

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2021, COMMENCING 2.00 PM VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS S. CULLEN CATHAOIRLEACH, T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, M. CREAN, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, J. NEARY, D. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS, G. WALSH AND I. WINTERS.

APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR P. O'BRIEN

IN ATTENDANCE:

MR. F. CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MR. B. GLEESON, HEAD OF FINANCE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. B. KILKENNY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. C. LAVERY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. M. HALVEY, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. D. KENNEDY, LAW AGENT
MR. S. DOYLE, A/HEAD OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS
MR. D. MARNANE, A/SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. F. KEOGH, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. D. FORDE, PROJECT LIAISON OFFICER
MR. J. BOWES, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. H. DENNEHY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. A. KLAUER, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MS. D. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. G. WHITTY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. R. WOOD, STAFF OFFICER
MR. A. CLEARY, DIRECTOR, ARUP
MR. M. ALLEN, ASSOCIATE, ARUP
MR. R. MCENROE, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KILDARE NRO
MS. E. LAWLESS, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KILDARE NRO
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised of meetings etiquette for online meetings and that the press and some members of the public were also present.

Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Ms. Anna Colley, Mr. John Synnott, Ms. Mairead Sweeney, Ms. May Mason, Mr. Michael Graham, Mr. Patrick O'Donovan, Ms. Phil Delaney and Mr. Charles Sunderland. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

Acknowledgement – Wicklow Ladies Football Team

The Cathaoirleach congratulated the Wicklow Ladies Football Team in the championship against Antrim. He acknowledged their well-deserved victory and that they brought pride to the county. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke to hold a civic reception for the Wicklow Ladies Football Team with the Wicklow Under 16 All-Ireland Camogie winners.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 17th May 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Cronin, seconded by Cllr. G. Walsh and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 17th May 2021.

ITEM NO. 2

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 14th June 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 14th June 2021.

ITEM NO. 3

To confirm and sign minutes of special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 21st June 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 21st June 2021.

ITEM NO. 4

To confirm and sign minutes of annual meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 21st June 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of annual meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 21st June 2021.

ITEM NO. 5

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 5th July 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. A. Cronin and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 5th July 2021.

ITEM NO. 6

To confirm and sign minutes of special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Tuesday 27th July 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Tuesday 27th July 2021.

ITEM NO. 7

To consider the disposal of property comprised in Folio No. WW2496L in the townland of Knockanrahan Lower and Knockanrahan Upper, Co. Wicklow being the property known as 49 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Mr. Paul Breen and Ms. Julie Breen of 49 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow and the persons entitled to the freehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy to dispose of property comprised in Folio No. WW2496L in the townland of Knockanrahan Lower and Knockanrahan Upper, Co. Wicklow being the property known as 49 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Mr. Paul Breen and Ms. Julie Breen of 49 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow and the persons entitled to the freehold interest in the property.

ITEM NO. 8

To consider the disposal of c1.164Ha as outlined in red on the attached map and comprised within Folio WW5394L in the townland of Irishtown TD, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow in accordance with their obligations under the terms of a lease agreement dated 13th June 2008 to 1 Southern Cross Land Limited, 27 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. The consideration for the disposal of the freehold is €1,000.00 as per Schedule 2 of the lease agreement, plus any professional fees incurred.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Behan, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy and agreed to dispose of c1.164Ha as outlined in red on the attached map and comprised within Folio WW5394L in the townland of Irishtown TD, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow in accordance with their obligations under the terms of a lease agreement dated 13th June 2008 to 1 Southern Cross Land Limited, 27 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. The consideration for the disposal of the freehold is €1,000.00 as per Schedule 2 of the lease agreement, plus any professional fees incurred.

ITEM NO. 9

To consider the Taking in Charge of the following estate: Kirvin Hill, Rathnew

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed by all to the Taking in Charge of the following estate: Kirvin Hill, Rathnew.

ITEM NO. 10

N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme – Summary Presentation of Preferred Option (by the Project Consultants, Arup)

Ms. D. Forde, Project Liaison Officer gave a brief overview of the scheme and progress to date as follows:

- The N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme is a transportation project aimed at alleviating congestion, improving safety and optimising the efficiency and functioning of the N11/M11 as a transport corridor.
- The N11/M11 route is comprised partly of motorway, dual carriageway and single carriageway sections over a distance of approximately 126km, connecting Dublin to Wexford.
- The section under consideration here is approximately 22km in length, extending from junction 4 to the west of Shankill in Co. Dublin, to junction 14 at Coyne's Cross in Co. Wicklow.
- It has been identified in Project Ireland 2040 as one of the 20 priority National Roads to be progressed in order to enable the continued economic development of the

state and has also been identified in relevant regional and local planning policies as priority infrastructure.

- This scheme traverses two Local Authority boundaries, Wicklow County Council and Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council. A Section 85 agreement is in place between the two local authorities, with WCC appointed as the Lead Local Authority and Sponsoring Agency. Transport Infrastructure Ireland are the Sanctioning Authority and Kildare National Roads Office are responsible for project management and delivery of the scheme.
- In November 2018, Wicklow County Council appointed Arup as technical consultants to progress the project through phases 1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. In accordance with the PMG's Phase 1 was completed in October 2019 and approval was granted by TII to progress to Phase 2 on 21st October 2019.
- The first consultation event was a Public Information Day which was held in the Glenview Hotel on 11th December 2018 and was followed by Public Consultation no.2 also in the Glenview Hotel on 12th November 2019.
- To date, eight public consultation interim update bulletins have been published on the project website and the project team continue to have ongoing consultation with affected landowners and interested parties.

Mr. M. Allen, Associate, ARUP gave a presentation on the Preferred Option outlining the following:

Need for the scheme:

- N11/M11 forms part of TEN-T Route (E01), linking the GDA to Rosslare Europort – imperative that the efficiency, reliability and long-term resilience of the N11/M11 corridor is urgently addressed.
- Delivery of a high quality transport link is a vital component to enhancing regional accessibility – a key national strategic outcome of Project Ireland 2040 & RSEs.
- NTA's GDA Strategy identifies N11/M11 as part of Core Regional Bus Network, enhancing economic and social progress of the GDA through effective and sustainable movement of people and goods.

Existing Transport Issues:

- Existing N11/M11 is heavily congested and inefficient – inhibiting economic prospects and constraining freight access to Rosslare.
- Integration of N11/M11 with other transport modes is inadequate – unsustainable dependency on private car.
- Fragmented regional and local network not sufficiently capable of providing alternative routes for local trips and active travel.

Project Objectives:

- Overall ambition of the N11/M11 Scheme is to achieve a number of specific objectives which have been precisely defined in accordance with the TII Project Appraisal Guidelines and the Common Appraisal Framework (CAF), published by the Department of Transport.
- Objectives established under 6 Common Appraisal Framework criteria are economy, environment, accessibility & social inclusion, integration, physical activity and safety.

Project Delivery Stages:

- N11/M11 Scheme is being implemented in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland's Project Management Guidelines (PMGs).
- The Project Management Guidelines divide the evolution and progression of a project into an eight-phase process – Phase 0 Scope and pre-appraisal; Phase 1 Concept and feasibility; Phase 2 options selection; Phase 3 design and environmental evaluation; Phase 4 statutory processes; Phase 5 enabling and procurement; Phase 6 construction and implementation; Phase 7 close out and review.

Phase 2 (Option Selection) – Process:

- Options/alternatives categorised – 1. Do nothing/reference case; 2. Public transport; 3. Demand management and 4. Road improvement.
- 3 stage process as Transport Infrastructure Ireland guidelines.

Recommended Preferred Option for the scheme includes the following components:

- On-line red corridor.
- Bus service enhancements along the N11/M11 route and within the wider N11/M11 study area.
- Road based measures to improve operational efficiency and safety.

Public Display of Preferred Option:

- 3 week online public display event which will be available on the project website.
- Submissions/observations accepted for the duration of the display event and will be considered by the project team as part of the next stages of the development of the scheme.

The presentation was followed by a discussion where some of the following concerns were expressed by the Elected Members:

- Proposal to close some exits including Junction 10, southbound to Delgany.
- Proposed new link road connecting Kilquade to L1042 to Junction 11. How will this affect landowners?
- Impact on the environment and on landowners – Garden Village.
- Extra housing in Greystones and Delgany – more traffic moving on to the N11.
- What is the future of the Silver Bridge Halting Site under these proposals?
- Is it intended to close the Herbert Road access on to the N11?
- Concern over how much research has gone into the future proofing of the project.
- Growing market of E vehicles and e scooters for example.
- Issues navigating maps during consultation period.

ITEM NO. 11

To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, August 2021

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive Monthly Management Report August 2021.

Elected members raised questions which were responded to by the Chief Executive and the relevant Director of Services.

ITEM NO. 12

To receive a presentation: Wicklow County Council Age Friendly Strategy Update

Ms. R. Wood, Staff Officer, Community Cultural & Social Development Directorate gave a presentation covering the following areas:

- Baltinglass walkability took place 15th October 2021
- 17 tablets and 7 laptops delivered to participating nursing homes in Wicklow
- Funded by Age Friendly and Keep Well Campaign
- 500 Winter Care Packages were distributed
- Public Realm training took place in November via Zoom – Universal Design Concept
- Befriending service in progress for Arklow under umbrella of Friends of the Community group – phone calls initial project
- Acorn tablet project underway
- Bus Shelters – CEP scheme
- New Age Friendly Housing Specialist appointed – Ms. A. Klauer, Executive Engineer

Ms. A. Klauer gave a brief outline of her role as Age Friendly Housing Specialist.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CLLR. SHAY CULLEN
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MS. HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 4th October 2021