

MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS

MONDAY 27th June 2022 3.00 p.m.

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

Apologies:

In Attendance: District Engineer Kevin Scanlon
Executive Engineer Alan Martin
District Administrator Joan Sinnott
Assistant Staff Officer Jason Smith
Assistant Engineer Brian O'Sullivan
Wicklow People Myles Buchanan

Cathaoirleach Paul O'Brien opened the meeting at 3.30 p.m.

ITEM 1

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 23rd May 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Shay Cullen and seconded by Cllr Irene Winters and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 23rd May, 2022.

ITEM 2

Presentation by Brian O'Sullivan

Brian O'Sullivan made a presentation on Speed Limit Reviews 2022. Items outlined included:

- Speed Management and Rational for speed limits
- Legalities as per *Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland* (Section 9 (9) of 2004 Road Traffic Act)
- Setting special speed limits on National & Regional roads
- Summary – County Councils must have regard to the 'Guidelines' when making and amending bye-laws for speed limits(Section 9 (9) of 2004 Road Traffic Act)

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Members thanked Brian O'Sullivan for making the presentation
- All housing estates (taken in-charge) will be 30 KPH speed limit
- Review of list for speed limit reduction from 80 to 50 at Nuns Cross
- Members discussed the Ashford – Glenealy Road speed limit of 80 KPH to be reduced. Response from Assistant Engineer Brian O'Sullivan was that this is outside the Development Area of the town and cannot be reduced

ITEM 3

District Engineers Report

- Surface Dressing commenced with a view to completion within two weeks
- Lighthouse Road access – reviewing situation with current talks with IPB and ongoing talks with the current landowner
- GSS and Outdoor staff all aware of the dates for the Blessing of the graves, a new Lawnmower has been purchased for grounds maintenance

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Lighthouse Road – Access issues raised and dialogues currently aim to review and rectify the accessibility
- Ball Alley in Wicklow Town to be made available to the public
- Members discussed issues/timing of traffic lights and road markings at Tinakilly Park causing a backup of traffic and lengthy delays getting to Rathnew onwards.
- Blessing of the graves at Glenealy approaching and requires maintenance, a hand rail is required on approach to Rathnew graveyard
- The Round Ireland Yacht Race and Taste of Wicklow praised for raising a positive contribution to the area
- Issue raised over locking of park gates overnight as ongoing vandalism at the Little Park in Ashford

ITEM 4

Correspondence

None

ITEM 5

A.O.B.

- Members raised the issue of unoccupied properties within the area, furthered that a vacant property list be generated and reasons for vacant properties be identified
- Members raised and identified the need for a greater effort and involvement with our Town Twinning, praise was given to the recent visit to Wurzburg – Eichenzell and their positive approach. Recommendations raised were to bring a greater emphasis and awareness to our communities, gain a better cultural involvement within our District and Towns and meet with Twinning Team to see how to develop relationships and cultural involvement.

CATHAOIRLEACH PAUL O’BRIEN CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 4.50 P.M.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____