

# MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

## HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS

MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

Present: Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Paul O'Brien, Councillors Mary Kavanagh, Shay Cullen, John Snell, Irene Winters

Apologies: Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne

In Attendance: District Manager Brian Gleeson  
Executive Engineer Alan Martin  
District Administrator Joan Sinnott  
Assistant Staff Officer Josephine Hayes  
Wicklow People Myles Buchanan

Leas-Cathaoirleach Paul O'Brien opened the meeting at 3.00 p.m.

### ITEM 1

#### **Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr Shay Cullen and seconded by Cllr John Snell and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

### ITEM 2

#### **Consider Community Memorial Policy Application Form**

The members welcomed the overall wording of the proposed Memorial Policy Application Form with a modification on the wording to ensure that the family and the elected members of the Municipal District will be notified in the event of a memorial tree having to be removed or relocated.

The Community Memorial Policy Application Form was proposed by Cllr John Snell and seconded by Cllr Mary Kavanagh.

### **ITEM 3**

#### **Part 8 Abbey Grounds**

The District Manager, Brian Gleeson advised the Members that the Abbey Grounds Part 8 application would be advertised this week and following completion of the public consultation process and procedure that the Part 8 would be back before the members for consideration at the December Meeting scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup>. The proposal would then be to tender early January/February 2022 and works scheduled for completion by summer 2022.

### **ITEM 4**

#### **NTA Funding Proposal 2022**

Members discussed and considered the list of projects being considered for submission for funding to the NTA Active Travel Projects.

Councillors Questions/Queries/Comments:

- Continuation of Glen Turn footpath
- Path at Brittas Bay National School
- Include small section of footpath on old N11 near Hazelbrook Development
- The importance of putting forward proposals for the NTA funding was expressed.
- That any development being proposed should have adequate facilities for footpaths and lighting included in the development.
- General clarification on how projects/submissions were assessed and what was necessary to qualify for submission

### **ITEM 5**

#### **Update on proposed One Way System for main Street Wicklow Town**

Executive Engineer Alan Martin updated Members on the progress of the proposed One Way System. He advised that the project is nearing completion with the necessary signs and street furniture purchased and due for delivery within the next two weeks.

District Manager Brian Gleeson informed the meeting that consultation had taken place with all stakeholders at this stage which included the Gardai, Emergency Services, Bus Eireann and the Fire Brigade. He also advised that a meeting had already been had with the Wicklow Town and District Chamber and the Town Team and the plan is to meet again and update before going live. Information and maps will be put up on social media to avoid any confusion.

Members discussed areas where there might be potential issues and asked if there was a time frame for the trial.

Executive Engineer, Alan Martin advised that all issues would be addressed and looked into during the trial period and added that if something is not working we will know quite quickly and have it addressed.

District Manager, Brian Gleeson advised that at this point there would be a reluctance to put a timeline on the trial as it will depend on what results we get, it is a trial and it may be possible that we will have to tweak some areas to make it successful.

Cllr Paul O'Brien expressed some reservations regarding Castle Street and Quarantine Hill, however stated that that his reservations were not objections and that he was fully supportive of the trial.

## **ITEM 6**

### **District Engineers Report**

#### **Housing:**

- Work continuing on essential maintenance and repairs.
- Technical support to WCC-Housing Dept:  
Re-lets and emergency accommodation:  
5 standard, 2 emergency accommodation, 4 returned to WCC Housing Dept, 4 have works continuing on site, 1 house purchase being finalised.  
DPGs: **T.B.C**

#### **Roads:**

- Overlay programme - WIP.
- Microsurfacing programme - WIP.
- Three temporary Car Parks in operation at Luggala, Laragh, Magheramore and Brittas Bay.
- Maintenance repairs continue.
- Road Opening Licences (approx. 25) continue to be processed and agreed.

#### **Environment:**

- PV (Photovoltaic) panels installed on Town Hall extension roof.
- Temporary toilet facilities remain at the Seafront.
- Portaloo's in use at Magheramore, Laragh, Brittas Bay and Sally Gap car parks.

#### **Planning**

- Section 254 applications continue to be processed for tables and chairs.

#### **Playgrounds**

- Program of works now agreed to carry out all necessary repairs to all MD playgrounds to start in six weeks.
- Adult gym equipment along Murrough now being considered for replacement on a piece by piece basis. Repairs to these units may not be feasible.

## **Public Liability**

- 7 new cases (6 material damage, 1 personal injuries) and 1 settled/closed

## **Projects**

### **NTA**

- Wicklow Town 1-way design finalised. Street Furniture and Equipment procured.
- Construction of a new footpath between Glenealy and Rathnew Villages on the R752 is currently remains on hold.
- Footpath widening from Glen Turn car park to Golf Club. Works to commence in four weeks.
- Climate Adaptation
  - Road and verge drainage works at Slaughter 90% complete
  - Marlton stream works - **TBC**
- Additional Outdoor Infrastructure.
  - Mount Usher footpath and crossing – work to commence in three weeks.
  - Murrrough cycle tracks and footpath improvements – Scope to be agreed and equipment to be procured – Start proposed in four weeks.
- NTA application made for Greenhill Rd footpath. Awaiting funding decision prior to consultation and design.

### **DOE**

- Cunningham's Corner road safety works being assessed and designed.
- Junction Widening at L-5054 junction with R-755 Roundwood Road

### **Fáilte Ireland**

- Abbey Grounds. WIP.
- Urban Animation Scheme. Application Unsuccessful.
- Outdoor Dining Scheme. Market Square and Wicklow Gaol in Wicklow Town was recently made to Fáilte Ireland. Application Successful and works are in progress, these will continue over next six weeks.

### **WCC**

- Glendalough Upper Lake Toilet Refurbishment Complete.

### **URDF**

- Library - Opened.
- Fitzwilliam Square - Opened.

### **Town & Village**

- Roundwood Village – Starting mid-October (Footpath from Hardware Shop to Playground plus three pedestrian crossings, one at playground and two at school Bray end of village)
- Wicklow Town – Backlighting Project, WCC will have all ground works complete by end-September. Sites complete (no ESB connection): Goal, St Patrick's Church, Billy Byrne Monument. ESB connection applications submitted.
- Annamoe – Main T&V 2020 likely to commence November.
- Town and Village Scheme application for Wicklow Town, consisting of murals, fabricated artwork and additional backlighting (€250K) submitted to Dept. of Rural and Community Development on 16/07/21. No feedback as yet from that Dept.

Councillors Questions/Queries/Comments:

- An update on the Backlighting project was requested
- Disappointment that the ball alley in Crinion Park remains unplayable. It was confirmed that the existing fencing would be re-secured and made safe.
- Cllr Shay Cullen requested and update on the footpath from Glenealy to Rathnew.
- Concern for residence at Bachelor's Walk, Church Hill and at the Schools re lighting and hedge cutting.
- The work carried out on the Glendalough Toilets was commended as it now leaves visitors to the area going away with a good impression.
- Temporary Toilets at Seafront – when will they be removed. It was confirmed that they would be removed at the end of September.
- Road surfaces needing attention on coast road near Hunters Hotel, Kiloughter and section near Clermont Campus.
- Broken fence pulled down in Ballynerrin playground
- Pedestrian crossings around schools – no pedestrian crossing at St. Pat's National School
- Greenhill road footpath.
- Gym equipment on Murrough.

**ITEM 7**

**Correspondence**

District Administrator Joan Sinnott informed the meeting that there was no other correspondence.

**ITEM 8**

**A.O.B.**

Cllr John Snell discussed issues around Swimming Club building and expressed disappointment at lack of funding to purchase same.

District Manager Brian Gleeson advised members that this was not included in our Capital Plan and no funding for purchase had been granted.

LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH CLLR. PAUL O'BRIEN CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 4.00 PM.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACTING CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_