

Notes re SPC Meeting held on 9th December, 2019

Wicklow Gaol

4 Documents attached for your information.

1. 20 Bus Shelters ordered for Wicklow, glass with grass covered roof. Each municipal district selected that areas. It was noted that there was no shelter for Hollywood, which is an on-going issue as the bus company has refused to stop at this area. It was agreed that the SPC write to the Department of Transport asking that it be registered as an official stop and this will allow for Hollywood to be put on the list for a bus shelter. It was also noted that provision of bus shelters is not usually under the remit of the local authority.
2. Baltinglass successful in being awarded 3.5 million for URDF which will have a huge impact on transforming the town.
3. Healthy Ireland is having a new co-ordinator appointed in the coming weeks. Official confirmation of funding is expected in the coming weeks.
4. The three greenways are at varying levels of progress. Blessington has ACOM appointed for the design and there will be a better grasp of the routes in the New Year. It is envisaged that it will go to tender before the summer of 2020 with an expected finish date of end of 2021. Blessington is simultaneously readying itself for the influx of visitors. Greystones is having a sandunes study carried out at present. Arkow/Shilelagh is venturing into a special planning process in the new year. A discussion took place on linking these greenways via walking trails. It was confirmed that there is a plan to link Wicklow to Wexford via the Barrow River Walk.
5. Laragh playground is finished and Roundwood playground is almost complete. Next one is Bog Meadow and there is a need to refurbish the older playgrounds in the county. Playgrounds are now at saturation points and there are no more planned.
6. A discussion took place regarding the provision of open libraries for students in the run-up to exam time. The SPC were enthusiastic in relation to providing longer hours for these times in the future. Musical instruments are available for rental in Arklow and Blessington libraries.
7. Wicklow County Council will be the only county to have a dedicated floor for archives in the new Wicklow Library, plans were available for viewing.
8. Arklow has received funding for a Community Sports Hub.
9. Sports Awards 2019 will held in late February 2010 and nominations are now being sought from clubs
10. Social Inclusion Week was discussed and it did not appear to be a problem to re-instate it.
11. Our Vision for Community Wellbeing in Co. Wicklow document was circulated and congratulated on a very good production.
12. Members thanked the PPN for their hard work this year and wished a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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