

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor S. Stokes, Mayor,
Councillors T. Fortune, G. Jones, K. Kelleher, C. Maloney,
G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell, & B. Norman

Also Present: Mr. J. Lane, Town Manager
Mr. E. Heslin, SEE, Wicklow County Council
Ms. M. Porter, A/Town Clerk, Greystones Town Council
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Town Council

Apologies from: Councillor J. O'Sullivan

At the outset the members passed votes of sympathy to the families of Tony Burgess and Dorothy Haughton who died recently. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of the deceased.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor B. Norman asked that the minutes of the May meeting be amended to note that he had asked for the right of way from Burnaby Heights to Killincarrig Village to be resurfaced and not the right of way at Mill Lane, Killincarrig.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones, seconded by Councillor K. Kelleher and agreed that the amended minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 28th May, 2013, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

2. UPDATE ON GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, circulated the members with a report received from Wicklow County Council giving an update on the present situation in relation to the Greystones harbour development.

Following discussion, during which members expressed disappointment that SISK had not attended the meeting, it was agreed

- (a) To request that a meeting of the Harbour Liaison Group be called in the coming weeks;
- (b) That SISK be asked to meet the members at some other time suitable to them if they are not available to attend the July meeting;
- (c) That Wicklow County Council be requested to circulate the Draft Bye Laws for the harbour before the completion of discussions prior to their being finalised, so that they could have some input into them;
- (d) That SISK be asked to make safe a gap between the railings and the ground near the Harbour Masters office because of a danger to children who might fall through the gap onto the rocks below.

3. REPORTS FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

(a) Works Carried Out

A report on works carried out had been emailed to all the members prior to the meeting. Mr. E. Heslin, SEE answered queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed to refer the following matters to Wicklow County Council:

1. Redford Cemetery - provision of litter bins and 'No Dumping' sign; cutting back of trees; report on why it took so long to complete drainage works and why contractor left site in such a bad state; report on why the Council insists on no boundaries to graves in new section when the Council does not cut the grass
2. Cementing of bollards at the anchor at the harbour
3. Provision of barrier at first arch to south beach
4. Flooding at Killincarrig
5. Cutting back of trees on Church Lane that are blocking light to gardens of 158 - 161 Hillside
6. Cutting back and clearing of overgrowth on footpaths at Windgates
7. Permanent re-instatement of path at Cliff Walk
8. Closure of laneway at Beechbrook / Grattan Park
9. Clearing of gulley at St. Brigid's NS on Trafalgar Road
10. Speed cushions on Bellevue Road
11. Provision of toilet at harbour
12. Cycle lanes from Harbour to Lidl

4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, informed the members that the Greystones Summer Project had requested permission to freshen up artwork on the Millennium Walk. The members expressed support for this project.
2. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, informed the members that the Arklow Town Council and Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committees would hold a public meeting on Monday 1st July 2013 in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow at 8 p.m.
3. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members that Wicklow County Council had received an application for closure of the Marine Road in Greystones on 20th July 2013 to facilitate a 10K road race, details of which had been emailed to the members in May.

5. LARGE SCALE PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN GREYSTONES

Councillor K. Kelleher advised the members of the following:

- that a planning application for changes to Zoe House on the corner of Church Road and Hillside Road was seeking to have a new entrance on to Church Road.
- that the application for change of use to a café relating to the former Ladbrookes building on Church Road had been granted.
- that St. Laurence's National School had applied for permission to add two new classrooms to the school.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Motion in the names of Councillors K. Kelleher & B. Norman:

“That Wicklow County Council introduce traffic calming on Mill Road in Killincarrig in view of increased traffic with new commercial developments.”

Following discussion on this motion, the A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, stated that she would check the ALDI planning permission to determine whether measures were included for traffic management when the store opened.

(b) Motion in the names of Councillors K. Kelleher & B. Norman:

“That Greystones Town Council promote more involvement with Wicklow 200 Cycle event in 2014”.

Members spoke about the benefits locally of having the Wicklow 200 Cycle Event in Greystones and agreed that every effort should be made to encourage participants and their followers to stay longer in the town.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. At the suggestion of Councillor G. McLoughlin, it was agreed to send a letter to Sergeant Gerry Walsh who recently retired from An Garda Síochána, to wish him well. It was pointed out that Gerry would attend the July Joint Policing Committee meeting to receive a presentation certificate to mark his retirement.

2. The Mayor, Councillor S. Stokes, commended the organising committee of the recent Greystones Summer Arts Festival which he described as a great event and a credit to all involved.

Councillor G. McLoughlin thanked all the Council staff that helped with the festival arrangements.

3. Councillor K. Kelleher informed all about the details of a ‘Living Wetlands’ Photo Competition taking place.

4. Councillor G. Jones commended Shoreline Leisure on their hosting of a concert by the RTE Symphony Orchestra recently.

5. Councillor S. Stokes invited everyone to join him for refreshments in the Beach House following the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED:_____MAYOR

CERTIFIED:_____A/TOWN CLERK

DATED THIS DAY OF 2013.