

MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS

MONDAY 23rd May @ 3.00 p.m.

Present: Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne, Councillors Mary Kavanagh, John Snell, Irene Winters & Paul O'Brien.

Apologies: Cllr Shay Cullen

In Attendance: Acting District Manager Breda McCarthy
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon
District Administrator Joan Sinnott
Assistant Staff Officer Josephine Hayes
Wicklow People Myles Buchanan
Senior Executive Engineer Declan Murnane
SSE Renewables Deborah Coleman
SSE Renewables Kyle Christiansen

Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne opened the meeting at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM 1

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 25th April, 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr John Snell and seconded by Cllr Paul O'Brien and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 25th April, 2022.

ITEM 2

To consider the Schedule of Municipal District works 2022

Senior Executive Engineer Kevin Scanlon outlined details of the Municipal District Works for 2022. The works were proposed by Cllr John Snell and Seconded by Cllr Paul O'Brien.

ITEM 3

Presentation of Part 8 for a development of 10 houses, 6 two bed and 4 three bed, at Ballynerrin Upper in Wicklow Town

Senior Executive Engineer Declan Murnane outlined details of the Part 8 development. Mr. Murnane gave details of

- Site location and topography
- Part 5
- Acquisition of site
- House type

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS:

- Members unanimously welcome the additional houses
- Lack of one bed accommodation available
- Timescale for completion of development

ITEM 4

Presentation by SSE Renewables

Deborah Coleman and Kyle Christiansen made the presentation on behalf of SSE Renewables and gave details of the Arklow Bank Project. Items outlined included:

- Time extension of the project
- Details of design stages
- Additional costs
- Community Fund
- SSE Newsletter
- Public Consultation/EIA Report
- Launch of the Round Irish Yacht Race 2022

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS:

- Members thanked SSE Renewables for making the presentation.
- Detail of Biodiversity/impact on birds and wildlife/sandbanks
- Size of new turbines
- When Community Fund becomes available
- Recommended to SSE Renewables for site visit to comparable size turbine site
- Complimented SSE Renewables for excellence of newsletter
- EIA Report for site

ITEM 5

Brittas Bay

Administrative Officer Michael McNamara sent his apologies for non-attendance and requested the members to submit questions on Brittas Bay and he would answer all at the June Monthly Meeting.

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS:

- Members expressed disappointment at non-attendance and put forward the following questions for discussion at the June Monthly Meeting.
 - 1) Detailed breakdown of expenditure and receipts for Brittas Bay
 - 2) Detailed breakdown of cost to maintain Blue Flag status
 - 3) How much revenue is returned to Wicklow Municipal District
 - 4) How many skips are used in Brittas Bay annually and cost
 - 5) Can CCTV be installed and costing for same
 - 6) Cost of using staff to control traffic during busy weekends
 - 7) How many signs exist for car parks, swimming etc and are there too many
- Members discussed bins and skips/ painting toilets/carparks/recycling bins/
- Drinking water facilities at Brittas Bay
- Signs for Brittas Bay and other signage for Car parks/bathing rules/rubbish fine
- Big Belly bins to be returned
- Roundtable meeting with all parties involved with Brittas Bay to include Council staff, Garda and local groups

Acting District Manager Breda McCarthy outlined financial details in relation to Brittas Bay and the cost of maintaining the Blue Flag status. Ms McCarthy also advised members that a report on signage is due shortly.

ITEM 6

District Engineers Report

Senior Executive Engineer Kevin Scanlon outlined details of the District Engineers Report:

Housing:

- DPG; 3 ramps completed. 3 bathroom conversions commenced.
- Relets/Prelets; 3 completed. 5 on site. 2 vacated and awaiting inspection.
- House and property inspections for Ukrainian families continue.

Roads:

- Roads Programme for 2022.
Overlay RI

- Wicklow Gap at Turlough Hill complete.
- Wicklow Gap at Brockagh townland complete.
- Glendalough to Laragh complete.
- Annamoe commenced 20th May.
- Military Rd and Ballykeppogue to commence in mid June.
Drainage works
- Laragh, Ashtown, Colley Row and Dunganstown complete
Surface dressing RM
- Works to commence county wide in mid June. Each district will be done in turn.
- Winter Maintenance season ended on May 1st. No salting during last week in April.

Environment:

- Brittas Bay Project-Cattle moved off site. Will return later this year..

Planning

- Section 254 applications continue to be processed for tables/chairs (1) and NBI (0).

Playgrounds

- Repairs now substantially complete at Newtown, Ballynerrin and Roundwood.

Public Liability

- 3 personal injury. 4 material damage. 1 settled.

Projects

NTA

- Ballyguilemor surveying underway with WCC.

DOE

- Low Cost Safety Scheme (Speed signs) tender for urban and rural signs to be completed this week.
- Safety Improvement Works. 2 projects approved. Laragh/Glendalough and Barnbawn. Details being agreed to start in coming weeks.
- LIS projects currently being assessed and costed for submission to WCC.

Fáilte Ireland

- Abbey Grounds. Ecology, archaeology and structural works to commence in coming weeks subject to various licences.

Town & Village

- Wicklow Town – South Quay connections to Main St; stakeholders being consulted regarding final designs.
- Roundwood-footpath at playground and crossing points delayed by 2 weeks.
- Annamoe-footpath and ground works complete. Decorative lighting and traffic management on order.

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Members thanked all staff for the official launch of the dog park and agreed that it was very well received by the public
- Timescale for surface dressing to be completed at various locations
- When will works commence on Ball alley

- Traffic lights at Grand Hotel still an issue
- Cleaning of Grave yards before summer
- Resurfacing at Halpins Court

ITEM 7

Update SSE Renewables Round Ireland Yacht Race

District Administrator Joan Sinnott outlined details of the upcoming Round Ireland Yacht Race which is due to commence on 18th June, 2022 which will be the 40th Anniversary of the biennial race.

Members discussed traffic management/cleaning/grass cutting around Wicklow for the event. Ms. Sinnott advised members that road closures would be in place for the Castle Street area and would be manned by stewards allowing local access only.

Members thanked SSE Renewables for sponsorship of the event.

ITEM 8

Correspondence

None

ITEM 9

A.O.B.

None

CATHAOIRLEACH GAIL DUNNE CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 4.50 P.M.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____