

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS P. O'BRIEN CATHAOIRLEACH, D, ALVEY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, O. FINN, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. LEONARD, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, D. O'BRIEN, , G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES, E. TIMMINS AND C. WINSTANLEY (31)

APOLOGIES

CLLR. M. BARRY (1)

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. T. O'BRIEN, T/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. S. WALSH, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. B. GLEESON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. D. KENNEDY, LAW AGENT
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. L. HEALY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. S. NICHOLS, A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. M. FLYNN, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. J. BOWES, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. A. HILL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MS. E. O'DONOVAN, HEAD OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS
MR. M. COSTELLO, CLIMATE ACTION CO-ORDINATOR
MR. S. CLARKE, TOWN REGENERATION OFFICER
MR. G. CULLEN, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MS. A. HUBBARD, SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
MS. R. GILLESPIE, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. G. FRANNEY, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

MR. G. MURPHY, IS TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
MR. S. KEARON, IS TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
MS. A. ROBERTS, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER
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 Mr. Pat (Sting) Kavanagh, Ms. Jane McCoy, Mr. Joseph McLaughlin, Ms. Jean Kenny, Ms. Marie Mates, Ms. Breda McAsey, Mr. John O'Toole, Ms. Tess Gallagher, Mr. Seán Griffin, Teague Family and Ms. Margaret Quinn. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

Request for Suspension of Standing Orders:- The Meetings Administrator advised that a request for suspension of standing orders had been submitted in advance of the meeting. In accordance with the protocol adopted the request was read to the meeting as proposed and seconded:-

1. Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and supported by Cllr. J. Behan requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following motion:

“That this Council request the Chief Executive to write to An Taoiseach, Simon Harris TD and the Minister of Education, Norma Foley TD to request and fund an urgent and comprehensive review on the management of the school transport system with the purpose of identifying the shortfalls in the school transport service provision which are causing severe stress to parents and students on an annual basis and that they ring fence the necessary funding to implement the recommendations of this report as part of the next annual budget.”

It was agreed by all to have a discussion on the topic at 4.30 p.m.

Cllr. G. O'Neill proposed a second suspension of standing orders, seconded by Cllr. J. Behan to discuss the unauthorised development at Kippure Lodge. Following a short discussion it was agreed to return to this item later in the meeting, in order to allow Cllr. O'Neill to put his motion in writing. The Chief Executive advised there are ongoing enforcement proceedings and any discussion would prejudice the legal case.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Friday 21st June 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Friday 21st June 2024.

ITEM NO. 2

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 1st July 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Cronin, seconded by Cllr. G. Richmond and agreed by all to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 1st July 2024.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider the disposal of 0.0340Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Ballyknockan, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. 4484 Co. Wicklow being the property known as Newline Cottage, Ballyknockan, Blessington, Co. Wicklow by Transfer order to Martina Monaghan, Legal Personal Representative of Kathleen Osbourne, deceased, of Newline Cottage, Ballyknockan, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, the person entitled to the freehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Glennon, seconded by Cllr. E. Timmins and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0340Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Ballyknockan, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. 4484 Co. Wicklow being the property known as Newline Cottage, Ballyknockan, Blessington, Co. Wicklow by Transfer order to Martina Monaghan, Legal Personal Representative of Kathleen Osbourne, deceased, of Newline Cottage, Ballyknockan, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, the person entitled to the freehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Ballynerrin Lower, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. W2124L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 29 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Bernard & Catherine Wynne, the persons entitled to the leasehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Ballynerrin Lower, Co. Wicklow comprised in

Folio No. W2124L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 29 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Bernard & Catherine Wynne, the persons entitled to the leasehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of 65 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW2503L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 65 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Michael & Angela Molloy, the person entitled to the freehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of 65 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW2503L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 65 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Michael & Angela Molloy, the person entitled to the freehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 6

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Bray, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW6495L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 92 Sugarloaf Crescent, Bray, Co. Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Annedore Spesshardt of 92 Sugarloaf Crescent, Bray, Co. Wicklow, the person entitled to the leasehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. D. O'Brien and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Bray, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW6495L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 92 Sugarloaf Crescent, Bray, Co. Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Annedore Spesshardt of 92 Sugarloaf Crescent, Bray, Co. Wicklow, the person entitled to the leasehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 7

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Arklow, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW1957L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 128 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Dermot & Caroline Ryan, the persons entitled to the leasehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Arklow, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW1957L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 128 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Dermot & Caroline Ryan, the persons entitled to the leasehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 8

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Arklow, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. W2385L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 32 Liam Mellows, Arklow. Co. Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Nicola Thompson, the person entitled to the leasehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Arklow, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. W2385L Co. Wicklow being the property known as 32 Liam Mellows, Arklow. Co. Wicklow by Deed of Transfer to Nicola Thompson, the person entitled to the leasehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 9

To consider the disposal of a restrictive covenant held by Wicklow County Council on the car park in the townland of Kilmacullagh comprised within Folio WW2501F being the lands situated adjacent to Druids Well (a public house) on the east side of Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. The restrictive covenant is to be disposed of to FGS INNS Ltd.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. D. Alvey and agreed by all to consider the disposal of a restrictive covenant held by Wicklow County Council on the car park in the townland of Kilmacullagh comprised within Folio WW2501F being the lands situated adjacent to Druids Well (a public house) on the east side of Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. The restrictive covenant is to be disposed of to FGS INNS Ltd., as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 10

To consider the disposal of 0.0164ha or thereabouts in the townland of Delgany, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW10203F Co. Wicklow being the property known as 18 Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole by disposal resolution to Garrett & Suzanne Mooney, the persons entitled to the freehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Stokes, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0164ha or thereabouts in the townland of Delgany, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW10203F Co. Wicklow being the property known as 18 Sylvan Lawn, Kilcoole by disposal resolution to Garrett & Suzanne Mooney, the persons entitled to the freehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 11

To consider the nomination of 2 Elected Members to the Wicklow County Council Audit Committee and to consider the nomination of 3 external members in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed by all to appoint the following nominees to the Wicklow County Council Audit Committee:

- Cllr. E. Timmins
- Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin
- Dr. P. Byrne
- Mr. M. Sargeant
- Ms. E. McKernan

Cllr. Timmins and Cllr. Fenelon Gaskin accepted the nominations.

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach returned to the suspension of Standing Orders submitted by Cllr. G. O'Neill.

Cllr. G. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. J. Behan requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following motion:

'We propose the suspension of Standing Orders at today's meeting to discuss the unauthorised development at Kippure Lodge'.

Following a roll call to discuss the motion at 4.30 p.m. it was defeated by a margin of 12 for, 17 against and 3 not present viz:-

FOR (12)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, A. CRONIN, M. DUDDY, O. FINN, T. FORTUNE, P. LEONARD, J. MULHALL, I. NEARY, G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE, P. STAPLETON AND E. TIMMINS
AGAINST (17)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY S. LANGRELL, M. MURPHY, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT AND C. WINSTANLEY
NOT PRESENT (3)	CLLRS M. BARRY, J. SNELL AND S. STOKES

ITEM NO. 12

To ratify the appointment of Cllr. P. Fitzgerald (Arklow Municipal District) to the Corporate Policy Group being the Municipal District not represented on the C.P.G.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of Cllr. P. Fitzgerald (Arklow Municipal District) to the Corporate Policy Group being the Municipal District not represented on the C.P.G.

ITEM NO. 13

To ratify the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC):

- **Cllr. M. Barry - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. Jason Mulhall - Baltinglass Municipal District**
- **Cllr. G. Richmond - Wicklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. J. Behan - Bray Municipal District**
- **Cllr. S. Bourke - Arklow Municipal District**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. C. Winstanley and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC):

- Cllr. M. Barry - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. Jason Mulhall - Baltinglass Municipal District
- Cllr. G. Richmond - Wicklow Municipal District
- Cllr. J. Behan - Bray Municipal District
- Cllr. S. Bourke - Arklow Municipal District

ITEM NO. 14

To ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members to the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force:

- **Cllr. P. Leonard - Arklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. S. Langrell - Wicklow Municipal District**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune, seconded by Cllr. O. Finn and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members to the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force:

- Cllr. P. Leonard - Arklow Municipal District
- Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. S. Langrell - Wicklow Municipal District

ITEM NO. 15

To ratify the appointment of the following 8 Elected Members to the Disability and Inclusion Steering Committee:

- **Cllr. M. Murphy - Arklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. W. O'Toole - Arklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. L. Scott - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. J. Mulhall - Baltinglass Municipal District**
- **Cllr. D. Alvey - Wicklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. C. Winstanley - Bray Municipal District**
- **Cllr. M. Corrigan - Bray Municipal District**
- **Cllr. M. Duddy - Bray Municipal District**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. J. Mulhall and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 8 Elected Members to the Disability and Inclusion Steering Committee:

- Cllr. M. Murphy - Arklow Municipal District
- Cllr. W. O'Toole - Arklow Municipal District
- Cllr. L. Scott - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. J. Mulhall - Baltinglass Municipal District
- Cllr. D. Alvey - Wicklow Municipal District
- Cllr. C. Winstanley - Bray Municipal District
- Cllr. M. Corrigan - Bray Municipal District
- Cllr. M. Duddy - Bray Municipal District

ITEM NO. 16

To ratify the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the Wicklow Tourism Alliance:

- **Cllr. W. O'Toole - Arklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. T. Fortune - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. P. Glennon - Baltinglass Municipal District**
- **Cllr. D. Alvey - Wicklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. M. Corrigan - Bray Municipal District**

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Winstanley, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the Wicklow Tourism Alliance:

- Cllr. W. O'Toole - Arklow Municipal District
- Cllr. T. Fortune - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. P. Glennon - Baltinglass Municipal District
- Cllr. D. Alvey - Wicklow Municipal District
- Cllr. M. Corrigan - Bray Municipal District

ITEM NO. 17

To ratify the appointment of Cllr. P. Kennedy to Arklow Business Enterprise Centre (ABEC)

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard to ratify the appointment of Cllr. P. Kennedy to Arklow Business Enterprise Centre (ABEC).

ITEM NO. 18

To ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members to the Bray Area Partnership:

- **Cllr. O. Finn- Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy - Bray Municipal District**
- **Cllr. C. Winstanley - Bray Municipal District**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune, seconded by Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members to the Bray Area Partnership:

- Cllr. O. Finn- Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy - Bray Municipal District
- Cllr. C. Winstanley - Bray Municipal District

ITEM NO. 19

To ratify the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the Greystones/Bray Cliff Walk Management Plan Sub-committee:

- **Cllr. M. Barry - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. S. Stokes - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. E. Doyle - Bray Municipal District**
- **Cllr. M. Duddy - Bray Municipal District**
- **Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy - Bray Municipal District**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. C. Winstanley and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the Greystones/Bray Cliff Walk Management Plan Sub-committee:

- Cllr. M. Barry - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. S. Stokes - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. E. Doyle - Bray Municipal District
- Cllr. M. Duddy - Bray Municipal District
- Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy - Bray Municipal District

ITEM NO. 20

To ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to the Greystones Harbour Property DAC:

- **Cllr. M. Barry**
- **Cllr. T. Fortune**

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to the Greystones Harbour Property DAC:

- Cllr. M. Barry
- Cllr. T. Fortune

ITEM NO. 21

To ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to the Ballynagran Community Liaison Committee:

- **Cllr. J. Snell**
- **Cllr. G. Dunne**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Alvey, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to the Ballynagran Community Liaison Committee:

- Cllr. J. Snell
- Cllr. G. Dunne

ITEM NO. 22

To ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to Bray Tourism CLG:

- **Cllr. I. Neary**
- **Cllr. M. Corrigan**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to Bray Tourism CLG:

- Cllr. I. Neary
- Cllr. M. Corrigan

ITEM NO. 23

To ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members to the Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee:

- **Cllr. E. Doyle**
- **Cllr. M. Duddy**
- **Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy**

It was proposed by Cllr. I. Neary, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members to the Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee:

- Cllr. E. Doyle
- Cllr. M. Duddy
- Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy

ITEM NO. 24

To ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members for the Special Amenity Area Order for Bray Head:

- **Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy**
- **Cllr. E. Doyle**
- **Cllr. D. O'Brien**

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Winstanley, seconded by Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 3 Elected Members for the Special Amenity Area Order for Bray Head:

- Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy
- Cllr. E. Doyle
- Cllr. D. O'Brien

ITEM NO. 25

To ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to the Bray Local Drugs Task Force:

- **Cllr. D. O'Brien**
- **Cllr. I. Neary**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. O. Finn and agreed by all to ratify the appointment of the following 2 Elected Members to the Bray Local Drugs Task Force:

- Cllr. D. O'Brien
- Cllr. I. Neary

ITEM NO. 26

To ratify the appointment of the following 4 Elected Members to Greystones Town Twinning Committee:

- **Cllr. M. Barry**
- **Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin**
- **Cllr. T. Fortune**
- **Cllr. S. Stokes**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to ratify the appointment of the following 4 Elected Members to Greystones Town Twinning Committee:

- Cllr. M. Barry
- Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin
- Cllr. T. Fortune
- Cllr. S. Stokes

ITEM NO. 27

To consider the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the County Wicklow Heritage Forum (1 from each Municipal District):

- **Cllr. O. Finn - Greystones Municipal District**
- **Cllr. J. Snell - Wicklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. P. Leonard - Arklow Municipal District**
- **Cllr. S. Bourke - Arklow Municipal District**

Cllr. S. Bourke withdrew his nomination. No nominations received as yet from Bray and Baltinglass Municipal Districts. It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. D. O'Brien and agreed by all to consider the appointment of the following 5 Elected Members to the County Wicklow Heritage Forum (1 from each Municipal District):

- Cllr. O. Finn - Greystones Municipal District
- Cllr. J. Snell - Wicklow Municipal District
- Cllr. P. Leonard - Arklow Municipal District

ITEM NO. 28

To consider and adopt the Wicklow County Council Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024 – 2029 in accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

The Elected Members were issued with the Wicklow County Council Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024 – 2029 on 28th August 2024.

Ms. L. Gallagher, Director of Services advised of the following:

- Part 1 - scheme went on public display, and part 2 - Elected Members' preferences,
- Six SPCs were approved by the Elected Members, at the Council meeting held on 1st July last, and chairpersons have been appointed.
- The Council invited submissions from interested parties in relation to the configuration of the scheme.
- Eleven submissions were received and were circulated to the Elected Members and all are listed. Responses have been added to each submission. A number of amendments were made to the scheme and additional Members added to SPCs following consideration of submissions.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider and adopt the Wicklow County Council Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2024 – 2029 in accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

ITEM NO. 29

To consider and to make, with or without amendment the County Wicklow Polling Scheme 2024 in accordance with Section 28 of the Electoral Act 1992

Ms. R. Gillespie, Administrative Officer, gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Legislative basis & reasons for making a Polling Scheme.
- Constituency Review 2023 – Wicklow Constituency.
- Public consultation.
- Aughavannagh & Askanagap.
- Knockananna.
- Glenmalure.
- Brittas Bay/Wicklow Rural.
- Additional changes with no material affect to electors.

A short discussion followed in particular, split electoral divisions were raised and it was requested that a letter issue to the Electoral Commission highlighting concerns in this area.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Glennon and agreed by all to consider and to make, with or without amendment the County Wicklow Polling Scheme 2024 in accordance with Section 28 of the Electoral Act 1992.

ITEM NO. 30

To consider and adopt the Wicklow County Council Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws 2023, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2024

Mr. J. Lane, Director of Services, advised the Elected Members that the amendment to the Wicklow County Council's bye-laws is to reflect the national policy in changing the speed limit from 80 kilometres to 60 kilometres on rural and local roads.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. E. Doyle and agreed by all to consider and adopt the Wicklow County Council Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws 2023, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 2024.

ITEM NO. 31

To consider the preparation of Wicklow County Council Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended

Ms. L. Gallagher, Director of Services advised the Elected Members that local authorities are obliged to prepare a corporate plan to be adopted within six months of the annual meeting of the new Council.

The plan will serve as the Council's strategic framework over the duration of the plan, which is five years. The plan has been prepared on an inclusive basis with an organisational wide strategic approach. It is proposed to carry out consultation with staff and other external stakeholders within the Council and to consult formally with the Corporate Policy Group and Strategic Policy Committees now that they have been put in place. The Local Community Development Committee, external stakeholders, such as the Public Participation Network, representatives groups, social partners at local level, the community voluntary and environmental interests, and other public bodies operating locally will all be consulted as part of the wider consultation process. A questionnaire will also be available on the Council's Public Consultation Hub.

The Elected Members discussed the plan and in particular, the inclusion of 'democracy' in the overarching themes. The importance of annual review and monitoring of performance of the plan was also raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. E. Doyle and agreed by all to consider the preparation of Wicklow County Council Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

ITEM NO. 32

To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, August 2024

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, August 2024. Some of the issues raised included the following:

- Kippure Lodge development.
- Baltinglass RRDF – town centre.
- The Murrough Pumping Station.
- Housing figures.
- Rent arrears.
- Discharge into the Three Trouts River, Delgany.
- Charlesland dual carriageway.
- Destruction to the 1798 monument, Bray.
- Uisce Éireann.
- Rehills Land, Bray.
- Pathfinders Scheme, Greystones.
- Part 8 Scheme, Killincarrig.
- Delays with tender for Coastguard building, Greystones.
- Community Recognition Fund.
- Alternative uses of glyphosate.
- CPO process – Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk.
- Update on pollution – Aughrim River.
- Access – Enereilly beach.
- Vacant buildings.
- Stratford Community Hall.
- Sewage pump station, Delgany.
- Town teams.
- Arklow/Shillelagh Greenway – update.
- Arklow Pottery.
- Leisure Centre, Arklow.
- Flash flooding – Harbour Road, Arklow.
- Vacant property grant.
- Septic tank grant.
- RRDF – Blessington.
- 65 Bus route, Blessington.
- Hollywood natural play area.
- Traffic calming – N81.
- Park and ride.
- Footpaths, Kilcoole.
- Footpath maintenance.
- Burnaby Park upgrades
- Woodenbridge Hotel new owners.
- Mountainview housing.
- Irish Water contact details.

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

ITEM NO. 33

To receive a presentation: Civil Defence

Mr. M. Carroll, Civil Defence Officer, gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Who are the Civil Defence?
- Civil Defence – Towards 2030.
- 48 active volunteers.
- Civil Defence Training Centre, Mill Road, Greystones.
- Who calls the Civil Defence?
- What do we do?
- First Aid.
- Search and rescue.
- Emergency Response.
- Community.
- Incident support truck.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Critical Incident Stress Management.

Following the presentation the Elected Members expressed views and raised queries which were responded to by Mr. Carroll.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and supported by Cllr. J. Behan requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following motion:

“That this Council request the Chief Executive to write to An Taoiseach, Simon Harris TD and the Minister of Education, Norma Foley TD to request and fund an urgent and comprehensive review on the management of the school transport system with the purpose of identifying the shortfalls in the school transport service provision which are causing severe stress to parents and students on an annual basis and that they ring fence the necessary funding to implement the recommendations of this report as part of the next annual budget.”

A short discussion followed. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. J. Behan and agreed by all to write to the Taoiseach, Mr. S. Harris TD and to the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley TD. The motion amended to include the following additional

wording *'that an audit be carried out on performance of Bus Éireann in terms of service provision'*.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CLLR. PAUL O'BRIEN
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 7th October 2024