



**Wicklow County Council
Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin**

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE McELHERON CHAMBER ON THE 13th March
2024**

Present:

Cllr. Tommy Annesley, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Leas-Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke
Cllr. Pat Kennedy
Cllr. Miriam Murphy

Officials Present:

Ms. Leonora Earls, District Manager
Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator
Ms. Avril Hill, District Engineer
Mr. Stephen Pearce-Howes, Executive Technician
Ms. Lorraine Hayes, ASO
Ms. Monika Zawodnia, CO

Apologies:

Cllr. Peir Leonard

Press:

Not present

Public:

None

Presentations:

Mr. John Bowes - Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services
Helena Fallon - Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services
Ruth Kidney - Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services
Kerrie Beacom- Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services
Sean Keane – Housing and Social Development

Item 1: Votes of Sympathy.

The members expressed votes of sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved one, all of the members acknowledged that it is an especially tough time of year to lose a loved one.

Robyn Archer, Damien Bracken, Kevin Forde, Rita Hall (née Ward), Denis (Dinny) Hannigan, Jeff Hoskin, Maura O'Loughlin, Michael Sheil, Ivan Prestage, Lauren Kennedy, Martin Crean, Patrick Alan Proby, Lilian Porter (Nee Fortune), Andy Byrne, Bernard Keating, Catherine Flynn (Nee Sheridan), Stephen Dowling, Richard Byrne, Matthew Clarke (Matt) Patrick Jones, Francis (Fran) O Sullivan, Joseph (Joe) O'Toole, Des Parsons, Martin Crean, Charlie Bird.

A minutes silence was observed.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the Arklow Municipal District Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February 2024 were proposed by Cllr M. Murphy and seconded by Cllr P. Fitzgerald.

Item 3: Matters Arising.

- Aughrim Oaks: Led light bulbs do not fit into lights at Aughrim Oaks, Public Lighting are reviewing this under the PLEEP system and will replace bulbs with something similar.
- Condrón's Lane: Work is due to start this week; Traffic management may be needed for this job.
- Hills Garage: With regards to ramps being needed at Hills Garage a road safety audit is being organised.
- A letter of good wishes was sent to Paddy Kavanagh after the incident at his shop on Wexford Road, the letter included an update from the meeting.

Item 4: Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

John Bowe, Senior Engineer delivered an update on the proposed new Weighbridge Facility at M11 J19. The following queries were raised.

- Operations regarding opening hours are not fully finalised.
- Wicklow County Council are working closely with An Garda Síochána on the proposed Weighbridge.
- The Weighbridge is proposed to be used by County Council and An Garda Síochána.
- Budget of Weighbridge is between €300,000 and €400,000.
- Income from fines will feedback into the maintenance of the Weighbridge.
- At present the Weighbridge is out to Public Consultation.

Ruth Kidney, Architect delivered an update on the proposed Development of 74 Housing units at Tinahask Upper, Arklow. The following details were confirmed.

- This development is now a part 8 development and will be advertised in the coming weeks.
- The number of units have been reduced and no crèche will be in the development.
- Traffic assessment has been carried out on 500 units and it was proven there is no major pressure on the road network.
- There will be low levels of traffic on the new development.
- It is hoped to have this back with the Elected Members for a vote by July.

Sean Keane, Senior Executive Engineer delivered a presentation on the proposed 179a development of 5A Aughrim Hall, Rednagh Road, Aughrim. This is a two storey four bedroom wheelchair accessible dwelling for a local family. The following was confirmed at this presentation.

- This should be in the papers in the next two weeks.
- Gates on the existing Pillars were requested for the safety of child already living.

District Engineers Report.

Municipal District of Arklow

District Engineer's Report

6th March 2024

Roads

Restoration Improvement

€1,647,860.00 (2023 - €1,647,260)

Preparing tenders

Restoration Maintenance

€383,525.00 (2023 - €429,412)

Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience

€100,000 (2023 - €70,000)

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Status</i>
Retaining wall on at Knockmillar	Detailed Design

Safety Improvement Works

€92,000 (2023 - €75,000)

<i>Proposed Works</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Status</i>
R-755 Rathdrum to Laragh Road	Installation of safety barrier	To be tendered
R-752 Woodenbridge to Avoca	Installation of safety barrier	To be tendered
Johnstown Village, Arklow	Installation of safety signage	To be tendered

Former National Roads

€460,000 (2023 - €400,000)

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

Discretionary Funds 2023

No updates, working on projects in background

Other Projects

Works have commenced on the Community Recognition project in Rathdrum. Contract to be signed for Arklow.

Other projects:

- Seaview Avenue is multi-purpose area with landscaping, there is no funding for lighting at present but ducting is in place for future use.
- No update as yet on Beech Road footpath it is on the list with the GSS for cleaning.
- An application has been made for Sports Capital funding for a proposed pump park to replace the pitch and putt course at Seaview Avenue. Any reports of anti-social behaviour in the area should be raised with An Garda Síochana

Discretionary Budget 2024:

The discretionary budget for 2024 was discussed, the proposed budget is attached.

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

No other business set forth.

Item 6: Notice of Motion/s

Notices deferred to April Meeting.

Item 7: Correspondence

An email from the Vincent De Paul Shop was read out regarding parking in the Town. The trader raised concerns with both the parking wardens and street lighting outside the shop.

Following on from the email it was stated that:


- Parking permits linked to businesses need to be looked at.
- An overall change in the By-laws is necessary to change the current parking By-laws in Arklow.
- There is no one for all fix as different businesses in the Town are requiring different needs.
- If you are illegally parked there is no 15 minute grace period.
- Extra parking will be a requirement of the ALPS development.

Item 8: Any Other Business

- Members were reminded that the pre-draft consultation for Arklow LAP would be on display in the Elheron Chamber of Friday 15th March.
- Blueway Project - there is an information gathering event being held in Arklow Library on Thursday 14th March

Minutes confirmed at the Arklow Municipal District Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2023.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

Signed:



Ms. Alvina Brehony, District Administrator, Arklow Municipal District