

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 31ST MAY 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor G. McLoughlin, Cathaoirleach
Councillors T. Fortune, N. Lawless, G. Walsh & J. Whitmore

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Councillor D. Mitchell
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer

At the outset members congratulated the District Engineer on his forthcoming marriage.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26th April 2016, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Progress Report on Greystones Harbour Development

All members had been circulated with a report from Mr. Sean Quirke, Wicklow County Council, outlining progress on the harbour development.

Members were of the opinion that any parking charges and penalties introduced at the harbour should be in line with those in the town and that there should be no clamping. They requested that additional disabled parking spaces be provided and that additional temporary parking be provided at weekends in the compound which the contractors use for parking.

Members also requested confirmation of who the fishermen's representative was, and whether all the fishermen concerned were happy with the final design of the moorings to be installed. They also requested details of the fishermen who have sought to rent the new moorings together with advice on criteria for allocation of same.

Members requested that the former Harbour Liaison Committee be re-instated and they also agreed that Frances Kelly, Gillian Demery and Eddie Byrne should be invited to sit on the Committee as they had expressed a willingness to represent South Beach residents, North Beach residents and Businesses, respectively.

In relation to public toilet facilities members expressed disappointment that the developers were unable to facilitate the relocation of an APC and they requested that consideration be given to conversion of one of the Fishermen's huts at the harbour to a public toilet. They also asked that the demolition of the existing toilet block and the relocation of an APC to that site be costed.

Some members complained that they were not informed in advance of the removal of the hoardings at the harbour in March. It was requested that an official launch of the harbour be organised, to include local representatives and the community, perhaps on completion of the first phase of housing or on completion of the boardwalk.

3. Allocation of Discretionary Funding – Greystones SMDW 2016

The members had been circulated with a list of allocations already agreed, together with a list of additional requests for funding.

Following discussion it was agreed to allocate the balance of the Tourism Development & Promotion budget of €1,750 as follows: €50 to Town Maps; €1,200 to the Wicklow Volunteer Centre and €500 to the fund for a deaf golfer from Delgany Golf Club.

It was also agreed to allocate €500 from the Operation of the Arts Programme budget to the La Touche Legacy towards the cost of rebuilding its website leaving a balance of €10,500 to be allocated at a later date.

Members requested an update for the June meeting on the public realm projects already agreed for funding.

4. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer

A report from the District Engineer had been circulated to the members outlining progress with NTA and other projects in the district.

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

1. Surveying of ramps/pedestrian crossings in the district
2. Parking issues at Burnaby Manor
3. Sites for new solar powered bins and relocation of existing bins
4. Clearing of gulleys / drains in the district, especially at Sylvan Lawns in Kilcoole

5. Notices of Motion:

- (a) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

“That the Greystones Municipal District implement a series of Anti-Dog Fouling Initiatives, including, but not limited to, the use of the Dog Warden to monitor and fine offenders at fouling problem areas such as the Cliff Walk”.

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed to request the Dog Warden to patrol in the district on a more regular basis. Members also asked for costings at the June meeting for the supply of new signs asking dog owners to clean up after their pets. It was also agreed to consider the possibility of holding a ‘Dog Awareness Day’ and to see if it was possible to get a clean-up machine on loan from the Wicklow MD.

Mr. M. Nicholson advised the members that the Council had engaged a consultant to report on the Cliff Walk including the problem of dog fouling and that he would make recommendations on how to deal with the issue.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

“That the Wicklow County Council Roads Section provide an update, including timelines for finalisation, on the following NTA funded projects: Delgany Village upgrade; Chapel Road, Delgany; and Kilcoole Road (footpath)”.

The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a report received from Wicklow County Council in relation to this motion and following discussion it was agreed that the Council be asked to provide road markings in Delgany village in the interest of road safety and that the work on Chapel Road be carried out during the school holidays.

(c) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

“That a safety / speed assessment be conducted on the new bypass near the Holywell and Ballycrone Manor estates in Kilcoole and, if speed is considered to be an issue, that speed signs and other traffic calming measures be introduced”.

Following discussion on this motion, the District Administrator informed the members that this road was not taken in charge by Wicklow County Council and therefore no speed checks or traffic calming measures could be introduced by the Council. It was agreed to seek an update on the taking in charge of the estates and to circulate same to members.

6. Correspondence

1. The District Administrator reminded the members about a housing seminar being organised by the County Wicklow Public Participation Network in Hillside Church Hall, Greystones on Saturday 11th June 2016.
2. The District Administrator informed the meeting that a briefing for members by Wicklow County Council Planning officials on the draft county development plan 2016 – 2022 had been arranged for 7 p.m. on Wednesday 8th June 2016 in the Civic Offices, Greystones.

3. The District Administrator informed the members of the timeframes involved in having the draft county development plan 2016 – 2022 considered and pointed out that the material amendments to the draft plan would be on public display for a four week period over July and August 2016. Members were critical of the fact that the public display would take place over the holiday period and asked that this be extended until the end of September.
4. The District Administrator informed the members that work on the 1916 memorial garden in Burnaby Park was now almost complete and following discussion, it was agreed to hold an official flag raising ceremony, and reading of the proclamation, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday 28th June 2016 prior to the Greystones MD meetings. It was further agreed to invite officers from the Gardai, Irish Coast Guard, Fire Service and Civil Defence to participate in the event as well as members of the steering committee, and to invite Lailli de Buitléar to read the proclamation.

7. Any Other Business

1. The District Administrator informed the members that following last year's event the Community Affairs Committee had agreed to meet during the summer months to discuss arrangements for this year's Christmas Lights in the town and following discussion it was agreed to invite all involved to a meeting in Greystones at 9.15 a.m. on Monday 4th July 2016.
2. The District Administrator distributed copies of the Wicklow County Council Countywise publication to the members for circulation to the public.
3. The Cathaoirleach reminded all members of the 'Kilcoole Remembers 1916 Festival' on June 2nd to 5th.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ **DAY OF** _____ **2016.**