



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE McELHERON CHAMBER ON THE 13th JUNE
2023**

Present: Cllr. Tommy Annesley, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Leas-Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke
Cllr. Pat Kennedy
Cllr. Peir Leonard
Cllr. Miriam Murphy

Officials Present: Ms. Leonora Earls, District Manager
Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator
Ms. Avril Hill, District Engineer
Ms. Sinéad Boddy ASO
Ms. Lorraine Hayes ASO

Apologies: None

Press: None

Public: None

Presentations: None

Item 1: Votes of Sympathy.

The members expressed votes of sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved one, those mentioned were –

John O Hanlon, John Hurley, John McAllister, Eilis Bassett, Tosh Kelly, Paddy Lee, Noeleen Martin, Patrick Nagle, Marie Byrne Wolohan, Mary Keating, Warren Byrne, Marie Kavanagh, Carmel Robinson, Gerry Roche, Nick Loughlin, Vera Hanlon, Noel Murphy, Tara McSweeney, John McHugh, Kevin Roberts, Nicky Keogh, Bridget Lee.

A minutes silence was observed.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 10th May 2023 were proposed by Cllr Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Bourke.

Item 3: Matters Arising.

L Earls DM confirmed that there has been no further update from the Housing Section on the tenant scheme mentioned in last month's meeting.

L Earls DM confirmed that the Pitch & Putt site has been voluntarily returned to Wicklow County Council. The members will receive communication in relation to any plans for the site, as plans progress. Cllr Murphy asked for clarification on the ownership of the ditch along Seaview Avenue – needs to be cut back. L Earls DM agreed to follow up on this.

L Earls DM stated that the proposal to extend St Gabriel's Graveyard will be reviewed. Cllr Fitzgerald stated that there is very little room left and that more needs to be done and quickly. The members expressed concern at the Council's approach to resolving this issue, it has been discussed at meetings for a number of years and it is disappointing that we are no closer to a resolution – L Earls DM agreed to speak to the DOS in relation to their concerns. Other sites were proposed and options discussed.

L Earls DM noted that a letter has been drafted to the DAFM in relation to queries raised on the Ash Dieback Scheme.

Item 4: Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- ❖ To Adopt the Arklow MD Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023 (Report attached)

The SMDW needs to be agreed by the members with the option to amend locally within the terms of the budget. Cllr Kennedy requested a commitment that the sweeper would be deployed regularly to Rathdrum. A Hill DE stated that AMD would do their best and could not guarantee a schedule as resources are limited.

SMDW adopted following discussion of the budget – Proposed by Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr Murphy – All members agreed.

- ❖ To receive a report from Avril Hill, District Engineer.

Roads

Restoration Improvement

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
TBC	Tender Awarded.

Restoration Maintenance – 18.6km

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
R-747 Vale Road	Roads Dept. to complete designs
L-1113 Coolbeg Bridge to Deputy's Pass	
L-5156 Kilcandra to Barndarrig	
L-6203 Tomnasklea - Killaveaney	

Schedule of works will be weather dependent.

Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
Retaining wall on R754 at Knockanree	Works commenced on site

Works due to finish in July.

Safety Improvement Works

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
R747 Woodenbridge & Auhrim	Works Complete

Former National Roads

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
R772 Knockmore to Kish	Finalising design with NTA team

Local Improvement Schemes

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
Ballinacor, Greenane	Awaiting confirmation from Roads that scheme will go ahead.
Drumdangan, Glenealy	
Coolahulle, Auhrim	

Discretionary Funds 2023

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
Footpath – Brewery Bends	Scheduled with GSS
Arklow South Peir - Removal of sand	Completed
Upgrade of footpaths 130-204 Fernhill	TBC with GSS
Footpath in Greenane - Completion	Works recommenced on site w/e 02.06.23
Repair verge behind 3-4 St. Mary's Crescent Barndarrig	Complete
Bus Shelter in Auhrim	Order Placed
Bus Shelter in Annacurra	Order Placed
Public lighting at The Birches, Ballinaclesh	Liaising with lighting designer
Public Realm - Arklow	Putting scope of works together
Public Realm - Rathdrum	Seeking prices for bollards & planters
Educational signage at beaches	Order Placed
Repair of footpath at Curran's Corner	TBC with GSS
The Pines	Works commenced w/e 02.06.23
Footpath at Ferrybank	Contractor in place, currently speaking to business owners
Footpath at RNLI	TBC with GSS
Tree management	Putting scope of works together
Footpaths at Templeraíne Heights	TBC with GSS

Other Projects

Rathdrum Traffic Study: Consultant is analysing data from traffic & parking studies preparing options to alleviate issues in the town.

Business case has for Abbey Lane was successful and we're currently putting together the documentation for consent for works with Department of Heritage. Works will be to the wall between the cemetery and Abbey Lane and to the lane itself.

Comments

Cllr Fitzgerald commended the great amount of works done. Cllr Leonard said the report on Abbey Lane was great and requested an update on the Arklow Traffic Study – A Hill DE agreed to follow up on this. Cllr Leonard queried the positioning of the planter near the loading bay on Main St – difficult to get vehicles into the loading bay. A Hill DE will check the dimensions for vehicle spaces.

Cllr Leonard raised the issue of parking on Upper Main St on behalf of a constituent – not enough parking for people visiting shops. A Brehony DA has reviewed a number of options with a view to finding the best solution. It has been determined that the spaces are being used by residents and businesses with permits. These permit holders do have the option to park in the car parks if they so wish. Cllr Leonard asked that this information is relayed to the constituent. A Brehony agreed to follow up in this request.

Cllr Bourke noted that the Beech Rd residents are delighted with the road lining works that have been completed.

Proposed finish dates for NTA works were discussed. It was also noted that the fencing works on the Arklow North works were agreed with the landowner.

Item 5: Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting.

No other business set forth.

Item 6: Notice of Motion/s

No notices put before the meeting.

Item 7: Correspondence

Aberystwyth Twinning Association

Thanks received for the attendance at the recent event in May. Cllr Annesley noted that they received a great welcome from all during their visit to Aberystwyth.

Arklow Meals on Wheels

Request submitted for AMD to mark their 21st year anniversary in serving the community. The members supported the request and L Earls suggested a presentation at the September meeting. All agreed with this proposal.

Item 8: Any Other Business

Festival funding allocations will be discussed at the July meeting.

Cllr Kennedy will give an update in relation to the twinning visit to Chateaudun at the next meeting.

The members discussed concerns in relation to the NTA Safe to Schools plans and stated that further research should be done to achieve a better aesthetic for the town when choosing the bollards and the design of the pathways. Cllr Leonard requested a visual depiction of what the completed works will look like.

L Earls DM reminded that members that there has been consultations and that the NTA are up against a timeframe and that other schools nationally are waiting for funding and WCC does not wish to lose the allocated funding. We will all work toward a compromise and all comments will be addressed and feedback will be communicated from the NTA team.

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 12th July 2023.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

Signed: _____

Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator, Arklow Municipal District

