**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor D. Mitchell, Cathaoirleach

Councillors M. Crean, T. Fortune, J. Neary, L. Scott & G. Walsh

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

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1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mitchell, seconded by Councillor M. Crean and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held remotely on 23rd February 2021, as circulated, be confirmed and signed.

1. **Presentation from Roads & Transportation Section staff**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Colm Lavery, Director of Transportation and Roads, Mr. Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer, Mr. Brendan Doyle, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Conor Page, Senior Executive Engineer, Wicklow County Council to the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he had asked for this item to be included on the agenda to get a progress report on various projects in the district as listed on a document compiled by him that had been circulated. He invited the other members to add to that list if desired and he expressed the hope that the members could receive quarterly progress reports on all the listed items.

Mr. M. Flynn informed the members that €7.5 million had been allocated to Wicklow County Council for various projects in 2021 and that additional staff were currently being recruited to progress these projects through the various stages. In response to queries from the members he stated that many of the projects had been identified in the Development Plan or raised by members in the past. He pointed out that all the consultants were multi-disciplinary and were included on a panel with the NTA. He stated that they looked at all aspects of the project design and tried to balance environments and habitats with works being carried out.

Mr. C. Page then gave a slide-show presentation which outlined details of the NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grants 2021 Allocations. This presentation gave details of the Project Team Structure, the various projects for 2021, the selection process, the completion process, the GMD projects for 2021, the Design Project Team projects for 2021, the Greystones Transport Study, and the funding allocations.

Mr. B. Doyle gave details of progress to date and expected completion dates for the various projects. He stated that the Greystones Transport Study had now gone out to tender and would include Kilcoole and Delgany, and that the CPO was now progressing for the Delgany to Blacklion cycle path and road.

Mr. C. Lavery stated that the Council had now received funding to deal with the sewerage issues at Garden Village in Kilpedder and he stated that they would look at the possibility of improving the link between the N11 and Kilcoole in conjunction with those works.

Members stated that a number of items had been on the list for many years and they stated that it was essential that the part of the Delgany to Blacklion road and cycle path to be completed by the Council was progressed urgently to link up with the parts being done by developers as there were a number of schools served by this road. Members also spoke about the need for good cycle links between Kilcoole and Newtownmountkennedy and the need for public consultation and consideration of environmental issues in all projects. It was agreed to have quarterly updates on these projects.

**Cairn Homes Developments**

The District Manager informed the members that he had met with representatives from Cairn Homes recently with the Chief Executive. He stated that the Cairn Homes representatives outlined their plans to sell the site at Glenheron ‘B’ for a 148 place creche and 83 square meter community room to a local enterprise. However, he understood that this proposed sale had now fallen through and that if an alternative buyer was not found, Cairn Homes would build the premises themselves and customise them when an operator was identified. He stated that there was not much interest from creche operators at present. He pointed out that the Glenheron ‘C’ site also included a site for a smaller creche.

The District Manager informed the members that there was a lot of discussion about the Enterprise Centre which Cairn Homes are required to provide under the terms of their planning permission. He explained that the developers were not responsible for funding the costs of this building which will cost in the region of €6 - €7 million and that the County Council might consider renting some of the units. He stated that the Chief Executive had agreed to appoint a staff member to liaise with the IDA and other relevant bodies in this regard.

The District Manager stated that consideration was being given to having Cairn Homes rebuild part of the Priory road in lieu of paying development levies to the Council and that discussions were ongoing with the HSE and the Department of Education in relation to sites for a Primary Care Centre and School. He pointed out that discussions were also taking place between Cairn Homes and the Greystones Family Resource Centre but that nothing had yet been finalised. In response to a query from the members he confirmed that developers required sale or long term leases to be in place before handing over community buildings.

1. **Update on Greystones Harbour Development**

The members were advised of the contents of a report from Wicklow County Council in relation to the Greystones harbour development which outlined details of various works that would be carried out in the coming weeks. It was agreed that a copy of this report would be circulated to the members.

The District Administrator informed the members that this item would no longer appear on the agendas for monthly meetings of GMD as had been the case while work was progressing. She advised the members that they could email Mr. Merlin Ovington about any issues that arose from time to time and this was agreed.

1. **Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer**

Members had been circulated with a report outlining details of works in the district and the District Engineer answered queries from the members in relation to same.

The District Engineer stated that the Cliff Walk was closed at present due to the collapse of the cliff in places. He stated that he would circulate a copy of a report prepared for the County Council Management Team in this regard.

In relation to the closure of part of Kilmullen Lane he informed the members that the road surface there was disintegrating because of an underground leak of heating oil from the nearby Newcastle Hospital. He stated that he was meeting with representatives from the HSE to discuss the issue as there was no point in fixing the road until the leak was fixed.

The District Engineer informed the members that there had been complaints about speeding in Applewood Height and he suggested that a temporary trial closure of the top entrance to the estate should be put in place to gauge the effects on traffic and speeds. Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that the Council should hold off on any such road closure until the results of a survey of all residents within the estate were available.

1. **Report on Public Consultation for Killincarrig Village Improvement Works**

Members had been circulated with a report on the submissions received in response to the public consultation on the proposed Killincarrig Village Improvement Works prior to the February meeting.

The District Engineer informed the members that the road width in front of the pub and shop would not be sufficient to allow for adequate widening of the footpath on the eastern side of the road if a set down area was included on the western side of the road.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the members would submit their views and preferences on the proposals to the District Engineer and that a decision on the matter would be taken at the April meeting.

As time had run out, it was agreed to defer the following items:

1. **Allocation of 2021 Estate Development Funding**
2. **Update on Community Facilities at Glenheron Development (already dealt with under item number 2 earlier in the meeting).**
3. **Issues with Dog Fouling in District**
4. **Update on Delgany to Blacklion Cycle-way and Road.**
5. **Notices of Motion**
6. Motion in the name of Councillors J. Neary & L. Scott:

"That Greystones Municipal District look to secure additional resources to facilitate a revised summer bin collection schedule for the District with more frequent bin collections to cater to population growth, increased tourism (after lockdowns), and increased use of outdoor recreational spaces by local residents."

1. **Correspondence**
2. **Any Other Business**

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_DAY OF\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2021