Municipal District Works

The District Manager Brian Gleeson outlined that under Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001, a schedule of proposed works to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district is prepared having regard to funding provided in the local authority revenue budget. The Schedule of Municipal District Works to be considered by each municipal district members and adopted by resolution.

Wicklow MD's allocation for 2021 is €7,739,334 while 2020's allocation was €7,242,153.

Members observations :

- Increases this year in F02 Library Wicklow & G02 Wicklow Harbour
- Glendalough Car Park responsible for maintenance but dot get income as it goes to environment similar to Brittas Bay

District Manager Brian Gleeson explained that the cost of the new library had increased as it will have to accommodate additional staff. Wicklow Harbour involves only the running costs and the proposed works will come out of the Capital a/c. The provision of new toilets in Glendalough will be covered by the Environment Directorate.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented was proposed by Cllr Paul O'Brien, Seconded by Cllr Irene Winters and unanimously agreed.

ITEM 3.

District Engineer Report

Covid: All staff back at work since last meeting.

Housing:

- Work continuing on essential maintenance and repairs.
- Technical support to WCC-Housing Dept:
 - Re-lets and emergency accommodation:
4 standard, 0 emergency accommodation, 8 returned to WCC Housing Dept, 5 have works continuing on site, 0 house purchases being finalised.
 - DPGs: No update
 - 2 fire damaged houses work in progress.

Roads:

- 2021 Roads Programme Supplementary RM details have changed. New list to be issued next week.
- Tenders for Overlay programme have started to be published on SupplyGov. Results in early June.
- Pothole repairs continue.
- Tender for Microsurfacing in estates awarded. Schedule to be agreed soon..
- Gritting season finished on May 1st but had to be recalled for 2 nights soon after. Callouts since 23rd April, 5 single and 0 double runs
- Road Opening Licences (approx. 15) continue to be processed and agreed.

Environment:

- Funding received for lighting upgrade and solar pv units in Town Hall.
- Survey done for electric vehicle charger at the Murrough Depot.

Planning

- 3 Section 254 applications processed for tables and chairs.

Playgrounds

- Procured repairs now complete and some equipment replacement for adult gym along promenade remains on order. Emergency repairs to surface at Ballynerrin to be completed before next Wednesday

Public Liability

- 4 new cases (3 material damage, 1 personal injuries) and 1 settled/closed.

Projects

- Library. Restarted in early May. Construction planned for completion in late July. Late August is current estimate of opening date.
- Fitzwilliam Square. Railings internal to monument area and planters on slope installed. Information sign awaiting manufacture delays experienced due to supply issues no time frame have requested update.
- Abbey Grounds. Tender for the consultants for the Fáilte Ireland project awarded to MosArt. Initial meetings and consultations taking place.
- Glendalough Road/Wicklow Gap junction surfacing works continuing.

Members observations :

- Main Road into Ashford in bad repair
- Verges on Port Road getting overgrown
- Bin at Fitzwilliam Square
- Request for additional bus stop in Ashford to accommodate Direct Provision Centre
- Maintenance programme for Fitzwilliam Square
- Town Heritage Trail nearing completion awaiting erection of boards and town maps
- Market Square loss of tress decision should not be left to contractor
- Outdoor gym rusty
- Footpath from golf club to Glen Turn welcomed
- Dunbur – poles for the bacon have been installed, when will white lines be painted
- Stricter measures to combat illegal encampments on the Mrrough

ITEM 4.**Correspondence**

The District Manager Brian Gleeson announced that additional funding from Fáilte Ireland has been received in respect of outdoor dining at Market Square and Wicklow Gaol. Approval of €100,000 has been allocated for the provision of awnings, heaters, windbreakers and improved public lighting.

ITEM 5.

AOB

The District Manager Brian Gleeson informed the meeting that there are plans to install temporary toilet facilities in Wicklow harbour and additional portaloos near the Black Castle in order to support a safer outdoor summer..

The Members were also informed that an additional application has been submitted to Fáilte Ireland in respect of the Urban Animation Investment Scheme 2021. The application, if successful will enforce the connectivity between the Main Street and South Quay through the connecting roads and lanes.

Members observations :

- The Members welcomed the additional funding
- Request to get heritage trail information boards up as soon as possible
- Paint steps at Sailing Club
- Ashford footpath how is it progressing
- Amount of dust at Construction sites onus on developers
- Illegal encampments on the Murrough and financial fallout for cleanups
- Charity shop at Recycling centre is it up for review
- Military Road into Laragh, large lorries going beyond 50mph
- Castle Street, elderly residents getting parking tickets because of yellow lines.
- A commitment to put Ballinclare Quarry on our Agenda for discussion
- To seek clarification from Chief Executive to secure ROW
- Request for an update from Wicklow Enterprise Office on employment opportunities

CATHAOIRLEACH GAIL DUNNE CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 4.20 PM.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____