

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy and observed a minutes silence in memory of all those killed in the recent terrorist attacks in Belgium and the tragic drowning accident in Buncrana, Co. Donegal.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor N. Lawless and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 23rd February 2016, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Schedule of Municipal District Works for Greystones

The 2016 Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for Greystones had been circulated to the members together with a list of suggested projects for consideration for funding.

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to allocate €25,000 for tree surveys/maintenance (to be determined by District Engineer); €16,000 for fencing at Beechwood Park, Kilcoole and fencing with stone pillars at Beachdale, Kilcoole and €10,000 to provide public lighting on the newly surfaced walkway between Burnaby Heights and Killincarrig out of the allocation of €110,000 for Public Realm Projects. It was agreed that when these projects were completed, a decision would be taken on what projects should be funded from the remaining budget.

In relation to the discretionary element of the SMDW totaling €38,500 it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to cover the shortfall in income for the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade and €1,000 already committed for the 1916 commemorative garden. It was also agreed that members should submit their proposals for allocating the remaining budget for consideration at the April meeting.

It was agreed that the harbour developers be asked (a) to consider allowing the APC to be relocated to the harbour when it is moved from the La Touche Road car park or (b) to demolish the redundant existing toilet block at the harbour in an effort to reduce the cost of relocating the APC.

It was further agreed to request Wicklow County Council to resume its review of the pay parking operations in the county.

3. Progress Report on Greystones Harbour Development

A progress report on Greystones Harbour Development had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting. The District Administrator informed the members that the process of examining erosion at the north beach was currently underway and that a representative from Arup would attend the April meeting of the Municipal District. Members expressed concern about the rate of erosion at the north beach and asked that their concerns be advised to Arup in advance of the April meeting.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the completion of works at the public square, including the removal of the hoarding, and asked that signage be erected to identify the site for the new coast guard building.

4. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer

The District Engineer had circulated a report that outlined progress with NTA and other projects in the district and a list of suggestions for speed limit changes was also circulated. The Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

Members suggested that a pedestrian crossing was needed on the Farrankelly Road and that a footpath was needed from Kilcoole village down to the railway station in Kilcoole. They asked the District Engineer to investigate these matters.

It was agreed to write to the Corporate Services section of Wicklow County Council to ask that the full complement of staff for the Greystones Municipal District be appointed as staff shortages in the district were impacting on services and works.

5. 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade

The District Administrator reminded the members that the presentation of the awards for this year's parade would be made on Thursday 7th April from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.

Members spoke about the need to have more help with lifting barriers, chairs, etc. and with stewarding of the parade in future years, as well as the need for additional sponsorship. They also commented on the amount of litter left on the street after the parade. They commended the council staff for the work carried out.

The Cathaoirleach pointed out that she had attended a meeting earlier in relation to the creation of a Greystones Forum that would be non political and that would continue on with the work already completed for the Greystones Strategy. She stated that a further meeting would be held on 25th April to which people who had participated in the Greystones Strategy would be invited to attend. She expressed the hope that more help with the parade from local businesses might be forthcoming if the Greystones Forum was up and running.

6. Notices of Motion

No notices of motion were considered.

7. Correspondence

1. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of an email received from the Greystones Harbour Master in relation to provision of bins at the harbour.

8. Any Other Business

Councillor J. Whitmore proposed that the Municipal District should submit a notice of motion to the County Council for consideration at their next meeting as follows:

“The members of Wicklow County Council call on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to locate the National Children's Hospital at St. James's Hospital and locate the new Children's Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown. The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion, easier access for the children of Wicklow and extensive parking. The co-location with Connolly Hospital and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital will result in better clinical outcomes. It will be cheaper and faster to build than on the St. James's site”.

Following discussion it was agreed to forward this motion to Wicklow County Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2016.