

MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

HELD IN DISTRICT CHAMBER, TOWN HALL

MONDAY 27th MAY 2024 at 15.00pm

Present: Cllr Irene Winters, Cllr Shay Cullen, Cllr Gail Dunne, Cllr Mary Kavanagh, Cllr John Snell, Cllr Paul O'Brien

In Attendance: District Manager, Brian Gleeson
District Engineer, Pat Clarke
District Administrator, Georgina Franey
Myles Buchanan, Wicklow People

Cathaoirleach Irene Winters opened the meeting at 15.00 pm.

ITEM 1

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 22nd April 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Shay Cullen, seconded by Councillor Paul O'Brien and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on 22nd April 2024.

ITEM 2

Presentation from the Housing Section of Wicklow County Council in relation to the proposed Part 8 for the development of 56 houses at Hawkstown (Phase 2), Wicklow Town

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Helena Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer and Kerrie Beacom, Senior Executive Technician from Housing Construction to the meeting.

Members were presented with plans of the proposal for construction of 56 social houses consisting of:

2	1 Bedroom – Age Friendly
9	1 Bedroom – Ground Level
9	1 Bedroom – First Floor
20	2 Bedroom – 2 Storey
16	3 Bedroom – 2 Storey

It is proposed to use the existing Phase 1 access road for the new development.

Members expressed concern that if all traffic is exiting one junction it may cause problems as happened in another development. The District Engineer advised that traffic calming measures could be considered.

It was not intended to proceed with this development in the short term.

Members commended Kerry on the design and indicated that there was huge demand for one bedroom properties.

All members were in favour of the proposed Part 8.

ITEM 3

Presentation from the Housing Section of Wicklow County Council in relation to the proposed Part 8 for the development of 19 houses at Ballinahinch, Ashford

Members were presented with plans of the proposal for the construction of 19 social houses consisting of:

2	1 Bedroom
15	2 Bedroom
2	3 Bedroom

They were advised that all houses would face onto the green area in order to allow passive surveillance and prevent anti-social behaviour. They were also advised that significant flood testing of the site was carried out.

All members were in favour of the proposed Part 8.

ITEM 4

Presentation in relation to the proposed Part 8 for extension to Wicklow Leisure Centre

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Caroline Fox, A/Senior Executive Officer and Michael McNamara, A/Senior Executive Officer to the meeting. Caroline Fox made a presentation to the members as follows:

Proposed Development – Gym Extension Part 8

- **Background Details**
Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Scheme Granted in 2021 granted to refurbish the Leisure Centre
- The sum granted was €864,117 with match funding of €781,875
- Due to increase costs the Department granted a top up funding of €932,423
- Estimated costs of this project is €2,578,475.00
- In May 2023 Tobin Consultant Engineers were appointed to oversee this project.
- The works including internal alterations to existing building, provision for new changing facilities, maintenance and up grading of air condition units, replacement of damaged tiles on ceilings walls and floors, various M&E works and other associated works.

Separate from this project above - Tobins were requested to prepare a design for a gym extension to the replace the current prefabricated buildings.

Details of the proposed development:

- The gymnasium extension and the Aerobics space will replace the existing prefabricated building.
- The proposed extension is 380 m² gross internal floor area (GiFA).

- The extension will comprise the extended village changing area, gymnasium and aerobics room.
- The existing prefabricated unit which has a gross internal floor area of 165m² will be removed.
- The extension will add a further 211m² of gross internal floor area on the site following the removal of the prefab.

Next Steps

In accordance with the provisions of PART XI, of the Planning Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2000 (as amended)

- Advertised in Wicklow People on 5th June,
 - 4 weeks display in County Buildings, up to 2nd July 2024,
 - 2 weeks for submission, up to 17th July 2024,
 - Chief Executive's report prepared,
 - For consideration at the Municipal District Meeting in July,
 - Decision on the proposed development by the members at this Meeting,
- Note – no current funding stream for this project.*

Members indicated that the facility had become run down and stated this development would be a most welcome investment in the town which was long overdue and would be a vital asset to Wicklow town and surrounding areas. They were advised that funding was guaranteed for Phase 1 (upgrade to changing rooms etc.) but no funding was available at present for Phase 2 (gym).

Members queried the cost of hiring the pre-fabs and were advised that it was in the region of €24,000 per annum.

All members were in favour of the proposed Part 8.

ITEM 5

Presentation in relation to the proposed Part 8 for the provision of footpath from Brittas Bay North Beach carpark linking Ballynacarrig

District Engineer, Pat Clarke outlined the proposal to members as follows:

Scheme Overview:

- Provision of pedestrian facilities and public realm improvements along the R750 from McDaniel's Public House to North Car Park at Brittas Bay Beach.
- Works include alterations to roadway and introduction of new footpath along one side of the roadway.

Part VIII Scheme Design:

- Proposed footpath scheme on the R750 in Brittas Bay.
- The aim of the scheme is to provide a new 1.8m wide footpath along the western side of the R750, while maintaining a carriageway width of 5.5m.
- The proposed footpath is approximately 1.9km in length and extends from the Brittas Bay North carpark up to Mc Daniels pub.
- Importantly, this footpath will provide safe pedestrian access to the beach from the temporary car parks along the R750 during the busy summer months.

- At present, families traveling to the beach from the temporary car parks are walking on the road carriageway.

Current Status & Next Steps:

- General drawings for the proposed scheme have been prepared.
- Following review of comments on these drawings, any revisions can be made to the drawings.
- Once the drawings are revised, the Part 8 planning process will be advertised.
- Following public consultation, the Part 8 report will be submitted to the Elected Members.

Members welcomed the proposal stating it was quite a significant piece of infrastructure which would increase safety not just for the tourist season but all year round for residents of the area. It was stated that motorists tend to drive excessively fast here. The District Engineer said he would be hopeful that the new footpath with kerb would help to show traffic down as the carriageway will appear smaller. Signage will also be erected.

The District Engineer indicated that it was hoped to start the scheme in September after the tourist season.

The District Manager advised that the NTA Active Travel Scheme focused primarily on urban areas and a lot of rural submissions were rejected. Funding would be available from development levies.

ITEM 6

Presentation in relation to the proposed Part 8 for the Rockey Road Improvement Project (RRIP)

District Engineer, Pat Clarke outlined the proposal to members as follows:

Scheme Overview:

- Road improvement works to widen carriageway to between 5.5m to 6m in width and to provide an improved route from Junction 17 M11/R772 to the Hawkstown Road.
- The works will take place along the L5099 Road.
- Works include alterations to roadway, new drainage and introduction of new footpath along one side of the roadway to link the Ashtown Lane junction to join with existing footpath.

Part VIII Scheme Design:

- Proposed improvements to the L5099 Rockey Road.
- The aim of the scheme is to provide an improved and safer route between Junction 17, M11/ R772 and the Hawkstown Road. A carriageway of between 5.5m to 6m in width is the aim of the project.
- Drainage will be required as part of the project.
- Accommodation works such as fencing and the erection of safety barriers will be required in certain areas.
- The proposed road improvement is approximately 1.3km in length.
- There will be a footpath on one side of the road which will typically be between 1.8m - 2m wide (between Ashtown lane junction and existing footpath on Rockey Road). This footpath will have public lighting installed for safety reasons.

Current Status & Next Steps:

- General drawings for the proposed scheme have been prepared.

- Following review of comments on these drawings, any revisions can be made to the drawings.
- Once the drawings are revised, the Part 8 planning process will be advertised.
- Following public consultation, the Part 8 report will be submitted to the Elected Members.

The District Engineer advised that junction 16 is used as the main route into Wicklow town and junction 17 is underutilised. He indicated that improving Rockey Road will take the pressure off junction 16. Members agreed that the works were badly needed.

A query was raised regarding CPO of land. The District Engineer advised that this predominantly concerned one landowner. He advised that bringing the footpath to Ashtown Lane would improve safety for the Rugby Club also.

The District Manager advised that €800,000 has been secured from DTAS for the project.

All members were in favour of the proposed Part 8.

ITEM 7

To consider the 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Wicklow Municipal District

District Manager, Brian Gleeson, circulated the 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Under Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001, a schedule of proposed works to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district must be prepared having regard to funding provided in the local authority revenue budget. The Schedule of Municipal District Works to be considered by the Municipal District members and adopted by resolution.

It was proposed by Councillor Shay Cullen, seconded by Councillor Mary Kavanagh and unanimously resolved that the 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works be approved.

ITEM 8

District Engineers Report

Updates were provided by District Engineer Pat Clarke as follows:

Housing:

❖ Relets/Prelets

- 5no. houses relets handed to WMD for refurbishment works (Preparing Tenders)
- 5no. houses being worked on, through WCC Housing Framework.
- 2no. houses returned to Housing Department for allocation.
- 4no. houses on hold (tenancy considerations by Housing Department).

❖ Maintenance and operations

- On-going repairs and maintenance being progressed as required on housing stock within the WMD.
- All complete, only snags remaining, future DPGs to be completed by Housing Centrally.

DTTAS Roads Programme:

DTTAS Allocations for 2024 Projects have now been released to the Roads Section. Projects on the Restoration Improvement and Maintenance Programme have been reviewed based on pavement condition ratings.

❖ Restoration Improvement

Tenders on Restoration Improvement works has started. Works will include a variety of techniques depending on classification and condition of Road.

Advance works such as drainage and verge widening works has started on RI Roads with a mixture of MD staff and sub contactors. Main list of RI 2024 projects below.

Location	Length of Works
L1039 Carrigower	0.8km
L5093 Barnbawn (Aghowle Upper)	1.1km
R765 Newtown To Roundwood Road (Slaughter Hill)	1.1km
R756 Brockagh, Wicklow Gao	0.5km
L 97632 Knockafrumpa	0.5km
L 5054 Ford Road	1.75km
L 1051 Callow Hill	1.0km
L 1051- L 5062 Prospect to Ballyduff Cross Roads	3.0km
L 5597 Milltown Lane	1.0km
R 752 Rathnew - Glenealy Road (Milltown Junction)	0.750km
L 1600 Ballyguile Road	0.250km
L5099 Rocky Road Improvement Project	1.2km

❖ Restoration Maintenance

The Countywide Restoration Maintenance is due to start in the Wicklow MD in mid-June,

Advance works such as drainage and verge widening works has started on RM Roads. Main list of RM 2024 projects below.

Location	Length of Works
R762 Glenealy Road	2.1km
L 11001 Knockrobin Estate Road	0.5km
R 755 Djouce To Calary	1.5km
R 756 Brockagh, Wicklow Gap	1.8km
L 1036 Stoney Pass Road	1.1km
L 1035 Powers Avenue	1.75km

❖ **Drainage**

- General works on verge drains, drainage inlets, gullies and road crossings to outlets are ongoing throughout the MD.
- Programme for cleaning of gullies continuing within Wicklow MD. Drain surveys are still being carried out on problem areas as required.
- Installation of drainage pipes along Milltown lane are to begin in next few weeks, once resources becomes available.

❖ **Safety Projects**

- Pedestrian crossing civil works is finished at Mountainview in Newtownmountkennedy. Installation of belisha beacon poles are completed. ESB connection required to energise crossing.
- Upgrade of Road markings on R755/ R756 between Wicklow Gap and Djouce has been completed, approx. 17 km of centre line completed plus 6km of edge markings, further lining of symbols and chevron markings have also been completed. Chevron signage and delineator posts have been installed on the Wicklow Gap.
- Periodic School Signage has been installed at various locations in the WMD. Signage at school in Ashford to completed within coming weeks.
- Installation of new pedestrian crossing almost complete on the Dunbur Road, poles to be installed and ESB to be connected as soon as resources become available. All in the interest of safety for all road users.

❖ **WCC Projects**

- New anti-slip surface to be installed on bridge deck in Q2 when weather is suitable.

Fáilte Ireland:

❖ **Abbey Grounds**

- Project continuing with Architect/ Structural Engineer and a Quantity surveyor working on tender package for the Coach House area at present. Tenders have been assessed. Contractor to start works at the start of June.
- Detailed designs still progressing for the Amphitheatre and performance area.
- Material finishes being worked through at present on certain elements of the design.
- Connection agreements with utility providers are being progressed.
- Site compound for construction works has been started. Erection of temporary site fencing has been installed around areas of interest on site, as per National Monuments requirements.
- Design works on new entrance for parochial house are complete, with work started on site in this area.

Community Recognition Fund/Outdoor Recreation:

- Brittas Bay Blueway funding for accessibility works; works have commenced on upgrade to toilet facilities. The upgrade includes a disabled toilet, improved water storage and improvement of security facilities. Disability access ramp and new showers have been installed. Works are now complete, with the contractor to remove security fencing next week. WCC staff to complete final touch up on paint work and erection of signage. All works

to be finished prior to opening in May to the public. Toilet block works are complete, toilet block is now open to the public. Beach safety signage is to be erected by end of May. New welcome signage has been added to the entrance at both north and south beach car park, new information lecterns to be installed when manufactured.

Line marking of south beach car park almost complete with final touches by the end of May.

- The Assembly Hall facility works started on Monday 4th of March as specified, with a completion date of June 2024. Works will include the upgrade of electrical and heating systems, refurbishment of existing toilets and kitchen facilities, creating of a meeting room space upstairs to create a multi -functional building for different user groups, plus other aesthetic improvements throughout the building. Works are continuing on site and progressing as per scheduled. Fleadh members have expressed intent to utilise the space that weekend for film displays including props and costumes of Wicklow based filming.

Town & Village Renewal:

- Wicklow Town – South Quay connections to Main Street (Connectivity Project); Seating (at Scouts Hall) have been installed. Three ornate arches with lanterns are currently being fabricated for installation along the Doctor’s Steps, cabling works now complete for this part of the works. Installation of Fabricated ship to town hall gable complete. Installation of Heron sculpture at scouts den complete. Planters have been added to protect the heron from anti-social behaviour. Website currently being drafted including trail map and project information.

Lighting along the Mall and Market Square elements to be completed soon. Mini Mural on Bridge Street Books wall has been completed, plus an additional mural at the sailing club.

- Newtown - Streetscape Enhancement Project works are complete. New bins (mixture of compactor and larger big belly bins) have been installed in response to complaints on litter issues. Additional street furniture such as benches, bollards and planters has been erected to further enhance the appearance of Newtownmountkenedy.
- Compactor bins have been installed in Glendalough, Laragh and Roundwood to promote a cleaner environment but also to increase efficiency from an operational point of view. These bins have smart technology built into them and will communicate back to base when full and require emptying.

❖ NTA Projects

- Consultants still working on pedestrian and cycle improvement scheme as part of the Pathfinder project, initial survey completed on the Marlton Road and Rocky Road, linking to the train station on Station Road. A topographical survey of roads and footpaths to take place along entire route over coming weeks. This information is required as part of the detailed design process.

❖ Additional MD projects:

WCC have issued payments for the following connections. WMD has received MPRN’s to progress completion:

- Laragh Pedestrian Crossing,
- Moneystown Pedestrian Crossing,

Scheduling of ESB to energise this equipment is being progressed but is very slow.

- Road markings are being progressed around the MD, some have been carried out around the town, with others refreshed at certain locations.

- Murrough Masterplan being worked on at present, with concept drawings completed, landscape architect required to detail up concept. Identification of existing services underway at present. Services have now been identified and tender documents are being finalised. Final review of tender documentation before being issued is currently taking place.
- Footpath to GAA club in Wicklow being progressed by the NTA team. Kerbing to be installed within the coming weeks. Drainage and ducting are almost completed. Works progressing as scheduled.

MEMBERS OBSERVATIONS

- Road markings near railway line at Glenealy worn and cars not stopping.
District Engineer to examine.
- High grass restricting visibility at the exit from Ballinalea, Ashford.
District Engineer advised that grass was cut last week.
- Issue of traffic calming at Ushers Glen.
District Engineer trying to contact developer, line markings require completion, possibility of installing ramp to be examined.
- Rathnew graveyard in need of grass cutting.
District Engineer advised this is being done at present, cutting between graves presents difficulty as grass gets onto graves and must be handpicked which is time consuming. There is an operative on site and situation will be reviewed.
- Grass/Hedge Cutting.
District Engineer advised that the tractor/hedge cutter is working in areas of Wicklow Town and the port road. He added that posts on social media are unfair publicity.

At this point it was proposed by Councillor Paul O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Gail Dunne that an extension of time be granted if required.

- Magheramore/Brittias.
District Engineer advised that hedge cutting was carried out at Magheramore Hospice and Brittias Bay. Signage will be erected at Magheramore/Brittias re parking. The Council will work with the Gardai and obtain a supply of traffic cones from them which will hopefully help as this worked well last year.
- Members commended works at the Lighthouse on the old pier.
- Metal bridge at railway in need of painting.
District Engineer advised the Council would not have a budget to carry out work here, will consult with the bridge team in the County Council. Possibly a matter for Iarnród Éireann.
- Dangerous junction at Fitzwilliam Road/High Street. Members enquired if it is possible to install a ramp at this location or revert to the previous system. District Engineer to examine.
- Roundwood graveyard – no pre-dug graves on the right hand side is creating a problem as people wish to be buried close to relatives. It is noted that this is a matter for Environment section.
- Road Safety on Kilquade Road from Derek Burton garage to Kilquade Arboretum.
District Engineer advised that he will look into this matter.

ITEM 9

Discretionary Projects 2024

Area	Project	Proposed	Costing by MD May 2024	Approved by Elected Members May 2024	Notes	Priority of projects over €25,000 by MD
Wicklow	Refurbishment of existing toilets at Wicklow Seafront	Cllr Mary Kavanagh	€6,000	€6,000	Two automated doors & complete refurb of toilets	
	Native hedging & site clearance for community garden site (subject to water connection)	Cllr Mary Kavanagh	€5,000	€5,000	Water connection works not included	
	Church Hill traffic calming	Cllr Paul O'Brien	€10,000	€10,000	Burning off old lines, new road markings and some new signage	
	Magheramore/Brittis signage	Cllr Paul O'Brien	€15,000	€15,000	Cost is €3.40 + VAT per linear metre for double yellow lines. New signage also	
	Wicklow Swimming Club (Town Council Cup)	Cllr Paul O'Brien	€500	€500		
	Ballynerrin traffic calming	Cllr Paul O'Brien	€10,000	€10,000	Ramps to be installed near Hillview / Rosehill. Road markings & additional signage also	
	Ramps in The Friary estate	Cllr Gail Dunne	€20,000	€20,000	Crossing point issue, build out of kerbs & bollards required	
	Car parking spaces at Wicklow Heights	Cllr Gail Dunne	€25,000	€25,000		
	2 no. X Vehicle actuated solar powered signage for crossroads at Blainroe Upper, advance road markings required also	Wicklow MD	€20,000	€20,000	A lot of Reprs. Dangerous junction with poor sightlines & no room to set back boundaries	
	1 no. X vehicle actuated solar powered signage at Wicklow Hospice	Wicklow MD	€8,000	€8,000	Dangerous exit from Hospice	
	Wicklow Pride Parade			€2,500		
	Wicklow Regatta Festival			€1,000		
	Wicklow Tidy Towns Clock		€14 - €20K	0		
Roundwood	2 ramps from playground to GAA club	Cllr Shay Cullen	€11,000	€11,000	Signage & markings required. No drainage required	
	Length of footpath at playground in Roundwood to link GAA pitch	Cllr Shay Cullen	€55,000	€55,000	Eir cables & fibre relocation cost already paid. May be accommodation works at house. Length of footpath is 100m long, but is good safety improvement for the area	Priority 4

Newtown	Kilmullen traffic calming	Already approved by Members but not yet completed	€10,000	€10,000	2022/2023 project, reduce speeds coming into Newtown. Ramp, signage & road markings, no drainage required	
	Sycamore Drive entrance – small footpath plus pedestrian crossing	Cllr Paul O'Brien	to be priced	€10,000		
	Length of footpath out the back entrance to Coillte just after the last cottage at Season Park	Cllr Shay Cullen		0	Large project, revisit in 2025	
	Improvement to footpath at bridge entering Newtown from Coillte, very narrow at one point	Wicklow MD	€25,000	€25,000	A lot of Reqs, narrow footpath, requires realignment of road in a small area	Priority 7
Laragh	Electronic speed sign entering Laragh	Cllr Shay Cullen	€8,000	€8,000	Sign requires foundation & sleeve insert in advance of installation	
	Vehicle actuated solar powered signage for pedestrian crossing	Cllr Shay Cullen	€16,000	€16,000	Sign requires foundation & sleeve insert in advance of installation	
Rathnew	Footpath repairs at Woodside estate	Cllr Paul O'Brien		0	Included in overall footpath repair costs for MD	
	Footpath repairs at Carrig Court				Included in overall footpath repair costs for MD	
	New bin at Main Street (near barbers & tanning shop)	Cllr John Snell	€6,000	0	Included in overall bin costs for MD	
	Replacement bin at bus stop (outside Meadow Haven)	Cllr John Snell	€6,000	0	Included in overall bin costs for MD	
	Short extension of new footpath from affordable housing scheme on the R772 (old N11 road) being constructed by the developer, up to St. Bridgets Terrace	Cllr John Snell & Cllr Paul O'Brien	€45,000	0	To be funded by development levies	Priority 2
	Resurfacing at Old Village	Already approved by members	€65,000	€65,000	Additional works at Community Centre as surfacing is poor	Priority 1
	Footpath at Merrymeeting	Already approved by members	€50,000	€50,000	Possible land owner issues. ESB pole to be removed, drainage required	Priority 3
Glenealy	Safety measures at Ballydowling	Cllr Paul O'Brien	€10,000	€10,000	Speed signage in place, enforcement required	
	Footpath in Glenealy graveyard	Cllr Gail Dunne	€25,000	€25,000	Awaiting confirmation from Environment Section on location of where it can be constructed	Priority 6
Ashford	Ballinahinch Woods R763, Driver feedback sign	Cllr Gail Dunne & Cllr Mary Kavanagh	€10,000	€10,000	Sign to be erected for traffic heading towards Ashford to warn traffic to slow	

					down, road markings also required	
	Ballinahinch/Vartry Woods pedestrian crossing	Cllr Mary Kavanagh	€30,000	€30,000	Crossing near junction at Hanleys required for pedestrian safety	Priority 5
Annamoe	New bin	Cllr John Snell	€6,000	0	Included in overall bin costs for MD	
All	Defibrillators	MD	€12,000	€12,000		
	Salt boxes	MD	€3,000	€3,000		
	Christmas lights grants	MD	€6,500	€6,500		
	Purchase of traffic assessment equipment to assist An Garda Siochana and the Council in serious road traffic accidents	Cllr John Snell	to be priced	0	On hold at present. Need to discuss with the Gardai	
	Fund to repair footpaths in MD	Wicklow MD	€40,000	€40,000		
	Fund for replacement bins within the MD	Wicklow MD	€25,000	€25,000		
	Fund for replacement road markings within the MD	Wicklow MD	€20,000	€20,000		
	Contingency fund for overspend	Wicklow MD	€10,000	€10,000	To be kept in reserves for over runs	

It was proposed by Councillor Irene Winters and seconded by Councillor John Snell to proceed with the 2024 discretionary projects as detailed above.

ITEM 11

Any Other Business

The District Manager presented Councillors Irene Winters and Shay Cullen with paintings by a local artist in recognition of their years of public service to the district. He summarised their terms of office as follows:

Councillor Winters was first elected to Wicklow Town Council in 2004. She was Mayor of Wicklow Town in 2009/2010 and is the current Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District. She was elected to the County Council in 2009 and served as Cathaoirleach in 2019/2020. Some of the highlights of her term of office were the development of Wicklow Gaol as a major tourist attraction and the establishment of the Wicklow Heritage Trail. She also worked to secure funding for the tea rooms and other facilities at Kilmacurragh House.

Councillor Cullen was first elected to Wicklow Municipal District in 2014. He was Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District on two occasions in 2017/2018 and 2019/2020. He served as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council in 2021/2022. He carried out a huge amount of work in the areas of Roundwood, Newtown, Laragh. One of the highlights of his term in office was the establishment of the Vartry Trails, around the Vartry lakes in Roundwood.

The District Manager said both will be missed, they were dependable and willing to make difficult decisions. They had done fabulous work and should be very proud of their careers in politics. He wished them well.

Irene said she had enjoyed the 20 years and hoped the four sitting councillors would be re-elected. She thanked the staff and said it was a pleasure working with them.

Shay said the 10 years had highs and lows and he would miss the amazing team in place. He commended the District Engineer on works which had transformed the district. He also wished the sitting members well in the election.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 18.10pm.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____