



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE McELHERON CHAMBER ON

THE 11TH JUNE 2025

Present: Cllr. Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke, Leas-Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Pat Kennedy
Cllr. Peir Leonard
Cllr. Warren O'Toole

Officials Present: Mr. Fergal Keogh, A/District Manager
Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator
Ms. Avril Hill, District Engineer
Ms. Lorraine Hayes ASO
Mr. Damien Byrne, Executive Engineer

Apologies: Ms. Leonora Earls, District Manager

Press: Eoin MacRaghnaill

Members of the public: Elizabeth Byrne
Cian O'Donnell

Item 1: Votes of Sympathy.

The members expressed votes of sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved one. A minutes silence was observed.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of AMD dated 14th May 2025

The minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th May 2025 were proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Item 3: Matters Arising.

Cllr Leonard requested that the minutes for the Special meeting of the 28th May be amended and her use of the term bullied be retracted.

Item 4: Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

To adopt AMD SMDW works for 2025.

- Cllr. Leonard requested a breakdown of the Arts Funding. She said that €10,000 would greatly help with the Arts CLG being set up.
- Cllr. Bourke said with Arklow getting €25,000 and Baltinglass receiving €48,000 it would be good to get a breakdown of funding for the next meeting.
- The roundabout scheme provides €21,000 per annum which is used for match funding for projects.
- A complete breakdown of parking charges and fees was requested for the next meeting.
- A complete breakdown of Harbour and Pier Maintenance for Arklow was requested.
- Cllr. O'Toole enquired how we can get funding for Development and Erosion. Can workshops or budget meeting be organised with the Finance Department.
- Cllr. Leonard requested figures for the turnaround for relets/retro-fit houses. Members were reminded that Housing matters should be referred directly to that directorate.
- A housing workshop for Relets/ Allocations in the AMD was requested.
- Cllr Kennedy asked for information on two derelict houses previously offered for sale in the district, he said the pending buyers have heard nothing.

Members were reminded that the Schedule needed to be agreed at the Municipal Meeting or it would need to revert to the full Council. Any adjustments made needed to be balanced out elsewhere as the SMDW must balance.

Cllr. Kennedy proposed and Cllr. Fitzgerald seconded the Schedule as circulated.

To receive a report from Avril Hill, District Engineer.

Municipal District of Arklow

District Engineer's Report

5th June 2025

Restoration Improvement

Proposed Works	Status
R-752 Ballybeg to Rathnew	Tendered
R-754 Avoca Village	Tendered
L-29013 Laffin's Lane	Tendered
L-29013 Castlepark	Tendered
L-7137 Ballymanus-Reddenagh	Tendered
L-2143 Aughrim-Ballinglen	Tendered

L-6147 Ballymorris Lower	Tendered
L-6644 Ballinaclash-Ballard	Tendered
L-5665 Kilmacrea Pass	Tendered
L-5163 Templeyon	Tendered

Restoration Maintenance

Proposed Works	Status
R-753 Aughrim to Ballinaclash	Work by WCC
L-97532-0 Tinakilly to Three Wells	Work by WCC
L-97531-0 Tinakilly Lower to R-753	Work by WCC
L-97533-5 Tinakilly to Cloneen	Work by WCC
L-2140-0 Ballyshane to Greenan	Work by WCC
L-7136-0 Cappagh-Coolballintaggart	Work by WCC
L-97552-0 Knockrath	Completed
L-2120-0 Garryduff to Rathdrum	Completed
L-2116-0 Drumdangan - Barnbawn	Completed
L-5118-0 Drumdangan-Kilcandra	Completed
L-6117-0 Ballinakill-Bahana	Work by WCC
L-2190 Coolgreany Rd to Curranstown	Work by WCC
L-6187 Moneylane to Kish	Work by WCC

Safety Improvement Works

Proposed Works	Project	Status
Johnstown Village, Arklow	Installation of Safety Signage	Signage installed
R-772 near rugby club	Installation of Safety Signage	Poles to be installed
L-1113 Carrigmore Bridge	Installation of Safety Signage	Poles to be installed
R-747 Woodenbridge to Aughrim	Installation of safety barrier	Tender awarded
R-752 Rathdrum to Glenealy	Installation of safety barrier	Tender awarded

Discretionary Funding

Proposed Works	Status
Footpath at Barndarrig NS	Lighting survey to be completed.
Castlemacadam Cemetery	TBC by RI contractor
Duck Pond	Will review work
Public Lighting in Greenane	Commissioning 14/07
Heritage Signage for Villages	Installation Commenced - 90% Complete
Footpath Repair - Ferrybank	Complete. Further request for bollards
Pottery Cross	Tarmac to be completed by COB 13/06
Infill Lighting Annacurra	Tender assessment underway.
Public Lighting at the Birches, Ballinaclesh	Completed
Public Realm Furniture Upgrade - AMD	Ordered replacement benches for St. Mary's Park
Tree Management	Arborist is working through areas and completing reports.
2024 Footpath Repair Riverwalk	Some drainage works required in advance
Public Realm - Arklow	
Public Realm - Rathdrum	
Footpath - Conary	
Educational Signage - Beaches	Liaised with the Biodiversity Officer - Awaiting Further Information
Pedestrian Crossing - Rathdrum	Considered as part of Traffic Study
Repair of Footpath at Currans Corner	
Footpath - Arklow Bearing Services	

Community Involvement Scheme

Proposed Works	Status
Ballinaclea	Contractor to Confirm Dates

Local Improvement Scheme

Proposed Works	Status
Kilcashel, Aughtim	Contractor to Confirm Dates
Toberpatrick, Tinahely	Contractor to Confirm Dates
Westaston, Kilmacurra	Contractor to Confirm Dates
Ballymorris, Aughtim	Contractor to Confirm Dates
Ballard Upper	Contractor to Confirm Dates

Footpath Renewal

Work continuing on cleaning Main Street. Areas for repair have been identified.

Other works

Topographical Survey completed on Rathdrum Main Street. Information to go to consultant Masterplan of Seaview Avenue – Waiting on ESB maps before procuring consultant.

The following matters were discussed.

- Vale Road, potholes will be repaired.
- A price is being sought for fencing for Glendale it is on the 2026 programme.
- Speeding is an issue on the Vale Road, DE will organise a traffic study.
- Rory O'Connor traffic study resulted in no speeding violations being recorded.
- Retailers are very happy with the Pavement Cleaning.
- Topographical survey for Rathdrum is gone to the Consultants.
- Can we write to TDs for more funding for overlaying on roads as we got no increase on previous year?
- Roads at Halpins, the Quay and Leisure Centre are all to be assessed.
- Breakages in footpaths on Main Street, Ferrybank, and side streets need to be assessed. Areas identified are being dealt with by staff, we will tender for the rest.
- Still a backlog on LIS, Toberpatrick is scheduled to be done this year.
- Report from owners of Morgan Doyles, Main St. is required stating the building is safe, once received the railings will be removed. This falls under the remit of the Environment Section.
- LIS is not for public roads, they cover private laneways. The rules of this scheme are set down by the Department.

Item 5: Other business set forth in Notice of Convening Meeting

None

Item 6: Notice of Motions

No notices received

Item 7: Correspondence

The DA stated AMD have been liaising with representatives from the Wicklow Pride Committee and we have a number of different options to support pride. We are very hopeful what was proposed by them will be acceptable.

Cllr. Leonard is in favour of the pride crossing being re-installed and feels it is cruel to erase the crossing.

The pride crossing has been discussed at a plenary meeting as it is not in keeping with legislation.

Item 9: Any other business

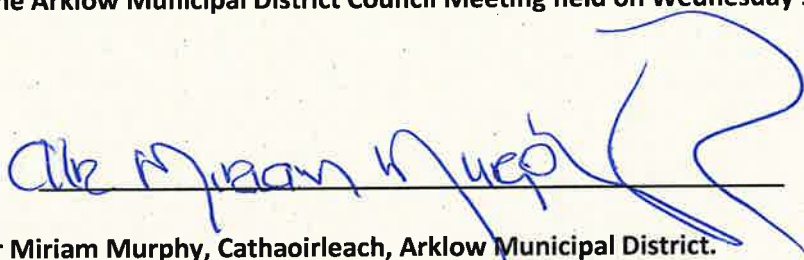
- Cllr. O'Toole said housing in the District needs discussion; people are living in unsuitable conditions. MDs should contact Wicklow for proper delegations as vulnerable people are being put in to bad situations.
- Some people cannot get onto the housing system.
- Cllr. Leonard said Housing is in crisis and there is a gap in the system. Housing need to have a conversation with AMD. She also asked how many housing do we have to be allocated. Why do we only have one Social Worker for the County, it is a National problem and we need to lobby our TDs.
- Cllr. Fitzgerald had a person call to his home seeking assistance. Cllr. Fitzgerald rang the Minister and he arranged them to meet in Arklow.

- F Keogh suggested asking the homeless officer to attend an MD meeting.
- The DA confirmed that the TSO meets tenants in AMD by appointment.
- Cllr. O'Toole asked if the running track could provide storage for the local athletics club.
- A report on Public lighting for Pound Hill and Templerainey Heights was requested for the next meeting.
- Cllr. Leonard said 402 Collective have a unit rented on Lr. Main Street and will have a gallery and workshops. They have received lots of support from LSP and asked her fellow Councillors for support with the project.

Fergal Keogh ended the meeting stating with the WWTP now commissioned that there are exciting times ahead for Arklow. We need to maximise Arklow to its full potential. This is a great opportunity to develop and see Arklow grow.

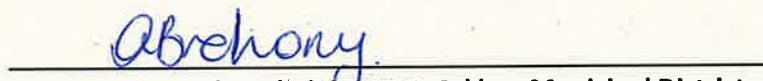
Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2025.

Signed:

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Cllr Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Arklow Municipal District.

Signed:

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Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator, Arklow Municipal District