

MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

HELD IN DISTRICT CHAMBER, TOWN HALL

MONDAY 21st November 2022 @ 3.00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Acting District Manager Breda McCarthy
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon
District Administrator Joan Sinnott
Assistant Staff Officer Jason Smith

Cathaoirleach Paul O'Brien opened the meeting at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM 1

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 24th October 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Gail Dunne and seconded by Cllr John Snell and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 24th October 2022.

ITEM 2

District Christmas Lighting Grants

- Rathnew Active Forum were awarded funding which was received with thanks
- Members raised the need for the other towns and villages in the district to be also awarded funding towards their Christmas lighting costs particularly due to the current energy crisis. The funding to be allocated from the Members Discretionary Fund
- Members agreed that €2,000 be awarded to the following; Roundwood Tidy Towns, Ashford Tidy Towns, Newtownmountkennedy Tidy Towns, Laragh Tidy Towns, Glenealy Tidy Towns and a grant of €1,000 for Annamoe Tidy Towns.
- These were proposed by Cllr Shay Cullen and seconded by Cathaoirleach Paul O'Brien and unanimously agreed that these payments would be a one off payment with the need to review next year.

ITEM 3

District Engineers Report

Housing

- Relets/Prelets; 3 completed. 3 on site.

Roads

- Members Discretionary - Ballinalea footpaths under way, tarmac to be completed – In coming days.
- Parking signs and poles being installed this week.
- Winter Gritting since 24th October; 1 out of 26 nights.

CCSD

- Preliminary meeting held regarding Coral grant funding for works from Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund.

Planning

- Section 254 applications. 0 completed.

Public Liability

- 1 personal injury. 3 material damage. 2 settled.

Projects

NTA

- Ballinahinch, Ashford footpath construction continuing.
- Greenhill Rd footpath, alterations to design being finalised for submittal to NTA.
- Wicklow Train Station Footbridge design proposals for Part 8 submitted to NTA for approval.
- Wicklow Town (Rockey Rd and Marlton Rd) and Ashford (Main Street) Footpath and Cycling Improvement Scheme have commenced design with Consultants meeting and walking sites.
- Cycle parking (covered facilities) discussions with Contractors ongoing for construction.
- Roundwood playground pedestrian crossing to commence in December.

DOE

CIS, Community Involvement Scheme

- Dunganstown Church road. Prep work commenced. Contactor to complete soon.

Climate Change, Adaption and Resilience

- Edge strengthening and drainage at Wicklow Gap. Work continuing.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works

- Speed signage and cycling signage to be installed in coming weeks.

Town & Village Renewal

- Approval received for Newtown upgrade to shop fronts and facades. Discussions ongoing.
- Wicklow Town – South Quay connections to Main St; Part 8 advertised on 26th October and finishes on 25th November. Submissions due by 12th December.

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Shore clearing required on St Patricks Avenue, playground and up by the National School
- Members raised the need for line marking at St Manntaines Road.
- Zebra crossing needs re marking
- Ball Alley fencing needs repairing – no funding at present
- Lynhams at Laragh urgently need drainage review
- Slaughter Hill road needs review of, drainage and road widening, debris being brought out onto the road, landowners are agreeable
- Members looked for an update/review on the Part 8 for Newtownmountkennedy.
- Need for line marking in and around the old village Rathnew to prevent accidents
- Upgrade of line markings at Newtownmountkennedy pedestrian crossing and on speed ramp coming down from Hillview.
- Members raised the need for line marking around the town to be reviewed
- Members enquired about an Ashford Park update – awaiting update
- Season Park residents wish to discuss flooding management
- Footpath in front of the green area in Sycamore to be finished, also the Leg of Mutton lights are still not on.

ITEM 4

Correspondence

- Acknowledgement letter received from the Department/ Minister O’Gorman’s office regarding Direct Provision at the Grand Hotel.
- Application under the Community Memorial Policy received for a bench and plaque on the river walk

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Members raised the need for acknowledgement that the Direct Provision is adhering to fire safety and that there is a sustainable plan in place and is monitored
- Members discussed that the facilities and conditions of residence in the provision centre should be focused on treating individuals respectfully and ensure that the individuals are processed in the system appropriately

ITEM 5

A.O.B.

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Members raised the need for letters of achievement be issued to persons of achievement an example was provided with Josh Van De Flier who was named player of the year recently
- Recognition of achievements – Combining a Sports Civic Reception with other achievement acknowledgments i.e. Surf rescue etc.
- Members raised need to acknowledge recent bereavements

CATHAOIRLEACH PAUL O'BRIEN CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 16.15 P.M.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____