

Minutes of Greystones Electoral Area Committee Meeting, held in Civic Offices, Bray on Monday 25th of March 2013.

Present:

Cllrs. G. Jones, T. Fortune, G. Mcloughlin & K. Kelleher
Joe Lane, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise & Greystones Area Manager
Des O'Brien, Director of Services, Planning
Myra Porter, Senior Staff Officer
Eoin Heslin Senior Executive Engineer
Allyson Minion, Senior Staff officer, Housing
Barbara Cooney, Assistant Staff officer, Housing

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Fortune that the minutes of meeting held on 21st of January 2013, as circulated, be confirmed and signed.

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

E. Heslin circulated his report, including an update on flooding on Friday 22nd March. In response to query from members as to why the Greystones area was not as severely affected as in January, Eoin explained that this was because the intensity of the rain was not as bad.

Members requested that the following items be attended to:

- Large pothole south of petrol station in Kilcoole, a few others in general area.
- Blind spot under bridge, from roundabout at Kilpeddar interchange.
- Report on Delgany Wood advising whether all aspects, including drainage are in order, prior to decision regarding taking in charge.
- Improved lighting at the pedestrian crossing at Centra in Kilcoole.

3. Key Performance Indicators.

M. Porter circulated details in relation to local Indicators for Water & Sewerage supplies in the County, which were supplied by the Environment Section. Members noted the details and stated that the format which the information was being supplied in was not appropriate, as it was in a piecemeal form from different sections of the Council. It was requested that in future reports would be presented in one document, where all information was collated from each section and circulated in a single report.

4. Notice of Motion.

There were no Notices of Motion.

5. Update on Kilcoole Community Centre & Playground.

J. Lane advised the meeting that Kilcoole Community Development Association Ltd have been notified that they are the successful preferred partner to receive funding for the re-development of community centre facilities at the Parish Centre, Lott Lane. Substantial funding is available from development levies; the works must commence in May/June and be completed in October. Further funding is also available to develop open spaces on the site.

Members were also advised that funding in excess of €100,000 is available for provision of a playground. The Action Area Plan for Lott Lane makes provision for an acre of land to be developed as a playground. Negotiations are ongoing with a local landowner to transfer a site for this purpose.

6. Correspondence and Items Outstanding.

- M. Porter advised the meeting that it is proposed to install a further 4/5 aluminium seats at the southern end of Marine Road, to complete the current works. Any family enquiring about memorial seats would be invited to contribute €1,000 towards the cost of the new seats, under which they can install a plaque in memory of their deceased relative. In accordance with previous discussions on the matter, members agreed that there would be no further memorial seats allowed in the area, with the exception of one stone seat in the vicinity of the anchor at the northern end of Marine Road.
- Members were informed of response from S. Quirke, in relation to concerns raised previously regarding traffic safety on the N11 at Glen of the Downs. Joint inspections have been carried out by WCC and NRA engineers and the Council is currently awaiting a response and funding approval to carry out works to improve skid resistance at the location.

7. Any Other Business.

There was no other business at this meeting

8. Housing Report.

B. Cooney and A. Minion answered member's questions on previously circulated Housing Report. Members were advised that retention monies will be used to complete snags on houses at Farrankelly Close, invitations to tender for the work will issue shortly.

Members were also circulated with statistics in relation to those currently on the Housing List and Allyson responded to members queries regarding same, confirming that there were currently 4 vacant houses in the area, which are being prepared for re-letting. Members were advised of the current difficulties being encountered by those seeking social housing. The only options available currently are the Rental Accommodation Scheme and short term/long term leasing. Housing staff are finding it impossible to source new RAS properties in the area. Existing RAS tenants are in difficulty as a number of properties are being re-possessed forcing the Council to find alternative accommodation for existing tenants.

Following a discussion on the current problems, members requested that the 5 T.D.s for the county be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter.

9. Status Report on planning in Kilcoole and Greystones.

D. O' Brien advise meeting that both the application for a second level school and the application for McDonald's restaurant were both subject of requests for further information which is awaited.

This concluded the business of the meeting, the next meeting will be held in the Civic Offices Greystones on Monday 27th of May at 1pm.

Signed:

Chairperson

Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Date:
