



Meet Your Elected Representative Report

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Introducing County Wicklow Public Participation Network

County Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN) was established in July 2014 under the directive of the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and in accordance with legislation in the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (Section 46). Public Participation Networks were established to be an independent structure that would become the main link through which local authorities connect with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in a process to facilitate communities to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system.

Co Wicklow PPN has 354 diverse member groups, some of these groups are networks in their own right. PPN representatives serve as a voice for the community on structures including: the Local Community Development Committee; all of the Wicklow County Council Strategic Policy Committees; Wicklow County Childcare Committee; Co Wicklow Children & Young People's Services Committee; Co Wicklow Local Sports Partnership; Wicklow County Tourism Board; Co Wicklow Volunteer Centre, County Wicklow Partnership, and Co Wicklow Joint Policing Committee. PPN Representatives strive to ensure that the needs of the community sector are prioritised within local policy processes.

Background & Context

In 2019, over 50 candidates ran in the Local Elections in Co Wicklow seeking positions that could make a real difference in the lives of Co Wicklow communities. To offer community groups and individuals the opportunity to find out about the candidates, Co Wicklow PPN, in collaboration with Disability Federation Ireland, ran Meet the Candidate Events in the 5 Municipal Districts in the county. Feedback from these meetings indicated that communities appreciated the opportunity to engage with elected representatives and requests were issued to run the events one year later.

Having had to cancel Meet the Elected Representative Events due to the COVID-19 Health Crisis in April, Co Wicklow PPN re-organised the events on the Zoom online platform throughout October running them for each Municipal District as follows:

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| • Arklow Municipal District | 1 October |
| • Baltinglass Municipal District | 8 October |
| • Bray Municipal District | 15 October |
| • Greystones Municipal District | 22 October |
| • Wicklow Municipal District | 29 October |

This report provides a record of these events, highlighting the issues and concerns of PPN member groups.

The report will be circulated to PPN Member Groups, Co Wicklow Elected Representatives, and Co Wicklow PPN Representatives to pass on to the Strategic Policy Committees where they sit on Co Wicklow PPN's behalf.

Meeting Format

Co Wicklow PPN members were asked to submit questions, issues, and suggestions for the councillors prior to the meeting. These questions were circulated to the councillors ahead of the event.

At the beginning of the meeting councillors were asked to talk about the highlights of their time in office since the last local elections and to highlight their priorities for the MD going forward. A few minutes were given to each councillor to respond.

Following this, councillors were asked to respond to the pre-submitted questions. Where time allowed, extra questions that were submitted on the night were also asked and answered.

A total of 117 people from a broad spectrum of community groups engaged with these sessions and 28 of our 34 elected representatives (see Appendix 1) answered over 80 diverse questions. Questions covered funding issues, lack of community spaces and infrastructure, environmental concerns, issues in relation to accessibility to services (including information provision and transport), structures, maintenance & safety (including footpaths, roads, lights & crossings), decision making in the council & how budgets are allocated and many more.

Participant feedback from the event, from PPN member groups and elected representatives was very positive. PPN member groups appreciated having the opportunity to engage with councillors, particularly those that they had not engaged with previously. Councillors also reported that it was useful for them to meet community groups and organisations and hear some of the issues and concerns that they were not previously aware of. All participants were appreciative and respectful of each other's work in and for communities. A poll run at the end of each event indicated that these events should be held annually.

Questions and Issues

Table 1 lists the questions, issues and suggestions that were submitted to the elected representatives. We have sorted this input by Municipal District and by theme. Table 1 is a record of what is important to and of concern to the PPN member groups and individuals that attended the events.

Table 1

Questions Tabled for Meet your Elected Representatives Zoom call events – October 2020

Arklow Municipal District

Question	Group	Theme
Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway – update report?	Aughrim Sports and Leisure	Infrastructure
Wastewater Management – update	Arklow <u>Geraldines</u> <u>Ballymoney GAA Club</u>	Infrastructure

<p>Can you ask the AMD councillors what the current situation is with the porters rocks right of way, An actual answer with a defined outcome would be appreciated as it has now dragged on too long with the members fobbing the electorate off .</p> <p>We would like to know when full access will be available again, And When the walkway will be repaired to a standard that will allow access</p> <p>Why hasn't the Arklow Coastal path – from North Beach to Enerilly Beach been reinstated</p> <p>How to the Councillors see the future of Arklow Developing with local amenities being closed</p> <p>Why is the Council allowing the blocking of accessing to the Arklow Beaches to continue? What steps are they taking to remedy this situation?</p> <p>Public Right of Ways closed – what are the council going to do about these. E.g. Shelton and Porters Rocks.</p>	<p>Golden Circle/Beresford Terrance/ Individual</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>What have you done that benefits young people specifically in the LEA in the past year?</p> <p>And what do you intend to do for the remainder of your term</p>	<p>Arklow Sea Scouts</p>	<p>Social & Community Development: Youth</p>
<p>How does the council decide which roads get resurfaced? There does not seem to be any great degree of logic to it. Some tiny, insignificant roads have beautiful new surfaces (the L6421 back road from Roche's forge up (Ballyhad) and the tiny road</p>	<p>Individual</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>

<p>highlighted in yellow in the attached picture which goes nowhere in particular) while the main street in Rathdrum from the crossroads to the bank is in an absolute heap and is thronged with traffic all day long. Who prioritises this stuff and how do they do it because, to the general public, it seems completely ridiculous?</p> <p>What is the council doing on the Climate Emergency that we're going through? How can the council motivate the county's businesses and institutions to reduce their fossil fuel consumption?</p> <p>Where's the next landfill site going to be? Even if nothing has been finalised, it would be comforting to know that the council was considering various sites (and told us where those sites are) and that there's a plan for when Ballynagran is full.</p>		Environment
Suggestions re communication – regular sharing of information – ebuletin, newsletter etc.	Arklow Music and Arts	Communication & Information Provision
<p>Boats on the harbour pontoon. We understand that its operations have returned to Wicklow COCO. What is the plan for the pontoons in the harbour?</p> <p>Plenty of talk of the Drug issues in town. Why then is the only Youth Drugs Education officer position being taken out of Arklow to be placed in Greystones. (for Jan 2021)</p>	Individual	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Social & community Development - Youth</p>
Issue re premises for Alzheimer Society	Alzheimer Society Wicklow Services	Community Facilities

Baltinglass Municipal District

Question	Group	Theme
<p>Having voted Last year and elected our Representatives for the next term, one of the first pieces of business seemed to be that the committee voted to increase our Local Property Tax when the majority of other County Councils voted to reduce their LPT. It was then clarified that part of the LPT collected from County Wicklow would actually go to subsidise other County Councils and not be used entirely for County Wicklow.</p> <p>To summarise, we need our LPT spent locally. The increase was extremely disappointing when we have no work or services in the village. How can you justify this? And what will you do about it?</p> <p>This we found extremely disappointing considering we are a rural village and that the County Council can't even afford to cover the cost of a road sweeper to visit the village at least once per year. We have blocked gutters and drains which we have brought to the council's attention many times. We have no signage for the village when approaching from the R448 (Old N9). We have businesses in the village fined for putting up their own signs to direct people to the village. We have been on the 3-year plan for the last 10 years for re-surfacing of the Main Street, which has never been properly re-surfaced since it was originally laid back in the 1950s.</p> <p>We are working extremely hard in the upkeep of the village. We need our Councillors to do the same.</p>	Grangecon Tidy Towns	<p>Finance: Local Property Tax</p> <p>Infrastructure</p>
What are you doing from an environment/biodiversity/climate point of view?	West Wicklow Environmental Network	Environment

<p>What good news is there for this municipal district re transport, grants, regenerative land practice?</p> <p>Is the plan to convert streetlights to LED going ahead and when?</p> <p>When will this part of Wicklow be selling electricity back to the grid?</p> <p>What can the people of Wicklow do to increase the Council's interest in climate action?</p> <p>What will the new Climate Action Plan do for biodiversity and/or the environment in West Wicklow (due out 5th Oct or a day or two either side of that date, said some Green Party comment last week.....)</p> <p>Will the councillors push electric car charging points for West Wicklow? to encourage electric cars the charging points need to be there.</p> <p>It would be great to see something like the Dublin Mountains makeover project in County Wicklow, more native trees, more recreational use.</p>		
Knockananna – What is happening in relation to the junction in the village	Knockananna Tidy Towns	Infrastructure
<p>I would like to avail of the opportunity to seek the support of the Councillors in our application for Government support and funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Their support would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Although Stratford is 35 miles from our capital city. The village has been in serious decline in recent years.</p>	Stratford Local Dev. Association	Infrastructure

<p>The Local Development Association is actively working to re-establish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A shop for essential items A cafe A community meeting room A co-working space with internet access Residential accommodation A playground <p>Outdoor Community recreational facilities i.e. walkways</p> <p>We currently have an application for funding under the Government Department of Community and Rural Development.</p>		
Update on the Hollywood Footpath project and Speed reduction/road safety at N81 Hollywood junction/s	Hollywood Fair Organising Committee	Infrastructure
<p>What is the timeline for the completion of the southern section of the Blessington Relief Road?</p> <p>What if any plans they have for Blessington and what their long-term vision might be for the town.</p>	Blessington District Forum	Infrastructure
West Wicklow still is the poor relation when it comes to service provision. We are very lucky to have a part time Domestic violence worker here now but that is just the start. Do the councillors Recognise the importance of community Development work and if so, could they lobby Wicklow county council and partnership for a Full time CD Worker for West Wicklow	Glending Community Development Group	Social & Community Development: Human Resources
Suggestion for Community App	Tinahely Men's Shed	Communications & Information Provision
Owing to the disparity in rental levels in different parts of West and South Wicklow, why are the same levels of maximum the	Blessington	Housing

<p>HAP Scheme applying to all towns, e.g. a 3 Bedroom unit in Blessing will command a rent of €1800 but such a unit in Carnew might come in at €1200. However, the max of the HAP of €1200 will be applied to both.</p> <p>Where the applicants in Blessington cannot meet the shortfall because of their total net (after tax) income, they will be refused the HAP.</p> <p>Therefore, the people of Blessington are suffering a bias.</p> <p>Should not Blessington be classed as an 'exception' and HAP be improved upon to at least €1500.</p>		
Can the Blessington Greenway be put back on track?	Valleymount GAA	Infrastructure
During the lockdown earlier this year, towns across West Wicklow saw the closure of amenities and green spaces for a number of weeks following government decisions. Given that the country may be heading for another lockdown, what can be done to ensure that these essential community amenities such as parks, walkways and forest trails remain open?	Community Pool for West Wicklow	COVID-19: Access to Facilities
<p>Ballyconnell has no wastewater system, just a septic tank -can this be prioritised</p> <p>We are missing some directional signs to Ballyconnell in particular from the Coolkenno direction, is there an email or a person we can direct this issue i.e. locations where signs are missing.</p>	Ballyconnell ICA	Infrastructure
Suggestion for Community App	Tinahely Men's Shed	Communications & Information Provision

Bray Municipal District

Question	Group	Theme
<p>COVID-19 has driven a lot of services to provide opportunities for connection, work, and education online, and Cairdeas has been no exception. However, a significant number of our membership do not use online services due to lack of access, funds, motivation and/or skills. This a long-standing issue in disability and mental health, known as the 'digital divide'; worldwide evidence and our local experience is that people can be increasingly left behind and disenfranchised as a result.</p> <p>What can you as a local councillor do to help people with disabilities or mental health issues (and services like Cairdeas) narrow or eliminate this digital divide?</p>	Cairdeas Clubhouse	Digital Divide: COVID-19
<p>Despite being the 'garden county' there are not many public parks. Are there any plans for public parkland or for increasing biodiversity in urban areas? Additionally, although there are grants to plant trees and volunteers willing to plant them, there is no land to plant them on.</p>	Individual	Environment
<p>What are you doing about making our future more sustainable? For example, lobbying to introduce the Sustainable Development Goals in the work of the Council, and working to prevent climate change and loss of biodiversity?</p> <p>How has work of the Council been disrupted due to COVID? If there are no face-to-face meetings can Motions be moved by Councillors? If not, what can be</p>	Wicklow Planning Alliance	<p>Environment</p> <p>COVID-19: Participation & Decision Making</p>

done to change the regulations to make this possible?		
What is the vision for Bray Town Centre	Bray Family Resource and Development Centre	Infrastructure
<p>With the increased numbers swimming daily on Bray Seafront, how would the councillors feel about shelter being provided for the winter months?</p> <p>Is there a traffic management plan for Bray? As we all know traffic is chaotic as it is and with further development ongoing residential areas are becoming rat runs.</p>	Bray Head Residents	Infrastructure
<p>A big concern for Purple House since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Ireland was the impact on our income from Fundraising. I know this is the same for all community and voluntary groups that rely on fundraising events to sustain their services.</p> <p>Purple House relies almost entirely on fundraising events and donations to run our community-based service as we receive approx. 40% from the HSE. The remaining 60% has to come from fundraising events and donations.</p> <p>We recently purchased a property as a permanent community-based cancer support centre, and we had to take out a mortgage over 15 years.</p> <p>With our reduction in income in 2020 and possibly into 2021 we would like to ask our Public representatives about their plans with Wicklow County Council for the community and voluntary sector going forward and have they included anything within their budgets for this sector.</p>	Purple House	COVID-19: Finance & Fundraising

Also, what other non-monetary support can they provide to the community and voluntary sector going forward, i.e. corporate responsibility, equipment etc.		
<p>How do you see the LCDC and SPC and SICAP interworking to the betterment of each?</p> <p>Is there any funding for digital divide under SICAP Q4 2020 tranche of funding? Needs to take account of people's capacity, training needs and resources – Comment from Bray Family Resource & Dev. Centre)</p> <p>can we sort the traffic out!!</p>	Citizens Information	<p>Local Govt Structures: Policy & Collaboration</p> <p>Digital Divide: Funding</p> <p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>Question re Culture & Arts policy - would like to see a community art dedicated fund as part of the arts policy of the county council</p> <p>A large group of artists are interested in availing of temporary affordable (i.e. low cost) use of empty shops/offices for studio use such as has been done in partnership with Dublin City and other cities/towns. Signal is interested in working with the Council on this - we sent our proposals to the Council Arts Office last year, but we never got a reply back</p> <p>The unnecessary removal of trees from streets also needs to be addressed, trees were removed (birch) from Dargan St, left behind stumps, which cars can't see when trying to park. Only two trees left with one of those marked this morning for removal - no explanation to the residents</p>	Signal Arts Centre	<p>Arts & Culture</p> <p>Infrastructure/ Environment</p>
A question that has been raised by members of our Bray Area Partnership	Bray Area Partnership	Social Inclusion: Access

<p>Disability Network, in our speed lobby with councillors: Disability Federation of Ireland's annual Make Way Day campaign highlights the many obstacles people with disabilities face in getting around in the town. What would you do to increase accessibility in Bray - such as an accessibility audit of the town and installing Changing Places facilities?</p> <p>Bray Area Partnership has been providing smart devices to older people in nursing homes to help them keep in touch with families and friends. There is a local scheme or fund for this. We do need to be able to ensure people are not excluded from online learning as well by digital poverty or lack of skills. We're currently running a course to help people learn the skills to take part in online learning... and could hopefully do more of these.</p> <p>Another issue for community groups we work with and their members and service-users is the lack of COVID-safe facilities and spaces in the community to be able to hire to run activities, social meet-ups, training and so on... where groups' own premises are not suitable in light of COVID restrictions.</p>		<p>Digital Divide</p> <p>COVID-19: Community Facilities</p>
<p>Need to ask about availability of unused / disused spaces that we can make use of for new DC (per previous Rep event) as this is a County-wide issue.</p>	Alzheimer's Society	Community Facilities
<p>We desperately need engagement with the Council to improve our building/location/resources.</p> <p>How do we go about engaging with the Councillors on this?</p>	Bray Rowing Club	Community Facilities

Greystones Municipal District

Question	Group	Theme
<p>Can our local elected representatives step up to lead the country on environmental protection once again (as they did in Spring 2019)?</p> <p>Specifically.....</p> <p>The Government & Dáil has still not convened the Citizen's Assembly on tackling the Biodiversity Loss Emergency, as was agreed unanimously by all TDs on 9 May 2019 (following N Wicklow local leadership) and promised again by the 3 coalition parties in the current Program for Government, in June 2020?</p> <p>Can our local N Wicklow elected representatives lead the way on this, hold a Wicklow Citizens Assembly on tackling the Biodiversity Loss Emergency, and again show the government how to follow with a national Citizen's Assembly?</p>	North Wicklow Environmental Network	Environment
<p>In light of the climate action amendment bill recently released and the role of the local authority, I would like to ask any of our representatives "will the local authority have the power to bring in innovative measures to cut greenhouse gas emissions that are not previously approved by central government?"</p> <p>Has Wicklow Co Co managed to reduce GHG emissions in the county since it declared a climate and biodiversity emergency back in May 2019 and if so, could you tell us by which means and by how much?</p>	80 Max	Environment

What native afforestation, to tackle the biodiversity emergency, has been achieved since May 2019.		
<p>How do Councillors plan to tackle housing supports, high rents and social housing to meet the needs of the community?</p> <p>What do Councillors see as being the key social issues and needs of the community and how they see these being met currently?</p> <p>How do Councillors plan to support/help develop increased community services for Greystones/Kilcoole/Newtown? GFRC is currently the only Greystones voice involved with the Youth Mental Health Network and CYPSC</p> <p>The idea of relying on Bray for everything is past – Greystones/Kilcoole/Newtown is now so much bigger and more diverse than it used to be - and will continue to develop for the foreseeable future, with all new housing developments planned</p> <p>What is the plan/strategy for dedicated community space for Greystones/Kilcoole/Newtown– one that is large enough for us, local community groups as well as hosting increased services for the community?</p> <p>GFRC hosts other services as and when possible but this is more and more difficult due to social distancing requirements.</p>	Greystones Family Resource Centre	<p>Housing</p> <p>Social & Community Development</p> <p>Social & Community Development: Services</p> <p>Social & Community Development: Facilities</p>
<p>Issue of FRC premises – not fit for purpose. Too small. Need for community space that can allow groups to meet and carry out activities. COVID-19 has highlighted this need</p> <p>Issue of lack of recognition of the LGBTIQ+ community. Represent 5% of the</p>	Trans Greystones	<p>Social & Community Development: Facilities</p> <p>Social Inclusion</p>

population and no access to specific funding, resources etc. No consultation with this community also an issue.		
Issue re very limited specific opening hours of the Park for older people during the COVID-19 pandemic	Wicklow Aquanauts	COVID-19: Access
<p>The closure of swimming pools and gyms have been a real blow to families with additional needs. They have found the routine of swimming and the gym a lifeline during these past few months. Having also been able to swim in the sea during the summer.</p> <p>We are forming a Wicklow Inclusive Communities project which focuses on hidden disabilities.</p> <p>been working on the idea of a hub - we did a survey of the community. The idea was a sustainable purpose-built building with state of the art facilities for community groups and the local community (e.g. training facilities) and also office spaces for community groups - but also space for groups who don't need premises but need spaces for functions and training etc. We would envisage local community enterprises running a café and community garden etc. The sky is the limit...</p> <p>Your current ASI Wicklow Services Day Centre (located in Bray, serving surrounding area) is no longer suitable due to COVID-19 restrictions. We URGENTLY need a new space that we can cuckoo our way into in order to continue to provide vital Dementia supports and services.</p> <p>What could be done to open these venues on a small scale for families who need to use them for mental health grounds?</p>	Wicklow Triple A Alliance	<p>Social Inclusion & Access</p> <p>Social Inclusion: Access</p> <p>Social & Community Development: Facilities</p> <p>Community Facilities</p>

How they propose to help Delgany community council to access further funding to develop public realm	Delgany Community Council	Funding
<p>A lot of dentists in the Greystones area have stopped taking medical card holders. And are not taking on any medical card holders onto their care. And why or when will cleaning be covered on medical card. Also, what services for dental care for people with a disability is there and where.</p> <p>Are electric cars going to be made affordable?</p> <p>Are the housing repairs going to be done this year?</p>	GRASP - Greystones Resource & Autism Support Group	<p>Health Care</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Housing</p>
Annual events like the Disability Federation of Ireland's Make Way Day highlight the obstacles people with disabilities can face getting around in our towns. This may be even more of an issue now that pavements now being redeployed for outdoor dining and cafes... People with disabilities involved in our network have asked for accessibility audits of Greystones and Bray to be carried out and also for Changing Places facilities to be installed. What can you do to make this happen?	Bray Area Partnership	Social Inclusion: Access
East Coast Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force. www.ecrdatf.ie and email ecrdatf@mail.com . currently seeking to provide a range of services into Greystones MD and work with a range of other Social Inclusion services here. finding a distinct lack of accessible and affordable space	East Coast Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task force	Social & Community Development: Facilities
Please remember marine biodiversity it often gets forgotten. We are doing survey for citizen science in Greystones	Wicklow Aquanauts	Environment

Wicklow Municipal District

Question	Group	Theme
<p>Why don't we have a full time Council worker in the Laragh/Glendalough area to keep the area looking it's best, both for the residents living here and the many thousands visiting the area from all over the world. " ?</p> <p>I have heard from a Public representative that WCC is at the bottom of the full list of Counties receiving funding under any of the funding streams that are available from the National purse. Why is this?</p> <p>Could we have traffic calming measures between Laragh and Glendalough, at Bookeys Bridge and at entrance to Trooperstown</p>	Laragh/Glendalough Tidy Towns	<p>Social & Community Development: Human Resource</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>There was no flu vaccinations for our healthcare workers this year. We have been told to wait until November now amongst the local pharmacies. Do the councillors know of any pharmacies that support the scheme and have vaccines available? Very important during COVID-19 to maintain capacity.</p>	Wicklow Community Services	<p>Healthcare</p> <p>Funding: COVID-19</p>

<p>COVID-19 Stability Fund – we would like to apply for some supports for healthcare workers during COVID-19 – mental health supports/ capacity during testing/ measures to mitigate against risk. We have been told that they are not taking any new applications. When will this be opened up again for Wicklow? Are there any other funding applications that we could apply for with this in mind?</p> <p>There is no testing for healthcare workers in the community whereas in hospitals/ nursing homes – testing happens consistently every 2 weeks. Will there be measures to support homecare agencies as it affects our capacity especially going into the winter.</p>		COVID-19
<p>Zebra Crossing - outside Kidzone where all the houses are opposite and people nip over for milk to the garage or parents and kids to Kidzone, would there be one set up there, also handy for pedestrians to Heaton's/Sports Direct/Lidl?</p> <p>Update on the Boys School in Rathnew and Bus shelter, there is a delay on Planning</p>	Rathnew Community Centre	Infrastructure

permission as further information was sought, but that was back in May-not seen or heard anything since.		
Clarification on what is covered by the Housing Adaption Grant	Individual	Housing
<p>What's been done with all the long-term vacant properties down near The Murrough & how come Arklow seems to be getting all the new job opportunities with nothing for Wicklow?</p> <p>We know that the Ashtown footpath is in the que for projects. This is a key concern for the club due to the danger for pedestrians with the amount and speed of traffic on the lane. This a bigger issue now with the increase of people walking the lane due to the COVID-19 restrictions and dark evenings. Do we have an indicative date? Are there plans to put streetlights in at the same time?</p> <p>Is there any further COVID-19 funding expected to support clubs?</p> <p>What is the status on the Wicklow Greenway funding?</p>	Wicklow Rugby FC	<p>Economic Development</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Funding: COVID-19</p> <p>Infrastructure</p>

<p>What measures are being implemented to support the integration of migrants in the community, specifically those in direct provision</p> <p>The direct provision centre in Ashford is nearly an hour's walk from the bus stop. Can the councillors help improve accessibility for people living in the centre?</p>	<p>Ashford Direct Provision Centre</p>	<p>Social Inclusion: Integration of Migrant communities</p> <p>Social Inclusion: Access</p>
<p>The large number of new houses in Ashford and more to come are there adequate infrastructures in place for ring road, schools, sports/community facilities and footpaths.</p>	<p>Ashford/Glenealy Community Games</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>Why has Wicklow spent none of the COVID-19 19 grant allocated for Travellers for the county?</p> <p>Funding for vital support services for children, young people and families has been pulled from Wicklow Travellers Group. Can the Councillors lobby for funding to maintain these services?</p>	<p>Wicklow Travellers Group</p>	<p>Social Inclusion: Travellers & Funding</p>
<p>Over the next 10 years, to what extent do you think that Ireland having to meet environmental commitments will affect a) the number and b) the</p>	<p>Newtown 2050</p>	<p>Environment/Planning</p>

<p>distribution of new houses in Wicklow, if at all?</p> <p>The National Planning framework and the Regional Economic and Spatial Strategy both point to Wicklow's future growth being concentrated on Wicklow Town and Bray. What does this mean for villages like Newtownmountkennedy and Ashford? What is to happen to those lands zoned for development? Will you support the Government strategy and 'freeze' house building there or push for growth?</p> <p>What is the future of the Bray to Wicklow railway line and what are your views on the fact that the consultation process for upgrading the N11 does not include an option to upgrade or to move the railway line inland?</p>		
<p>What measures do the councillors think needs to be done to save the Murrough considering all the erosion that has taken place over the last few years and how confident are they that the Murrough will still be the amazing amenity that it is for this and future generations</p>	Individual	Environment

<p>I'm the Administrator for Alzheimer Society of Ireland Wicklow Services. I need to ask the Councillors (and member groups!) if anyone knows of an available premise that the ASI could "cuckoo" our way into. Due to COVID-19 restrictions our current Day Centres are no longer suitable, and we urgently need a new building that we can use to support the 2000 people living with Dementia in Wicklow. Would any of the attendees tonight know of a suitable premise?</p>	<p>Alzheimer Society</p>	<p>Community Facilities</p>
<p>Would like to know if councillors are aware of the "Mountains to the Sea Greenway". The proposed route is from Greystones/Kilcoole to Glendalough. If so, can you let me know how they can support this initiative? We have an online survey gathering people's opinions - can this be promoted by the councillors?</p>	<p>Newtown 2050</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>What or who are the best people to contact regarding seeking lands to increase sports facilities in Wicklow Town. Our club has over 23 teams and only two pitches at our disposal.</p>	<p>Wicklow Rovers</p>	<p>Community Facilities</p>

Our Blue Dolphins members are unable to return to activities as we have no facility due to schools not allowing outside clubs into their sports halls. Outside of COVID-19 we do not have access to competition facilities and our special needs members travel to Dublin to fulfil "Home" games. These adult athletes are not back in fulltime education or adult services as due to COVID-19. And our club is sometimes the only thing they have to look forward to each week.	Blue Dolphins	Social Inclusion: Facilities
Newtownmountkennedy Is in desperate need for a soccer clubhouse and a youth centre/scout den , is there any hope for us to get these facilities we are the only village without a clubhouse and are the fastest growing village in the country. We are already seeing a rise in anti-social behaviour because of lack of facilities.	Individual	Community Facilities
Footpaths in Ashford are not finished, and funding runs out on Saturday	Ashford Community Group	Infrastructure
Could I ask if there any further funding schemes due for frontline groups working in Covid-19	First Light	Funding: COVID-19

Appendix 1

Municipal District	Elected Representative	
Arklow	Tommy Annesley	Attended
Arklow	Sylvester Bourke	Attended
Arklow	Pat Fitzgerald	Attended
Arklow	Pat Kennedy	Attended
Arklow	Peir Leonard	Attended
Arklow	Miriam Murphy	Attended
Baltinglass	Vincent Blake	Apologies
Baltinglass	John Mullen	Attended
Baltinglass	Avril Cronin	Apologies
Baltinglass	Gerry O' Neill	Apologies
Baltinglass	Patsy Glennon	Attended
Baltinglass	Edward Timmins	Apologies
Bray	Erica Doyle	Attended
Bray	Grace McManus	Attended
Bray	Aoife Flynn Kennedy	Attended
Bray	Anne Ferris	Attended
Bray	Dermot O' Brien	Attended
Bray	Joe Behan	Attended
Bray	Melanie Corrigan	Attended
Bray	Rory O' Connor	Attended
Greystones	Tom Fortune	Attended
Greystones	Mags Crean	Attended
Greystones	Lourda Scott	Attended
Greystones	Derek Mitchell	Attended
Greystones	Gerry Walsh	Attended
Greystones	Jodie Neary	Attended
Wicklow	Gail Dunne	Apologies
Wicklow	Shay Cullen	Attended
Wicklow	Mary Kavanagh	Attended
Wicklow	Paul O' Brien	Attended
Wicklow	John Snell	Apologies
Wicklow	Irene Winters	Attended