

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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Present: Councillor K. Kelleher, Mayor,  
Councillors T. Fortune, G. Jones, C. Maloney, G. McLoughlin,  
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

Apologies from: Councillor D. Mitchell

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At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to the de Buítléar family on the death of Eamon de Buítléar. They spoke about his work in promoting the Irish language and music as well as wildlife. They then observed a minute's silence in remembrance of him.

Councillor G. Jones requested a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the closure of the postal sorting office in Greystones and its amalgamation with the Bray office. Following discussion it was agreed to invite representatives from An Post to the February meeting. It was further agreed that a petition, to be signed by the members, be submitted to An Post.

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

## **2. UPDATE ON GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT**

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the contents of a report from Wicklow County Council in relation to the Greystones harbour development. She also advised them of the contents of a letter received from the HSE in relation to the provision of a Primary Care Centre for Greystones.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following matters be referred to Wicklow County Council for further clarification:

1. Proposals to accommodate local fishermen
2. Any proposals to open north wall
3. Situation re landscaping
4. Date for commencement of building of Primary Care Centre - is there a Contractor in place or will Sispar carry out the work?
5. Will car park / public square be developed as per original plan when Primary Care Centre is completed?
6. Update in relation to provision of a new Coastguard Station.

Members welcomed the news regarding the proposed marina and suggested that a harbour liaison committee meeting should be arranged to advise on details on piling, timescale for works and traffic management.

### **3. DISCUSSION ON ‘THE GATHERING 2013’**

Councillor G. McLoughlin advised the members about progress with Wicklow Gathering events.

### **4. REPORTS FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **(a) Works Carried Out**

It was agreed to consider notices of motion (e) and (g) in conjunction with this matter as follows:

(e) Motion in the names of Councillors J. O’Sullivan, G. Jones, G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“That Wicklow County Council carry out a review of its response to the recent flooding in the Greystones area and put an action plan in place to prevent such flooding in the future”.

(g) Motion in the names of Councillors B. Norman & K. Kelleher:  
“That Wicklow County Council take immediate actions to improve the flow of the Three Trout Stream under the R762 at Delgany Wood”.

A report on works carried out had been emailed to all the members prior to the meeting. Mr. E. Heslin, SEE also circulated a report on issues that had arisen during the recent flooding in the town, together with an extract from the Roads Act 1993 (Section 76).

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

1. Resolution of flooding issues at Killincarrig, Mill Road, R762, Redford, Blacklion, Rathdown Park and Chapel Road
2. Provision of water pump for Greystones to assist with flood relief
3. Provision of public lighting and/or cats eyes from St. Laurence’s NS towards Delgany village
4. Provision of yellow box junction on R761 at Donnybrook Fair / Grattan Park Lower
5. Repair of potholes at ramp outside Delgany NS and half way up Windgates on left hand side
6. Ramps on Bellevue Road
7. Rat infestation on horseshoe green at 25 Rathdown Park
8. Speed bumps on Kimberley Road at St. Davids and St. Brigids NS
9. Ponding outside La Touche Wine Shop on La Touche Place
10. Blocked drain outside St. Brigids NS on Trafalgar Road
11. Litter bin at Monsignor Wallace Memorial Garden
12. Blocked drain on Killincarrig Road around corner from Eugenes Newsagents that causes water to run across granite slabs on R762
13. Marine Road works - entrance to Carrig Slaney and reduction of car parking spaces

It was also agreed to keep flooding on the agenda for the next few meetings.

#### **(b) Site for Signs in Greystones**

Councillor G. Jones stated that as this matter was on the agenda following a notice of motion submitted by him, he would draw up proposals for sites for signs in Greystones for consideration at the February meeting. This was agreed.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of a request from the Bray Wheelers Cycle Club to hold cycle races around the town in the summer months. This proposal was supported by the members.

2. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the contents of an email from Wicklow County Council in relation to the Evaluation of the Waste Management Plan.
3. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised members that completed Disclosure of Donations Statements must be returned to the office before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013.
4. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the details of the AMAI Spring Seminar to be held in New Ross on 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – estimated cost per delegate €470. It was agreed that Councillors C. Maloney & B. Norman should represent the Council at this Seminar.
5. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members that submissions were currently being accepted in relation to the draft Greystones / Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plans.
6. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of Wicklow County Council proposals to restore the new part of Redford Cemetery to a ‘lawn cemetery’.

## **6. LARGE SCALE PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN GREYSTONES**

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, reminded members that submissions could be made in relation to the Greystones / Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plans. She stated that the review of the County Development Plan would commence shortly.

Councillor Kelleher also informed the members that a planning application for the old mill site at Killincarrig had been withdrawn and that McDonalds had applied for permission for a drive through facility at Blacklion.

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

(a) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Jones, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & J. O’Sullivan: “That the Town Council request Wicklow Council County to re-erect safety barrier at the exit of the first arch onto Mill Road. This is a very urgent Health and safety issue in respect of young children in particular exiting from the Beach walk”.

It was agreed to refer this motion to the County Council for investigation.

(b) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Jones, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & J. O’Sullivan: “That the Town Council warmly welcomes the Tidy Towns initiative of placing planters on the main commercial street of the town and would encourage the increase in the number of planters. At the same time the Town Council should engage with the Tidy Towns and Chamber to discuss other measures that can improve the streetscape”.

It was agreed that the County Council should work with the Tidy Towns to improve the appearance of Church Road in whatever ways possible.

(c) Motion in the names of Councillors K. Kelleher & B. Norman: “That Greystones Town Council invite the Department of Education & Skills to a meeting to inform the Town Council of the number of Junior Infant places in the seven local National Schools on 1 September, 2013, the number of applications received by the schools for these places, the number of applicants who have received notification that a school place cannot be provided and to advise the Town Council what plans the Department have in meeting the very large shortfall in Junior Infant places”.

It was agreed to invite representatives from the Department of Education and Skills to the March monthly meeting to discuss this matter.

(d) Motion in the names of Councillors K. Kelleher & B. Norman:  
“That Greystones Town Council offer suggestions to St. David’s Secondary School as to how they might operate a queue for their car boot sales, which will start again in March, now that the road in front of the school, seafront side, is one lane of traffic”.

It was agreed to refer this motion to Wicklow County Council.

(e) Motion in the names of Councillors J. O’Sullivan, G. Jones, G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“That Wicklow County Council carry out a review of its response to the recent flooding in the Greystones area and put an action plan in place to prevent such flooding in the future”.

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

(f) Motion in the names of Councillors B. Norman & K. Kelleher:  
“That Greystones Town Council investigate reductions to development levies to entice new employers to the town”.

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the contents of an email received from Wicklow County Council in relation to this motion.

(g) Motion in the names of Councillors B. Norman & K. Kelleher:  
“That Wicklow County Council take immediate actions to improve the flow of the Three Trout Stream under the R762 at Delgany Wood”.

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## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillor J. O’Sullivan advised the members that ‘Fairtrade Fortnight’ would start this year on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
2. Mr. E. Heslin, SEE, informed the members that work on the Cliff Walk had been deferred.
3. Councillor G. McLoughlin stated that she had difficulty getting information from the Tourism & Twinning Committee in relation to the twinning links between Greystones and Holyhead. Councillor S. Stokes refuted this and stated that he had made every effort to provide any information requested.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED:\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

CERTIFIED:\_\_\_\_\_A/TOWN CLERK

DATED THIS                      DAY OF                      2013.