

Minutes of Greystones Electoral Area Committee Meeting, held in Civic Offices, Greystones on Monday 21st January 2013.

Present:

Cllrs. G. Jones, T. Fortune, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell, & K. Kelleher
Joe Lane, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise & Greystones Area Manager
Des O'Brien, Director of Services, Planning
A M Roberts, Assistant Staff Officer, Greystones Area Office
E. Heslin Senior Executive Engineer

1. Tour of Procap Wicklow Plastics with Mr. Paul Gorry, Plant Manager.

Mr. Paul Gorry welcomed the Greystones EAC Members and staff to the new Procap factory in Charlesland. He gave a talk on the history and development of the company, the materials manufactured in Charlesland and where they export to. He then gave a tour of the factory itself. At the end of the tour Members expressed their thanks to Mr. Gorry for the tour and for taking the time to show them around their new premises and also praised Procap for their positivity and investment in the area.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks would issue to Mr. Gorry expressing thanks for the talk and tour provided.

2. Confirmation of Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Fortune that the minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2012, as circulated, be confirmed and signed.

3. Key Performance Indicators.

Mr. Joe Lane circulated the Key Performance Indicators report and explained the background to same to the Members and what they could expect to receive going forward. He also informed Members that they could add to or remove items as they required. Mr. Lane provided the Members with the K.P.I. figures for the Arts Office and answered questions on same. He urged Members to consider the K.P.I.'s carefully as to what they may or may not wish to include. It was agreed that this item would remain on the Agenda.

4. List of Works Proposed and Carried Out in the Area.

Anne Marie Roberts circulated Eoin Heslin's regular report and the draft flooding report. Eoin Heslin answered questions on same as follows:

- Mr. Heslin gave a verbal report of the flooding in the area on the 18th and 19th January 2013 in conjunction with the report circulated. Members provided the meeting with details of properties in the area that had been flooded. Mr. Heslin outlined what action could be taken at the Three Trout Stream and that the final flood report would include actions and pro-action should flooding occur in this area again. Members thanked the staff of the Council for the work carried out during the flooding.
- Members requested that the possibility of the Greystones Area Office acquiring a large pump for use in times of flooding be investigated.
- Members raised concerns regarding the works on Marine Rd and access to houses in the area.
- Members informed the meeting of potholes that had developed on Main Street, Kilcoole and raised concerns as the road was resurfaced in recent years. Mr. Heslin agreed to pass on the potholes in question to the Area Foreman for attention but advised that there would be little comeback with the Contractor who had originally surfaced the road.
- Members raised concerns about the need for footpaths on Sea Rd, Kilcoole. Mr. Heslin informed the Members that the feasibility study for footpaths on this road was still with the consultants and there was no funding allocated to provide same at present.

5. Notice of Motion.

(a) Motion in the names of Cllrs Mitchell, Jones & McLoughlin:

"A traffic study on how to improve the flow at Blacklion and Redford should be done before the Town Plan is completed to ensure that adequate land can be obtained to reduce delays which are often 20 minutes"

Members raised concerns about the volume of traffic at these junctions and that the plans to improve same had been removed from the Local Area Plan. They also informed the meeting that they had received numerous complaints about the traffic lights and the timing of same at this junction. Mr. Heslin informed the meeting that a study had already been carried out for this junction and that there is a proposal for a left in/left out lane. As part of the pre-planning stage for the new school in this area it was proposed to keep a section of the school site free for a left out lane but as this is only at the pre planning stage it will remain to be seen what will form part of the planning conditions.

(b) Motion in the names of Cllrs Mitchell, Jones, McLoughlin:

"That the Council should improve the drainage on the Old Downs Road as it floods".

Mr. Heslin informed the Members that there is no drainage system in place on the Old Downs Road and that existing gullies clear to a soak-away in the vicinity. The options available are to find available lands to drain water away, seek funding to provide a drainage system or

construct a further soak away. Mr. Heslin undertook to investigate the options and revert to the Members.

(c) Motion in the names of Cllrs Mitchell, Jones & McLoughlin.

"That Wicklow County Council Roads Section provide a report on the number of accidents on the bend prior to the Glenview Hotel travelling north and what measures they intend to take to improve safety at this location".

Members expressed concerns regarding the high volume of accidents at this location over the Christmas period. Mr. Heslin agreed that there would appear to have been a peak in the volume of accidents in this area over Christmas. He informed the Members that a new safety barrier had been installed at this location. Mr. Heslin stated that the problem would appear to be speeding traffic on this section of road. A new VMS had also been erected in the area but it was having little or no effect in slowing down the traffic. It was agreed that the Greystones EAC would write to the Roads Dept regarding their concerns over this stretch of road and also write to the Gardai regarding speeding in this area and request a greater presence of the Gatso van particularly on the northbound side of the N11.

6. Status Report on Planning in Kilcoole & Greystones.

Des O'Brien referred to previously circulated planning report and answered questions from the Members on same.

7. Correspondence and Items Outstanding

As the meeting was coming to an end Anne Marie Roberts agreed to circulate correspondence from the Environment Dept to the Members regarding Redford Cemetery.

8. Any Other Business.

There was no other business at this meeting

9. Housing Report

The Housing Report was previously circulated to Members.

The next meeting will be held in Bray Civic Offices on Monday on 25th March 2013
at 1.00pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date: _____