



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE McELHERON CHAMBER ON
THE 10th of June 2026.

- Present:** Cllr. Peir Leonard, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke, Leas-Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Pat Kennedy
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Miriam Murphy
Cllr. Warren O'Toole
- Officials Present:** Ms. Leonora Earls, District Manager
Ms. Alvina Brehone, District Administrator
Ms. Avril Hill, District Engineer
Mr. Damien Byrne, Executive Engineer
Ms. Lorraine Hayes ASO
- Guest Speaker:** Mr. Paul Maher -Arklow Twinning Committee
- Press:** Hugh O'Farrell-Walsh

Item 1: Votes of Sympathy.

The members expressed votes of sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved one. A minute silence was observed.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 13th of May were proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Item 3: Matters Arising.

Cllr. Leonard requested an update on Meadowvale playground.

AB relayed we are currently working with the playground equipment company for a solution, once a solution is proposed we will be back the Elected Members.

Cllr. Leonard said the issue with illegal parking and congestion at South Quay is on-going.

AH stated the line markings should be refreshed within the next two weeks.

Cllr. Leonard requested the trees in the river be removed.

LE will follow-up with Roads/Bridges Team

Cllr. Murphy enquired about yellow boxes being refreshed.

AH said they are being done at present.

Item 4: Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

- ❖ To receive presentations from members of the Twinning Committee

Paul apologised that Maria could not make today's meeting. Paul delivered an insight into the work Arklow Twinning Committee do. He requested that the Elected Members would continue with their funding support over the coming years.

The following matters were raised and discussed:

- Cllr. Bourke said it is important for cultural development and has seen many students benefit from the Twinning events. It is a great idea to seek EU funding if possible.
- LE stated Twinning is organised through our Corporate Department.
- Cllr. O'Toole enquired if anyone was capable to apply for EU funding with so much work involved in the application process.
- LE said we can certainly look at it as we have received EU funding previously.
- Cllr. Leonard suggested setting up a sub-committee to look at applying for this funding.
- PM said there are currently eleven members on Arklow Twinning Committee.
- AB told the Members that some communication is not coming through AMD therefore some of it is lost. To ensure invitations go to the right people it would be advisable to go through AMD.
- Cllr. Kennedy said Twinning is hugely important and needs to be built on, he would like to see it on the agenda more often. Cllr. Kennedy proposed the Chair of the District sit on the Twinning Committee. Cllr. Fitzgerald seconded this proposal.
- AB reminded the Elected Members that we have a protocol for Twinning.
- Cllr. Kennedy wanted to recognise Liz Burke who does great work with students.
- Cllr. Leonard thanked Paul Maher for his insight and work done to date.

To receive a report from Avril Hill, District Engineer:

Municipal District of Arklow

District Engineer's Report

4th June 2026

Restoration Improvement

Proposed Works	Status
L-2172 Redcross to Barniskey	w/c 08/06
R-754 Knockanree to Kilmacoo	
R-747 Vale Road	Liaise with NTA team
R-753 Aughrim	Drainage surveys commenced

Waiting on confirmation of funding for flood damaged roads

Restoration Maintenance

Works Completed

Discretionary Funding

Proposed Works	Status
Johnstown / Ballycoog Signage	Signage Ordered
L-6125 & L-6124 Junction Improvement	Works commenced.
Footpath at Fairgreen	Reviewed with Contractor
Footpath at Aughrim	Reviewed with Contractor
Footpaths at St. Peter's Place	Reviewed with Contractor
Footpaths at Lower Main Street	Quotation sought
Footpath at Barndarrig NS	Currently working with Bord of Management
Duck Pond	Review of Maintenance Requirements
Public Lighting in Greenane	Waiting on ESB connection
Heritage Signage for Villages	One sign to be installed in Greenane
Infill Lighting Annacurra	Civil works complete. ESB connection to be completed
Public Lighting at the Birches, Ballinaclesh	Waiting on ESB connection
2024 Footpath Repair Riverwalk	Some drainage works required in advance
Educational Signage - Beaches	Liaised with the Biodiversity Officer - Awaiting Further Information
Pedestrian Crossing - Rathdrum	Considered as part of Traffic Study
Repair of Footpath at Currans Corner	
Footpath - Arklow Bearing Services	

Climate Adaptation

Proposed Works	Status
Beech Road	Drainage & Road rehabilitation
Stump of the Castle	Drainage Works

Other works

The following matters were raised and discussed:

- Cllr. Fitzgerald stated the footpath outside Arklow Barings is not done.
- AH said we cannot get agreement from the landowners to carry out this work.
- LE said it was open for the Members to explore the next step.
- Cllr. Leonard suggested writing out to the landowner.
- LE suggested bringing back this issue next Month.
- Cllr. Kennedy asked if anything can be done to improve safety at Ballycapple crossroads.
- AH relayed she had been out to Ballycapple and there is substantial growth of briars at present. She will need to get agreement to do something like Ballintombay.
- Cllr. Bourke supported this as the crossroads needs more line markings.
- Cllr. Kennedy said at the Kilbride junction the stop sign is causing much confusion.
- AH explained due to the road classification that secondary roads have priority, when the road is swept line markings will be carried out and that should help with the confusion.
- Cllr. Kennedy asked AH to look at potholes near Brooklodge.
- Cllr. O'Toole stated ESB said that lights in Ballinaclesh are not on their list. Is it possible to get a copy of their lists.
- AH explained there was an issue with who got the tender, the company engaged for the job went out of businesses so now all works must be recertified. Greenan and Annacurra are not affected by the company going out of business.
- Cllr. O'Toole said many of the estates have potholes that need to be filled.
- AH the patching unit will be out in the coming days to fill potholes.
- Cllr. O'Toole said dumping is now an issue at Marian Villas and Asgard is very overgrown.
- AH had staff clear up the area they removed 8 loads of rubbish from Asgard Close last week, we do not have the funds available to do this on a regular basis. Grass cutting areas are being covered.
- Cllr. Bourke has had complaints regarding speeding at Conary.
- AH will do a traffic survey at Conary.
- Cllr. Kennedy asked for potholes at Brookmeadow be filled.
- AH will look at Brookmeadow.
- AH said Cluain Ard is on the list also for traffic survey.
- Cllr. O'Toole said there are concerns at Barndarrig/Redcross with traffic speeding.
- AH will carry out a traffic study we are working our way through the list.

- ❖ To agree Festival Funding for 2026:



Arklow Municipal District
Castlepark
Arklow

Supplier ID	Name	Accelem	Job	Opcode	TC	Grant Amount
113462	Arklow RNLI Lifeboat	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€2,000.00
114603	Light Up Avoca	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€1,000.00
116446	Arklow Town Team - Halloween	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€2,000.00
257163	Inbhear Mor Performance Ensemble	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€2,000.00
122585	Annacurra Parish Council	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€800.00
xxxxx	Arklow Seabreeze	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€4,000.00
126216	Craic in the Granite Music and Arts Festival	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€2,000.00
124895	Arklow Community of Excellence	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€1,000.00
xxxxx	Arklow Arts Centre	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€1,500.00
114143	Rathdrum Christmas Lights	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€4,000.00
115664	Arklow Christmas Festival Committee	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€4,000.00
119955	Africa Irish Society of Wicklow (AISW)	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€150.00
102401	Ballinacash Community Association	72900	43115100	J014	EX	€550.00
	Total Festival Grants AMD 2026					€25,000.00

Cllr. Bourke proposed the festival funding and Cllr. Kennedy seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Leonard thanked the staff for all the work they have put into this to date.

AB stated it was getting more difficult as we received half-filled in forms with no back up, efforts made with applications going forward would be much appreciated.

Item 5: Any Other Business

None

Item 6: Correspondence:

Email received from Tommy Breen on behalf of his music group, he requested assistance from Discretionary funding for the production of a CD he is recording with members of Sunbeam House Services.

Inline with AMD funding application policy Cllr. O'Toole proposed €300 be donated, Cllr. Murphy seconded this proposal. All Members agreed.

Cllr. O'Toole added the excitement with the group members is incredible.

Cllr. Leonard thanked Tommy Breen for all his work with the group.

Item 7. Any other business:

- There is no public transport for wheelchair users available, can a letter be sent to the appropriate transport departments.
- Resident in Ballinaclesh complained there was no money received for flood relief, clarification is required.
- A presentation of Seaview masterplan is still being tweaked by the Consultants.
- The structural damage done to the bridge should be followed up with Uisce Eireann.
- Damage done to the outdoor gym in Rathdrum is not covered by our insurance. We do not have funding available to replace the equipment.
- A letter of congratulations should be sent to Sean Dunne for winning the under 20 sheep shearing competition. This has been agreed.
- The amount of painting done in the Town has made an enormous difference.
- Great engagement between traders and Arklow Tidy Towns.
- Kangakare were delighted to be part of the opening of the junior driving school and have decided to put it on their curriculum going forward.
- Tender for the masterplan for St. Gabriel's cemetery is going out soon. This will aim to gain extra space, extra signage and encourage biodiversity.
- The planning team will engage with a workshop for the LAP which is due to be voted on in July.
- If Members are aware of events being organised perhaps, they can engage with AMD to ensure they can go ahead with no issues.
- AMD will help filling up event forms if required.
- Insurance is of utmost importance for all events.

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th of July 2026.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Peir Leonard, Cathaoirleach, Arklow Municipal District.

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Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator, Arklow Municipal District