

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CIVIC OFFICES GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 26TH
FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor K. Kelleher, Mayor,
Councillors T. Fortune, G. Jones, C. Maloney,
G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell, B. Norman, J. O'Sullivan &
S. Stokes

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 29th January, 2013, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

2. UPDATE ON GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, circulated a report from Wicklow County Council on progress with the harbour development and read the contents of an email received from Mr. T. Grealy in relation to facilities for commercial fishermen. It was agreed to circulate Mr. Grealy's email to the members.

Following discussion it was agreed to seek clarification on the details of representation for commercial fishermen on the Harbour Liaison Committee and to seek specific information regarding a commencement date for the Primary Care Centre. It was further agreed to request that the public square be developed or the current situation improved and that controlled mooring facilities be provided for the small number of local fishermen who previously worked out of the old harbour. Finally it was agreed to request that local labour be used in the construction phase of the primary care centre as far as possible and that details in relation to visitor moorings and marina berthing rates be sought.

3. DISCUSSION ON 'THE GATHERING 2013'

Councillor G. McLoughlin informed the meeting that 50,000 copies of a brochure listing details of County Wicklow 'Gathering' events on a month to month basis was currently being printed and would be widely distributed in the coming weeks. She also pointed out that a PR and Media Workshop for organisers of events would be held next month.

4. REPORTS FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

(a) Works Carried Out

It was agreed to consider notices of motion (c) and (d) in conjunction with this item as follows:

- (c) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin, G. Jones, D. Mitchell & J. O'Sullivan:

"That Wicklow County Council does not proceed with the works on Marine Road until there is a full evaluation of the works to determine exactly what the problems are and to find a solution at this stage to the benefit of residents and the community going forward".

- (d) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Jones, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & J. O'Sullivan:

"That Wicklow County Council does not proceed with a cycle track from Blacklion to the Harbour at this time".

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 and in relation to the notices of motion above.

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

1. Filling of potholes around the town.
2. Progress with Cliff Walk.
3. Access problems for resident on Marine Road.
4. Consultation during design of cycle lane works from Blacklion to Harbour.
5. Bin at Monsignor Wallace memorial.

(b) Flooding in Greystones

Following discussion on flooding it was agreed that the following locations were problematic and needed to be kept under review by the Council:

- Golf Club at top of Templecarrig.
- Suttons land at Templecarrig.
- Land across from Graveyard.
- Town Park Estates land at Blacklion (formerly Kellys).
- Area opposite Town Council offices.
- Killincarrig.
- Corner at Redford into St. Crispins.
- End of Bow lane at footbridge.
- Road number one in Bellevue Park.
- No. 160 Redford Park.
- Bottom of Applewood Heights.
- Tree Trout Stream at Burnaby Court / Lawns.

(c) Site for Signs in Greystones

As Councillor G. Jones had to leave the meeting early, it was agreed to defer this matter to the March meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the contents of a letter received from An Post in relation to postal sorting facilities in Greystones.

Following discussion it was agreed that this letter should be circulated to the members and that a letter should be sent to An Post from the Mayor advising of suitable available sites for new postal sorting facilities in Greystones and offering to show these to An Post officials.

2. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the details of a forthcoming LAMA Seminar in Gorey in April – estimated cost per delegate €337.

6. LARGE SCALE PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN GREYSTONES

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, advised the members that planning permission had been granted for a bus shelter at the Grove, Redford. She also drew their attention to new planning applications for classroom extensions at St. Bridget's NS and St. Patrick's NS and a new secondary school at Blacklion as well as renovations at 'Merville' on Church Road. She encouraged everyone to inspect these plans and to be aware of what was going on and she pointed out that the County Council was now assessing submissions received on the draft local area plans for Greystones/Delgany and Kilcoole.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Jones, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & J. O'Sullivan:

"In view of the lack of progress on creating jobs in the area, the Town Council consider setting up a 'Special Project/Task team' with interested parties to consider progressing the aim of bringing employment to Greystones".

As Councillor G. Jones had left the meeting early, it was agreed to defer this motion until the March meeting.

(b) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin, G. Jones, D. Mitchell & J. O'Sullivan:

"That Wicklow County Council employs a lollipop person at Blacklion Manor for the children attending the Gael Scoil and Educate together schools".

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members that Wicklow County Council was investigating this matter at present. She pointed out that if it was found that a school warden was warranted the staff recruitment embargo might also be a hurdle.

(c) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin, G. Jones, D. Mitchell & J. O'Sullivan:

"That Wicklow County Council does not proceed with the works on Marine Road until there is a full evaluation of the works to determine exactly what the problems are and to find a solution at this stage to the benefit of residents and the community going forward".

This motion had already been dealt with in conjunction with item 4 above.

(d) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Jones, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & J. O'Sullivan:

"That Wicklow County Council does not proceed with a cycle track from Blacklion to the Harbour at this time".

This motion had already been dealt with in conjunction with item 4 above.

- (e) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell, G. Jones, G. McLoughlin & J. O'Sullivan:
"A yellow box should be painted at the bottom of Killincarrick road to allow traffic to exit at the station".

It was agreed to ask Wicklow County Council to investigate this matter.

- (f) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell, G. Jones, G. McLoughlin & J. O'Sullivan:
"The parking boxes on the East side of church road should be made smaller to allow residents exit on the busy road".

Mr. E. Heslin, SEE, informed the members that some parking spaces had been removed from Church Road when it was being resurfaced in response to requests from residents to this effect.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor J. O'Sullivan reminded the members of the details of a Fairtrade breakfast being held in the Happy Pear on Church Road.
2. The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, informed the members that arrangements were underway for the organisation of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Siamsa Fheile Phadraig and urged everyone to get involved.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ MAYOR

CERTIFIED: _____ A/TOWN CLERK

DATED THIS DAY OF 2013.