

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor N. Lawless, Cathaoirleach
Councillors T. Fortune, G. McLoughlin, 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 Cathaoirleach commended Greystones 2020 on the new Greystones.ie website which had been launched earlier in the evening.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting held on 18th February 2019, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (b) It was proposed by Councillor G. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26th February 2019, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The District Administrator pointed out that Glenveagh Properties were not yet in a position to provide details of proposals for Block D at the harbour. She stated that she had stressed to the Developer the fact that the members wanted input at the early stages of the Part VIII process. She informed the members that there was no update on progress with the harbour development since the February meeting.

Councillor G. McLoughlin informed the members that the lamps in the public square were being changed and Councillor G. Walsh stated that the harbour CCTV would cover the area from the boardwalk to the marina and would not cover the public park area.

Following discussion it was agreed that clarification be sought in relation to the requirement for further planning permission for the site as advertised by the developer.

3. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

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

Following discussion members requested the Engineer to fill in the potholes on Rathdown Road. They were critical of some new shop signage that had been erected in the town centre and they asked that the planning section of the Council introduce a policy that would ensure that all new signage was in keeping with the character of the town. In response to a query about new overhead broadband lines that have been erected in some areas of the town, the District Engineer informed the members that planning permission for such work was exempt under the Communications Acts.

4. CAMPER VAN PARK FOR GREYSTONES

The Cathaoirleach referred to previous discussions about the provision of a camper van park in Greystones and informed the members that the CCSD section of the Council had carried out some research into this matter. She pointed out that the most suitable site that had been identified was at the northern end of the marina.

All the members expressed support for the provision of a fully serviced and properly run camping van park in the town and following discussion it was agreed to invite a representative from the Phoenix Motor Home Club to attend the April meeting of the Municipal District to discuss the matter further.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were discussed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator informed the members that the Wicklow County Council Community Grant cheques would be presented in the Council Chamber at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 30th April 2019 prior to the meeting with Gardai and the monthly meeting.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that nominations were now being invited for the 2019 People of the Year Awards that would be held in Greystones Golf Club on 9th May 2019. She pointed out that the closing date for nominations was Friday 26th April 2019.
3. The District Administrator reminded the members that Wicklow County Council Estate Development Grant cheques for the Greystones Municipal District would be presented in the Council Chamber at 6 p.m. on Thursday 28th March 2019 followed by the presentation of awards to winners of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade at 7 p.m.
4. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a response from Wicklow County Council in relation to public lighting issues and she stated that the report would be circulated.
5. The District Administrator referred to an email that had been sent to all members by the local Climate School Strike group. Following discussion on this matter it was agreed to send the following motion to Wicklow County Council for consideration at a full meeting of the Council in April:

“That WCC acknowledge and support the recent Climate Strikes driven by the young people and families in Greystones, Bray, Arklow, Dublin and around the country.

That WCC have listened and understood the deadly urgency felt by the young people and their demand that all stakeholders and representatives act immediately to ensure that young people have a liveable future in Wicklow, in Ireland and on planet Earth.

That WCC agree that the evidence of emergency is overwhelming from IPCC on Climate and from WWF LPR on Biodiversity.

That WCC agree that, while relatively small in global terms, Wild Wicklow, previously acknowledged as the World's most liveable community, can and must step up and show visible leadership.

That Wicklow will immediate implement the following steps (as leading proactive cities and regions internationally already have):

- Declare a Climate Emergency for Wicklow*
- Publish a Climate Action Plan*
- Declare a Biodiversity Emergency for Wicklow*
- Update and publish a Biodiversity Action Plan*
- Report regularly on progress on both Action Plans”*

6. The District Administrator informed the members that a further email had been received from residents on Killincarrick Road in relation to parking issues. She pointed out that she had already informed the residents that there was no legal means by which parking on a public road could be restricted for the exclusive use of residents. She stated that she had also advised residents that if no spaces were available on Killincarrick Road, their Residents Parking Permits entitled them to park on adjacent roads.

While members were sympathetic to the issues raised, they agreed that twenty four hour parking restrictions were not feasible, practical or desirable. They were advised by the District Engineer that the road was not wide enough to meet the current standards for disabled parking spaces which would anyway be restricted to holders of disability parking badges and exclude most residents. Members agreed to review the matter when the current Parking Bye Laws were reviewed hopefully later this year.

7. The District Administrator referred to a request from Greystones Tidy Towns to restrict posters for the upcoming elections. She pointed out that candidates were legally entitled to put up posters and that they could only be requested to co-operate with any agreement made.

Following discussion it was agreed that posters should not be erected in the following areas:

Greystones – from Greystones Medical Centre to the traffic lights at the top of Rathdown Road and along the Seafront and harbour areas;

Delgany – from the roundabout at the top of Delgany Wood to the village centre and from Delgany NS to the junction with the N11;

Kilcoole – from the community centre at the top of Lott Lane to Colaiste Chraobh Abhann and for the entire length of Sea Road;

Newcastle – from the Watchtower premises at the southern end of the village to the junction with Church Road.

It was agreed that this request be sent to the Returning Officers, Political Parties and any known candidates and that the request be copied to the Tidy Towns Groups and the members.

8. The District Administrator informed the members that the Greystones Family Resource Centre had written in to the office requesting the MD's support for use of the community buildings that was being provided as part of the Glenheron development at Charlesland. The letter referred to a previous request from the Resource Centre for additional space to carry out their activities and suggested that this building would complement the facilities they already have.

All the members expressed support for the work carried out by the Greystones Family Resource Centre. Some members felt that there was an expectation that the building referred to would be used as a youth centre for the various housing developments in Charlesland. There was a suggestion that the building could be used for both purposes.

Following discussion the District Manager undertook to consider the request in relation to the community building proposed as part of the Glenheron development.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor G. McLoughlin thanked the members on behalf of Greystones 2020 for their support with the Greystones.ie website.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ **DAY OF** _____ **2019.**