

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE CIVIC OFFICES GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2013
AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Tommy Hayden from Burnaby Park.

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, also welcomed the student council from St. Brigid's National School who were in the public gallery to observe the meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor S. Stokes, seconded by Councillor C. Maloney and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 26th March, 2013, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

2. DEPUTATION FROM GREYSTONES FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, welcomed Ms. C. Kerins and Ms. C. Elliott-Lewis from the Greystones Family Resource Centre. They made a powerpoint presentation outlining the services they offer and they circulated a hard copy of same to the members and answered any queries. Members suggested some suitable sites that might cater for the group's planned expansion.

3. 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.

Members welcomed the opening of the marina and were disappointed that construction had not yet commenced on the Primary Care Centre. Following discussion it was agreed to invite SISK to the June meeting of the Town Council.

4. DISCUSSION ON 'THE GATHERING 2013'

Councillor G. McLoughlin updated the members on the 'Gathering' events taking place at present.

Councillor T. Fortune pointed out that there was a 7.4% increase in tourist numbers so far this year due to the 'Gathering' activities.

5. 2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

The 2012 Annual Report of the Greystones Town Council Joint Policing Committee had been circulated and adopted at the JPC meeting held earlier.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor B. Norman and agreed that the report be adopted by the Town Council.

6. 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. Clearing of new part of Redford Cemetery
2. Blocked gully at St. Brigid's National School on Trafalgar Road
3. Surfacing of right of way from Burnaby Heights to Killincarrig village
4. Flooding issue (and sewerage overflow) at 158 Redford Park

Members commended the Council on the new lights provided on Marine Road and they asked that the plans for the proposed cycle lane works from the harbour to Lidl be sent to them prior to the meeting with the consultants in May.

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, urged everyone who might be affected by the proposed cycle works to attend the May meeting and hear the presentation to be made by the consultants.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, informed the members that a copy of the proposed changes to the Wicklow Town Council Wicklow-Rathnew Development Plan 2013 – 2019 was available in the office if required. She pointed out that submissions could be made on the proposals up to Friday 31st May 2013.
2. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the contents of an email received from An Post in relation to postal sorting facilities in Greystones. It was agreed that this email be circulated to the members. It was further agreed to request a meeting with An Post to discuss this issue.
3. The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, advised the members of the contents of a letter from Councillor D. Mitchell addressed to the Mayor in relation to the proposed wind farm to be developed off the coast of Greystones. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor D. Mitchell would draft an objection to this proposal to be agreed at the May meeting.

Councillor T. Fortune pointed out that Wicklow County Tourism had made a submission to the Ministers concerned in relation to this matter and copied same to the local TDs.

4. The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, stated that Greystones Rugby Football Club was celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and she proposed that a certificate be presented to its one surviving founding member, Mr. E. Archer, prior to the June meeting to mark the occasion. This was agreed.

5. Councillor C. Maloney referred to the AMAI report on the proposed local government reforms that had been circulated to all members recently and he agreed to keep the members informed of any progress made by the AMAI in relation to this.

8. LARGE SCALE PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN GREYSTONES

The Mayor, Councillor K. Kelleher, informed the members that the manager's report on the Greystones/Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plans would go on display on the 7th May in the Council offices and on the Council website.

The Mayor also pointed out that the Council had requested further information in relation to the Mac Donalds planning application at Blacklion.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

"In relation to the green cycle route on Marine Road did Wicklow County Council include an estimate to repair and repaint the railing on the Seafront Walk. When is it expected that this work will be carried out?"

Mr. E. Heslin, SEE, informed the members that the Tidy Towns TUS employees would be painting these railings in the coming weeks.

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

"To provide an update to the Town Council on work by Traffic Wardens in relation to dog fouling/litter problems in the Town. The situation in relation to dog fouling in particular appears to be getting much worse".

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, circulated a detailed report from Apcoa in relation to initiatives to prevent dog fouling around the town.

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

"That Wicklow County Council outline details of Greystones being included in the smoky coal ban area and how can we prevent non-smoky coal being purchased in areas adjacent to Greystones and then being burned in Greystones".

The A/Town Clerk, Ms. M. Porter, circulated a lengthy report from Wicklow County Council in relation to the introduction and operation of the smoky coal ban, which comes into effect in Greystones on 1st May 2013.

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

"The council should establish a place where coaches can park in order to encourage tourism"

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed to ask Wicklow County Council to consider areas in the town suitable for coach parking and that members would submit suggestions to the Engineer.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. E. Heslin, SEE, sought approval for the sites suggested for signs at the entrance to the town that were included in the works report. These locations were agreed.
2. Councillor G. McLoughlin commended all involved with the 2013 Greystones People of the Year Awards in the Charlesland Hotel on 25th April.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ MAYOR

CERTIFIED: _____ A/TOWN CLERK

DATED THIS DAY OF 2013.