

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
MONDAY 24th May 2021 @ 3.00PM**

HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM.

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

In attendance: District Manager Brian Gleeson,
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon,
District Administrator Joan Sinnott,

Myles Buchanan, Wicklow People,
Grainne Fennell, General Manager, Brockagh Resource Centre
Muireann Dalton,
Secretary to John Brady TD – Lindsay O’Neill.
Noel Brady, (Roundwood)

Beating Hearts: Christine Daly-Aune
Claire Hopkins
Caroline Mooney

Cathaoirleach John Snell opened the meeting at 3.00 pm.

ITEM 1.

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 26th April 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 Meeting held on the 26th April 2021.

ITEM 2.

Presentation Beating Hearts

The Beating Hearts group gave a detailed presentation on how important it is to have Automated External Defibrillators (AED’s) available in the community. The five vital links to saving a life were outlined.

Members observations:

- The group were complimented on their informative presentation.
- A large number of sporting organisations have AED's.
- Cost of an AED & maintenance involved.
- Excellent idea that developers fund the cost others may follow suit.
- Agreed that all had benefited from the presentation.
- Insurance implications of the Council taking on responsibility of the maintenance

ITEM 3.

Civic Memorial Policy

The draft Civic Memorial Policy was previously considered by the Plenary Council on the 12th April and then referred to the Municipal Districts for comment.

District Manager Brian Gleeson outlined the details of the policy and the importance of Wicklow County Council to establish a policy on this matter.

The draft Civic Memorial Policy, as circulated, was unanimously agreed by the members.

ITEM 4.

Update – Roundwood

Works carried out in last 3 years.

Resurface Main Street

Playground and parking construction

Various surface dressing on local roads

Vartry Trail car park

Luggala temporary car park

Works proposed in 2021-2022

Find suitable temporary car park for Lough Dan

Apply for funding for new footpath from graveyard to village.

Apply for funding for new footpath from Oldtown to village.

Town & Village project to commence soon. Footpath to link playground to the village and 3 pedestrian crossings.

Overlay road at Trooperstown, Derrybawn, Sleanaglogh and Tomriland

Surface dressing at Castlekevin, Lickeen, Sraghmore, Knoackraheen and Knockfadda

Micro surfacing at Ashwood and possibly another estate

Members observations:

- Electric gates for new car park
- Cunningham's Corner
- Wicklow Municipal District's Engineering staff were complimented on how well they worked with the Roundwood community.
- One of the most satisfactory projects was the footpath at the local football club.

ITEM 5.

District Engineers Report

Covid: All staff back at work since last meeting.

Housing:

- Work continuing on essential maintenance and repairs.
- Technical support to WCC-Housing Dept:
 - Re-lets and emergency accommodation:
4 standard, 0 emergency accommodation, 8 returned to WCC Housing Dept, 5 have works continuing on site, 0 house purchases being finalised.
 - DPGs: No update
 - 2 fire damaged houses work in progress.

Roads:

- 2021 Roads Programme Supplementary RM details have changed. New list to be issued next week.
- Tenders for Overlay programme have started to be published on SupplyGov. Results in early June.
- Pothole repairs continue.
- Tender for Microsurfacing in estates awarded. Schedule to be agreed soon..
- Gritting season finished on May 1st but had to be recalled for 2 nights soon after. Callouts since 23rd April, 5 single and 0 double runs
- Road Opening Licences (approx. 15) continue to be processed and agreed.

Environment:

- Funding received for lighting upgrade and solar pv units in Town Hall.
- Survey done for electric vehicle charger at the Murrough Depot.

Planning

- 3 Section 254 applications processed for tables and chairs.

Playgrounds

- Procured repairs now complete and some equipment replacement for adult gym along promenade remains on order. Emergency repairs to surface at Ballynerrin to be completed before next Wednesday

Public Liability

- 4 new cases (3 material damage, 1 personal injuries) and 1 settled/closed.

Projects

- Library. Restarted in early May. Construction planned for completion in late July. Late August is current estimate of opening date.
- Fitzwilliam Square. Railings internal to monument area and planters on slope installed. Information sign awaiting manufacture delays experienced due to supply issues no time frame have requested update.
- Abbey Grounds. Tender for the consultants for the Fáilte Ireland project awarded to MosArt. Initial meetings and consultations taking place.
- Glendalough Road/Wicklow Gap junction surfacing works continuing.

District Engineer Kevin Scanlon informed the meeting that ground works had commenced on the Gaol and the Stone Bridge for the backlighting project. Ground works for the installation of awnings on Market Square to commence next week. Dublin Bus 184 being extended into Wicklow. A public consultation meeting has taken place with all concerned in relation to the Annamoe Town & Village application.

Members observations:

- Complimented works on Fitzwilliam Square, extra railings will be of benefit.
- Concerns regarding continual cleaning of square
- A lot of congestion at bottom of Church Hill due to One Way System.
- Could a pedestrian crossing be considered near Bridge Street Books.
- Ballynerrin playground – latch on gate.
- Ball Alley – has funding been received.
- Speeding cars in housing estates Children at Play signs needed.
- Light up major buildings in town – lighting upgrade Town Hall.
- Road Linings getting faint.
- Update on Maritime Project.
- Annamoe public consultation was well received
- Rathnew to Ashford footpath is a major benefit. Stephens family supported and helped to make it this project possible.
- Library when it opens will be a great asset for the town.
- Estates that the Council have taken in charge are falling in to disrepair.
- Send best wishes to Aidan Doyle for a speedy recovery.
- Backlighting when completed will enhance the area.
- Heritage Trail almost ready to go.
- Residential parking on the Mall

ITEM 6

Discretionary Fund

The Discretionary Fund Priority List as compiled by the District Engineer and previously circulated was unanimously agreed by the Members.

ITEM 7

Re-Opening Committee

Engagement with the Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Town & District Chamber of Commerce had taken place and a joint campaign has been re-launched to support and promote the business through the “Shop Local – Support Wicklow” campaign. It was important to keep the businesses aware of the support of the Wicklow Municipal District through the social media platform, leaflets, videos etc.

ITEM 8

Correspondence

The District Administrator Joan Sinnott informed the meeting that there had been no correspondence.

ITEM 9

AOB

A request was made for a pedestrian crossing in Ballynerrin as more cars come through there from 'The Leg of Mutton'. A number of areas requiring pedestrian crossings so as people/children can cross safely e.g. Rocky Road, CCM and Educate Together.

District Manager Brian Gleeson requested a response from all members on a report circulated to them before Christmas in relation to Parking & Traffic Flow Recommendations received from the Wicklow Town Team.

A request was made for a Pedestrian Crossing/Safety Audit for Greenhill Road. It was highlighted that the junction was dangerous due to an ESB pole making it impossible to see if there is oncoming traffic.

Disappointment was expressed at the unsuccessful application for funding to houses the 120 year old Rocket Cart

CATHAOIRLEACH JOHN SNELL CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 5.30 PM.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____