

MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

HELD IN COMMITTEE BY ZOOM

MONDAY 26th July 2021 @ 3.00 PM

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

In attendance: District Manager Brian Gleeson
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon
Executive Engineer Alan Martin
District Administrator Joan Sinnott
Assistant Staff Officer Jo Hayes

Myles Buchanan Wicklow People

Zoom Attendees: Muireann Dalton
Linsay O'Neill (Secretary to John Brady TD)
Art McCormack Mosart
Marianna Moreira
Yvonne Whitty
Christine Flood
David De Courcy

Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne opened the meeting at 3.00 pm.

ITEM 1.

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Annual Meeting held on the 28th June 2021

It was proposed by Cllr John Snell, seconded by Cllr Shay Cullen and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Annual Meeting held on the 28th June, 2021.

ITEM 2

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 28th June 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Paul O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Shay Cullen and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 28th June, 2021.

ITEM 3

Presentation from MosArt on design proposal for the Abbey Grounds

Art McCormack presented the proposal from MosArt on the design for the Abbey Grounds – the proposal included:

- Conversion of the Coach House to a Cafe/Retail/Exhibition space and public toilets.
- Amphitheatre/stage for events
- Vehicular access for occasional events
- Access for the public and the disabled, on paths plus vehicular access to Parochial House
- Public seating
- Incorporate Ashtown Stream
- Enhanced Biodiversity
- Lighting scheme
- Storage for seating plus shed for Parochial House
- Structural assessment of existing walls
- Heritage interpretation (Lectern)

Members observations

- The members welcomed the proposal on the Abbey Grounds and thanked Fr. Roche and parishioners for their contribution.
- Proposal was well received and members requested to expedite the project.
- Members welcomed the bio-diversity of the proposed design.
- Members requested an update as soon as possible on a start date and costing for the new system.
- Members discussed various elements of the proposed design, tree planting, preservation of existing ruins, Part 8 Submission, Failte Ireland funding, position of amphitheatre, seating and lighting.

ITEM 4

Update on proposed One Way System for Main Street Wicklow Town

- The Executive Engineer Alan Martin presented details of the new One Way System. The new system will run from Hopkins Hill to Market Square and cover around 300 meters and run from North to South.
- Hopefully get rid of congestion on Main Street which has been an issue for many years.
- Agreed that marshalling could be considered for start of new system
- Discussion over entire Main Street being made one way.
- Issues relating to taxi drivers, parking and access on the Quay discussed.
- New system on a trial period and will be reviewed.

ITEM 5

District Engineer Report

Housing:

- Work continuing on essential maintenance and repairs.
- Technical support to WCC-Housing Dept:
 - Re-lets and emergency accommodation:
8 standard, 1 emergency accommodation, 5 returned to WCC Housing Dept, 5 have works continuing on site, 1 house purchase being finalised.
 - DPGs: 1 completed, 1 design in process
 - 1 of 2 fire damaged houses - work complete.

Roads:

- Overlay programme dates and traffic management currently being finalised.
- Micro surfacing programme being finalised with Contractor.
- Three temporary Car Parks in operation at Luggala, Laragh and Magheramore.

- Pothole repairs continue.
- Road Opening Licences (approx. 20) continue to be processed and agreed.
- A temporary car park at Brittas Bay has been put in place.

Environment:

- Lighting upgrade currently under construction in Town Hall.
- Solar pv panel work to commence in coming weeks.
- Survey done for electric vehicle charger at the Murrough Depot.
- Temporary toilet facilities installed at the Seafront.
- Portaloo's in use at Magheramore and Sallygap car parks. Currently looking at further options.

Planning

- 2 Section 254 applications processed for tables and chairs.

Playgrounds

- Contact has been made with the different manufacturers with a view to replacing full items due to issue with parts etc.

Public Liability

- 6 new cases (4 material damage, 2 personal injuries) and 1 settled/closed

Projects

NTA

- Wicklow Town 1-way design finalised and installation to commence in coming weeks.
- Construction of a new footpath between Glenealy and Rathnew Villages on the R752 is currently on hold following tragic incident on site.
- Footpath widening from Glen Turn car park to Golf Club. Works to commence in coming weeks.
- Leg of Mutton footpath lighting installed and will be completed in coming weeks.
- Climate Adaptation
 - Road and verge drainage works at Slaughter commenced last week. Approx. 3 weeks to complete.
 - Marlton stream improvements assessment has taken place and measures are to be agreed with WCC and LAWPRO.
- Additional Outdoor Infrastructure.
 - Mount Usher footpath and crossing design being finalised with work commencing in early August.
 - Murrough cycle tracks and footpath improvements currently being assessed and designed. Works to take place in August.
- 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.

Fáilte Ireland

- Abbey Grounds. Presentation at July meeting.
- Urban Animation Scheme. Application was submitted to Fáilte Ireland in June and further info recently submitted in respect of a project encompassing the South Quay and the connecting roads/lanes to the Main Street.
- Outdoor Dining Scheme. Market Square and Wicklow Gaol in Wicklow Town was recently made to Fáilte Ireland. Proposed works include the provision of awnings, heaters, windbreakers and improved public lighting.

WCC

- Glendalough Upper Lake Toilet Refurbishment commenced last week and will take three weeks to complete. No weekend work and additional toilet facilities to be provided during works.

URDF

- Library. Book deliveries commencing soon and late August opening still planned.
- Fitzwilliam Square. Project signage constructed and awaiting delivery and installation. Cleaning of the square has been carried out but was not 100% successful. Further info from suppliers and specialist companies being sought.

Town & Village

- Roundwood Village – Starting August (Footpath from Hardware Shop to Playground plus three pedestrian crossings, one at playground and two at school Bray end of village)
- Wicklow Town – Awnings completed and installed.
- Annamoe – Public consultations complete, tenders to be prepared.
- Backlighting WT - Ground works at outstanding sites have commenced. All WCC works to be completed within next two weeks. Elmore then to fit lights and ESB to connect.
- Expressions of Interest for 2021 Scheme recently submitted (from external groups) and to be assessed.
- 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.

Members observations

- Ball alley in Wicklow Town in poor shape
- Request for Raft/Pier platform to be set up
- Rosanna Close/Woodview Ashford parking issues discussed
- General discussion on condition of verges and cemeteries
- Bins at Hearty Hut need relocation
- Milltown north/south traffic issues discussed
- Issues around outdoor dining and access for pedestrians
- Maritime project update requested

ITEM 6

Correspondence

- District Administrator Joan Sinnott informed the meeting that there was a new proposal for the location of the Christmas Festival at the Riverbank/Fun Fare in Wicklow Town.
- Members discussed possible issues re security of units and traffic management.

ITEM 7

AOB

- Cllrs unanimously congratulated our Olympians and wished them every success in Tokyo.
- Members requested that a Civic reception be held for our Wicklow Olympians on their return.

CATHAOIRLEACH GAIL DUNNE CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 5.15 PM.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____