

MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

MONDAY 24th January @ 3.00p.m.

HELD VIA ZOOM.

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

Apologies: Cllr Irene Winters

In Attendance: Acting District Manager Breda McCarthy
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon
Executive Engineer Alan Martin
District Administrator Joan Sinnott
Assistant Staff Officer Josephine Hayes
Wicklow People Myles Buchanan

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 20th December 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr Paul O'Brien and seconded by Cllr John Snell and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 20th December, 2021.

ITEM 2

Update on Trial One Way System for Main Street Wicklow Town

Executive Engineer Alan Martin updated the members on the progress of the new One Way System and outlined the changes that had been made since the One Way System was introduced.

Members discussed various elements of the new One Way System which included:

- Set down lane
- Junction at Hopkins Toy Shop and Fitzwilliam Road.
- New pedestrian crossing at Wicklow County Council Library.

- Line markings to be replaced where necessary.
- New planters due shortly to replace temporary bollards,
- New proximity sensor installed to control traffic at Market Square.
- One way system at Church Hill still problematic.
- Junction at Grand Hotel still causing issues
- Rainbow colours at pedestrian crossings, doctors' steps and planters.

The Members thanked Mr. Martin for actively engaging with the Wicklow Town and District Chamber of Commerce, the public and the shop owners. It was agreed that since the implementation of the One Way System that the flow of traffic through the town had improved.

Mr. Martin was thanked for his hard work and massive commitment in getting the project up and running, overcoming difficult situations and bringing the project to a positive outcome.

ITEM 3

District Engineers Report

District Engineer Kevin Scanlon outlined details from the Engineers Report.

Housing:

- Work continuing on essential maintenance and repairs.
- Technical support to WCC-Housing Dept:
Re-lets and emergency accommodation:
3 standard, 0 emergency accommodation, 1 returned to WCC Housing Dept, 2 have works continuing on site.
DPGs: 4 completed and 5 underway.

Roads:

- Microsurfacing programme – All works complete. 2 alterations. Final sweeping being carried out. Contractor to address snags in January.
- 2 temporary Car Parks in operation at Luggala and Laragh.
- Maintenance repairs continue.
- Road Opening Licences (approx. 20) continue to be processed and agreed.
- Winter Maintenance-18 single and 1 double call outs up to Thursday 20th January.

Environment:

- Fencing works completed at Brittas Bay north beach car park to allow management of bracken with animals alongside the mowing trial.
- Portaloo's in use at Laragh and Sally Gap Car parks.

Planning

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

Playgrounds

- Adult gym equipment along Murrough – three units ordered.

Public Liability

- 5 new cases (5 material damage, 0 personal injury) and 0 settled/closed.

Projects

NTA

- Wicklow Town 1-way in operation since Saturday 13th November. Monitoring and alterations ongoing.
- New footpath between Glenealy and Rathnew Villages on the R752 (Roads Department) in progress.
- Footpath widening from Glen Turn car park to Golf Club in progress. Complete.
- Climate Adaptation
 - Road and verge drainage works at Slaughter complete.
- Additional Outdoor Infrastructure.
 - Mount Usher footpath and crossing – Kerbing to start 21/02/22
 - Murrough cycle tracks and footpath improvements – Scope to be agreed and equipment to be procured – February 2022
- NTA 2022 Project proposals submitted to Roads Department.

DOE

- Cunningham's Corner road safety works underway (WCC Roads Dept).
- Junction Widening at L-5054 junction with R-755 Roundwood Road complete.

Fáilte Ireland

- Abbey Grounds. Part 8 approved. Contract procurement underway.
- Outdoor Dining Scheme. Market Square and Wicklow Gaol application successful and works are in progress. Remaining 2 canopies at Market Square now in place. Two new canopy bases and power supply ducting complete at Gaol.

WCC

- Glendalough Upper Lake Toilet Refurbishment Complete.

URDF

- Application in respect of Wicklow Harbour is currently being reviewed and prepared for the next round of funding, which is expected in Q1 2022.

Town & Village

- Roundwood Village – Start 15/02/22 (Footpath from Hardware Shop to Playground plus three pedestrian crossings, one at playground and two at school at Bray end of village)
- Wicklow Town – Backlighting Project. All groundworks now completed by WCC, Contractor due on site to complete light fitting in two stages: first will be Church of Ireland, The Gaol and The Stone Bridge and second stage will be Parnell Bridge, Black Castle and revised lighting at St. Patrick's Church.
- Annamoe – Main T&V 2020: Footpath works to commence 09/02/22.
- 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.

Discretionary Fund (10 priority projects)

- Garden Village footpath repairs and Dunbur Rd crossing complete.
- New footpaths at Ashtown Lane/Merrymeeing. Tenders received and being assessed.
- Barnbawn to be tendered in January.
- Footpath repairs at Seaview Heights. Tenders received and being assessed.
- Sycamore Drive to be tendered in January.
- Traffic management works at Ballynerrin/Djouce/Newtown to seek 3 quotes in January.

Members made the following queries/observations:

- Micro surfacing works at Rosanna Close and Sycamore Drive an issue
- Dunbur Crossing
- Glenealy footpath
- Dog foul issues
- Mount Usher Pedestrian Crossing
- Ashtown and Merrymeetings contract
- Brittas Bay bin issues
- Overgrown areas in Wicklow Municipal District
- Cllr John Snell requested a breakdown of the tender for the Doctors Steps.
- Mass Path in Wicklow Town littering and lack of lighting

Responses to queries/observations:

- Mr. Scanlon advised members that the micro-surfacing works would be checked.
- Dog foul machine is being repaired and will be back on the street shortly.
- Works at Mount Usher have gone out to Tender and will commence early February.
- Ashtown Lane and Merrymeetings tenders just in and would be awarded shortly
- Mr. Scanlon advised the Nuns Cross area was next to have the overgrown areas attended to.
- Issue with overflowing bins at Brittas Bay would be looked into for a better solution.
- Mass Path Wicklow Town don't have a specific budget for public lighting.
- 3 more Local Improvement Schemes have been tendered for however only 1 contractor is available to carry out the work.
- Slaughter Hill drainage finished and widening can now be looked.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

District Administrator Joan Sinnott advised members that there was no correspondence.

ITEM 6

A.O.B.

The District Administrator Joan Sinnott and members agreed a date of 28th February, 2022 for the next meeting.

Members enquired about St Patricks Day Parade and they were advised that a meeting with the Committee is scheduled to take place tonight and that it is envisaged that the Wicklow Parade will go ahead. Road Closing Licence needed to be applied for six week prior to the commencement of the parade and this would be done. Insurance for the St. Patricks Day Parade would also need to be put in place if the parade is going ahead.

The Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne thanked Brian Gleeson for all his work with the District as District Manager and he welcomed Breda McCarthy to her new role as Acting District Manager.

CATHAOIRLEACH GAIL DUNNE CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 4.15 PM.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____