

**Minutes of Greystones Electoral Area Committee Meeting held in Civic Offices,
Bray on Monday 16th November 2009.**

Present:

Cllrs G.Jones, T. Fortune, D.Mitchell, S. Harris
Sean Quirke, Director of Services
Myra Porter, Senior Staff Officer
Eoin Heslin Senior Executive Engineer
Michael Tinsley, Senior Engineer
Catherine Halligan, Senior Executive Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Minutes of meeting held on 5th October 2009, as circulated be confirmed and signed.

Item Nos 2 & 3 were deferred until later in the meeting, pending the arrival of Des O' Brien, Director of Services

4. Update on application for Serviced Land Initiative Funding in respect of Greystones Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Michael Tinsley circulated his report and answered members queries on the current status of this application and the capacity of the WWTP, advising that the Dept. have indicated that they hope to be in a position to make a decision before the end of November. Mr Tinsley stated that he would advise the members of the outcome of the application and the other options available to the progress the matter, if the application is unsuccessful, as soon as possible.

3. Housing Progress Report

Ms Catherine Halligan joined the meeting and answered questions on the Housing Progress Report, advising that the list of those under consideration for allocation of houses in Farrankelly would issue to members today and would also include allocations to fill current casual vacancies in the area. Ms Halligan advised that there are a substantial number of snags outstanding on the houses which have been notified to the contractor, while every effort will be made to allocate the houses before Christmas, they may not be ready until early 2010.

Members requested that the agenda for the next meeting would contain proposals for social housing going forward.

6. List of Works proposed and carried out in the area.

Eoin Heslin circulated his report, including an update on the Transport Interchange and answered queries on same.

Members made the following requests :

- That the Council carry out whatever works necessary to alleviate the flooding at the harbour.
- Request contractor for Interchange to carry out works in a more orderly manner, so as to minimise the amount of fencing required and the impact on business's.
- Culverts installed by the Council in Templecarrig need to be examined as they are causing problems for two local residents, Cllt Fortune to provide details to Eoin Heslin.
- Yellow lines removed at Valloura, Kimberly Road to provide an extra parking space, but the space is not sufficient to park, this needs to be addressed.
- Water Leak at house belonging to Ann Young, Killadreenan, needs to be fixed.
- That the Council consider provision of a pelican crossing on Victoria Road, from Bradys to Centra.

7. Notices of Motion.

(a) Notice of Motion in names of Cllr G. Jones, Cllr S. Harris and Cllr D. Mitchell (deferred from October meeting).

“That the Council consider the setting up of a ‘Local Forum for Kilcoole to include representatives of the Residents, Business/Commercial interests and local area councillors.”

M. Porter advised the meeting that this proposal can be facilitated by the Community & Enterprise section, if the members decide to proceed.

Cllr Jones advised that this Notice of Motion which was deferred since the July meeting, was as a result of comments made to him during the recent election campaign, by local residents who feel that other areas are making more progress. The setting up a forum would improve communications between the area committee and the local community.

Cllr Fortune advised that there is already a local group in existence called Kilcoole Residents and Development Association and stated that he did not agree that it was necessary to set up a local forum. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Development Association, to advise that consideration was being given to setting up a forum locally.

2. Status Report on Planning in Kilcoole and Greystones.

Des O’ Brien joined the meeting at this point and answered members queries on the previously circulated list.

3. Consider variation of Greystones Local Area plan for Action Area Z2.

Des O’ Brien circulated the proposed amendment to the Greystones – Delgany LAP explaining that the recent construction of the road in this area has made it possible to improve the access to these lands. The plan includes proposals to increase the housing density at this location in keeping with

the higher densities which generally apply in the area. There will be a community gain as provision is also made for a car park and local sports facilities. In addition it is proposed to address the ongoing problem of anti social behaviour by removing trees and changing the contour of the land to improve surveillance of the area. Mr O' Brien advised that the Planning SPC have recommended the proposal and that if members were satisfied the variation would be put on public display.

Members raised concerns that the community aspects of the proposal would proceed in advance of other development. Mr O' Brien drew attention to item (j) of the variation which requires the facilities to be provided in the first phase of development, stating that this can also be addressed in any future planning application.

It was agreed to put the variation of public display.

7. Notices of Motion

(b) Notice of Motion in names of Cllr G. Jones, Cllr S. Harris and Cllr D. Mitchell (deferred from October meeting)

“That the area meeting received a report on the progress of Kilcoole Beach in the Blue Flag/Green Coast Awards for the Beach.”

M. Porter circulated report outlining the criteria and procedure to apply for a Blue Flag and Green Coast Award. Having regard to the eligibility requirements for a Green Coast Award which is usually only awarded after a number of years management by a Coast Care group, it was agreed that the first step would be to set up a local Coast Care group, in order to progress the issue.

(c) Notice of Motion in names of Cllr D. Mitchell, Cllr G. Jones and Cllr S. Harris

“The Council should provide better pedestrian and cycle access from Eden Wood to Eden Gate and in the general area of that roundabout”

Cllr Mitchell raised concerns regarding the difficulties encountered by pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road at this junction, stating that the situation will become more dangerous when the new houses at Farrankelly are occupied. E. Heslin advised that he would examine the possibility of covering the cost of pedestrian improvements from the disability funding budget.

(d) Notice of Motion in names of Cllr D. Mitchell, Cllr G. Jones and Cllr. S. Harris

“The Council should ensure that water is prevented from running down the road from Blackberry Lane to the roundabout at Barry’s Bridge.”

E. Heslin advised that this issue is within the area of responsibility of the National Primary Road Section, following a request from Cllr Harris, he agreed to pursue the matter with Tom O’Leary SEE.

This concluded the business of the meeting as it was after 3.30pm and members arrived for the Bray EAC meeting.

Next meeting is on Monday 18th January 2010 in Greystones.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Dated this ____ **day of** _____ **2010**