

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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Present: Councillor G. Walsh, Cathaoirleach  
Councillors T. Fortune, N. Lawless, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & 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  
Mr. E. Forristal, Executive Engineer, Greystones Municipal District  
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

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**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL’S HOUSING CAPITAL PRIORITY 2019 – 2021 AND STRATEGIC LAND MANAGEMENT**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Joe Lane, Ms. Breege Kilkenny and Mr. Graham Wynne from Wicklow County Council’s Housing Section to the meeting. They circulated a list of sites that were owned by the Council and zoned for housing, and they pointed out that the members should select three of these sites to progress and submit to the Department. They went through the sites one by one and explained the pros and cons of each one.

During discussion on this, some members expressed reservations about proposals to build on green areas within housing estates and it was suggested that Kilcoole had a saturation of social housing estates. They stated that the Lott Lane site in Kilcoole should not be developed in a piecemeal fashion but that a master plan should be put in place for the whole site. Members were of the opinion that the Three Trout site could accommodate more than the proposed thirty units. They spoke about the need for affordable as well as social housing and they enquired about the number of Part 5 houses coming on stream in the district. Members requested that the Housing Section actively pursue the option of buying the Fairfield Park site in Greystones. In conclusion they agreed that the suggested sites 1. Three Trout, 2. Lott Lane and 3. Carrig Villas/New Road should be put forward.

**3. DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING**

It was agreed that the December monthly meeting would be held at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The District Administrator informed the members that the Cathaoirleach had received a request from the Developer of the harbour to attend the December meeting. She pointed out that, following a recent request from the members, Irish Rail had agreed to attend a meeting of the Municipal District and that they may also be available to attend the December meeting. Councillor G. McLoughlin stated that she had received a request from Mark Atkins and Julian Swann of Greystones Outdoors to make a short presentation to the members.

Following discussion it was agreed to invite Irish Rail to attend at 6.30 p.m., the harbour developers at 7.15 p.m. and the Greystones Outdoors group at 8.00 p.m.

#### **4. SUSPENSION OF PAY PARKING IN GREYSTONES IN RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS**

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that pay parking be suspended in Greystones on all Saturdays in December ie. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. The District Administrator pointed out that free parking would be limited to two hours. She stated that the Wardens would be on duty on these dates and that fines would be issued for illegal parking.

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

Members were circulated with a report from Sean Quirke on the harbour development.

The District Administrator informed the members that, as requested, she had written to the five fishermen that Tim Storey claimed to represent to enquire about their current situations and their requirements going forward. She pointed out that she had received one reply from a fisherman, and a reply from a solicitor representing one other fisherman who was taking a case against the Council.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to Bord Iascaigh Mhara to seek their views and input on the various issues that have been raised in relation to moorings, insurance, etc. at Greystones harbour.

#### **6. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER**

A report on works carried out and planned in the district was circulated to the members and the Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following issues be referred to Wicklow County Council:

1. Filling of potholes at Blacklion
2. Landscaping of roundabouts on Charlesland dual carriageway
3. Provision of litter bin at La Touche Place, Greystones
4. Hedge cutting and road safety measures on Kilmullen Lane

Members asked that the Bray MD be requested to fill the potholes on the left hand lane of the R761 heading north onto the Southern Cross Road.

## **7. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES 2020**

Councillor G. McLoughlin informed the members that Greystones 2020 was registering as a Limited Company as this would improve their options for securing funding for various projects and organisations. She stated that Greystones won €1,000 as runner up in the recent Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town Awards for towns with a population over 7,000 and she pointed out that the group had organised the successful Christmas lights event in the town. She stated that work on the website would resume in the coming weeks and that there was no update on the proposed train station project.

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION:**

There were no notices of motion for consideration.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator informed the members that the 2018 Roads Programme would be considered at the December meeting. She advised that the District Engineer would prioritise roads for inclusion and she invited members to submit details of any roads that they specifically wanted considered.
2. The District Administrator advised that the developer of the car park site at Main Street, Kilcoole had agreed to meet informally with the members and following discussion it was agreed to seek to meet him at 6 p.m. prior to the January meetings, if he was available then.
3. The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a letter received from the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport which stated that he had referred the matter of development at Greystones train station to CIE as he had no role in this matter. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Planning Section in relation to this matter.
4. The District Administrator informed the members of a twinning request from La Garenne-Colombes in France. The members were not in favour of forming any new twinning arrangements.
5. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of an email received from Kathleen Kelleher in relation to the twinning with Holyhead. It was agreed that funding be considered in the 2018 budget for when the Holyhead Sea Cadets travel to Greystones to participate in the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade.
6. In reply to a query from the members the District Manager advised that all monies allocated to Wicklow County Council would be spent before the end of the year.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1) Members congratulated the District Engineer and his wife on the birth of their new baby son.
- 2) Councillor J. Whitmore informed the members that the Greystones Community School would only accept one new class per year until such time as the Department of Education finalised the provision of accommodation for more. She pointed out that the transfer of the site for a new school at Charlesland had not yet been progressed by the Department.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.