

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 31st JULY 2018 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
Ms. L. Gallagher, SEO, Wicklow County Council
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Mr. E. Forristal, Executive Engineer, Greystones Municipal District

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 26th June 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (b) It was proposed by Councillor G. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Mitchell and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26th June 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. DELEGATION OF RESERVED FUNCTIONS TO MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. L. Gallagher, SEO, Wicklow County Council to the meeting. Ms. Gallagher gave an outline of the draft policy in relation to reserved functions that may be performed under Section 131 (A) (1) (B) Part 2 in respect of Municipal Districts, together with details of the legislation and guidelines relating to same. She stated that the draft policy had been considered by, and was recommended by the Corporate Policy Group of Wicklow County Council, and she went through the reserved functions one by one and answered any queries from the members.

Following discussion the members agreed to adopt the draft policy as circulated.

3. GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The District Administrator circulated the members with reports received from Wicklow County Council and Sisk in relation to the harbour development.

Following discussion the members requested that Sisk be asked to provide compacting bins at the harbour. They further requested that any vehicles parking on the hatched areas at the top of the harbour slipways be towed away.

The District Administrator informed the members that the Greystones Outdoors group had encountered difficulties in securing necessary funding so the commencement of their operations at the harbour had been postponed until these difficulties were resolved.

4. REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

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

Following discussion it was agreed that the following items be referred to the District Engineer for attention:

1. Improvements to Rathdown Road
2. Provision of compacting bins at La Touche Place, Greystones and Sea Road, Kilcoole
3. Provision of compacting bin at bus stop opposite Byrne's pub in Kilcoole
4. Re-alignment of existing disabled parking spaces and provision of additional 2/3 disabled parking spaces in south beach car park
5. Repair/replacement of swing in Charlesland playground
6. NTA funding for widening of Church Road, Newcastle
7. Improvements to right turning lane from R761 onto Bellevue Road
8. Killincarrig safety works / parking on cycle lanes

The District Engineer suggested that the members should lobby for additional Government funding for repair and maintenance of the road network that suffered badly during the harsh winter weather, as increasing amounts of existing road budgets are being diverted to such repairs and impacting on the Council's ability to undertake other road improvement works.

The District Engineer also suggested that the Greystones Municipal District should make a submission in relation to the proposed new bus schedules for the area and in this regard the members agreed to invite representatives from Dublin Bus to meet with them in the Civic Offices on Tuesday 4th September at 6 p.m.

5. DELGANY TO BLACKLION ROAD (CHAPEL ROAD)

A report on the Delgany to Blacklion road had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Following discussion members requested that the Chapel Road Improvement Scheme would also include a re-design and upgrading of the junction with the R761 at Redford to provide a left turning lane and priority for buses. They also requested that the ongoing issue in relation to the public sewer at Redford be addressed, with Irish Water, when the junction was being upgraded.

6. URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The District Manager outlined the details of the Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds and informed the members that any suggestions for projects to be included in these funding applications should be sent to Christine Flood and Deirdre Whitfield in Wicklow County Council before the closing date at the end of September. He pointed out that a report on the proposals would be made available for the September meeting of the Council.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion in the name of Cllr. N. Lawless:

"That Greystones Municipal District seek to have a lifeguard employed at the cove in Greystones (known as lady's Cove) as this has become an area of increasing use for bathers and swimmers".

It was agreed to consider notice of motion (c) as follows in conjunction with this motion:

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

"That Wicklow County Council make the Cove Beach, Greystones a Designated Bathing Area and provide a lifeguard at this site during the summer months. Also, that a floating pontoon be provided for this location".

The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a report received from Wicklow County Council in relation to these motions and following discussion, the members requested that the Council commence the process of water sampling at the Cove with a view to having it classified as a designated bathing area.

They also requested that funding be included in the 2019 budget for the provision of a Lifeguard at the Cove for next summer's season.

In conclusion, the members requested that consideration be given to providing a floating pontoon at the men's bathing place.

(b) Motion in the name of Cllr. N. Lawless:

"That we look at putting a zebra crossing on the Sea road Kilcoole near Beachdale so that it is safer for children from Beachdale, Meadowbrook and Holywell to cross to the playground".

The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a lengthy report from Wicklow County Council in relation to this motion which explained why a pedestrian crossing was not warranted at this location. She agreed to circulate the report to the members.

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

"That Wicklow County Council make the Cove Beach, Greystones a Designated Bathing Area and provide a lifeguard at this site during the summer months. Also, that a floating pontoon be provided for this location".

This motion had already been dealt with in conjunction with an earlier motion.

(d) Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Whitmore:

"That Wicklow County Council provide a wheelchair ramp for Greystones Beach and seek to have budget for the same included in the coming Estimates Budget".

The District Engineer informed the members that he had received a preliminary quotation in the sum of €110,000 for the supply and fitting of a recycled plastic boardwalk on the south beach from the southern arch to the northern arch.

Following discussion it was agreed to request Wicklow County Council to provide funding for this project in the 2019 budget.

(e) Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Whitmore:

"In light of the increased housing developments being built in Delgany, and the corresponding increase in children in the area, that a playground be provided in the locality".

The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a report received from Wicklow County Council in relation to this motion which stated that the Council would work towards having playground facilities included in any future housing developments in Delgany.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The members agreed to a request received to commemorate the 25 October 1910 encounter on Greystones Pier between the Suffragettes and the Chief Secretary.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Cathaoirleach asked the members if the ASOI Award received for the 'No Fry Zone' in the Development Plan should be returned following the granting of planning permission for a Take Away restaurant at the Blacklion shopping centre.

The District Administrator pointed out that this award was presented to Wicklow County Council and not Greystones Municipal District so any decision on whether or not to return it would have to be made by the full Council.

Following discussion it was agreed to consider this matter after the members reviewed the wording on the award.

2. Councillor T. Fortune raised the matter of non-elected political party representatives meeting with senior Council officials to discuss various issues in the municipal districts without the knowledge or inclusion of the elected representatives.

Following discussion the members requested that the Chief Executive be cognisant of the elected representatives and that he use that channel for discussions rather than non-elected representatives.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: 
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: 
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF September 2018.