

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING OF GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 26th NOV., 2013 AT 7.00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Mr. J. Lane, Town Manager
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Town Council

Apologies from: Councillor B. Norman
Ms. M. Porter, A/Town Clerk

The Manager's proposals for the 2014 budget totalling €82,683 had been circulated to the members. This total represented a 1.84% decrease on the 2013 budget. The Town Charge for 2014 at 3.05 was the same as the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Town Charge. The overall rateable valuation for the town council area was 14,110.41 that is 17.78 less than last year's figure and there was a 5% reduction in the allocation from the Local Government Fund.

Following discussion on the budget the following amendments were agreed:

1. The provision for Office Rent to be reduced to €2,500 (to reflect the fact that the Town Council would be abolished in mid 2014) and the saving of €2,500 to be allocated to the Tidy Towns and Festive Decorations (€1,250 each) bringing the total for Tidy Towns to €3,250 and the total for Festive Decorations to €2,978.
2. The Conference allocation to be reduced to €2,535 and the saving of €850 to be allocated to the St. Patricks Day Parade (€500) and a contribution to the Family Resource Centre (€350) bringing the St. Patrick's Day Parade allocation to €2,500.
3. The allocation of €750 proposed for the Greystones Summer Arts Festival, which will not take place in 2014, be given instead to Gourmet Greystones.

Following discussion it was resolved to adopt the budget, as amended, and that the sum of €82,683 be demanded from Wicklow County Council to meet the expenditure and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Greystones Town Council for the 2014 financial year. The rate in the pound for town charges will remain at 3.05.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ MAYOR

CERTIFIED: _____ A/TOWN CLERK

DATED THIS DAY OF 2013.