

Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Offices, Greystones on Tuesday 9th December 2014

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

Also Present: Mr. J. Lane, Greystones District Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Meetings Administrator
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones District Engineer
Ms. K. Coughlan, Meetings Secretary

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor G. McLoughlin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 25th November 2014, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Mr. Paul Bradley, Eircom

As Mr. Bradley had not yet arrived it was agreed to continue with the agenda.

3. Progress report on Greystones Harbour Development

Ms. M. Porter stated that there was no progress on the harbour since the report given at the November meeting and that Mr. S. Quirke had advised that a meeting could be arranged regarding local fishermen when drawings of options for available mooring were completed. She informed the members that a Newsletter, which had been circulated, would be distributed to local households by SISK before Christmas.

Following discussion it was agreed to request Wicklow County Council to examine the possibility of moving the boatyard at the harbour to the end of the marina so that the current location of the boatyard could be used by local fishermen for moorings. It was also agreed to request Sean Quirk to meet with the local fishermen as soon as possible and to ask SISK to circulate a copy of the presentation made at the special meeting on 23rd September 2014, together with a copy of any revised proposals.

4. Report from Greystones District Engineer

A progress report on NTA and Department of Transport projects as well as other works was circulated to the members and the District Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed to circulate the members with a copy of the Engineer's comments on the latest review of the draft feasibility report on the provision of a footpath on Sea Road, Kilcoole. It was also requested that the residents seeking to carry out works at St. Crispin's Cell be kept informed of the Council's proposals in relation to this site.

Mr. Paul Bradley, Eircom

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Paul Bradley from Eircom to the meeting.

Mr. Bradley made a slide-show presentation to the members outlining Eircom's e-fibre rollout programme and he answered queries from the members in relation to same. He also agreed to respond to

any individual queries emailed in to him directly by the members. All the Councillors thanked Mr. Bradley for his informative presentation.

5. Notices of Motion:

(a) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:

“That Greystones Municipal District allocates the following funds from the budget available to the following: Greystones Tidy Towns €5,500; Kilcoole Tidy Town €2,500 and Newcastle Tidy Towns €2,000”.

It was agreed to defer this motion to the January meeting.

(b) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:

“Given that a lot of public funds have been given to the re-development of the community centre in Kilcoole, would it be possible for an update on the centre to be given to the council as follows: 1. When it will be open? 2. What facilities will be available to the public? 3. What facilities are in the youth café? 4. What will the management/board of directors structure be of the community centre and youth café? and 5. What are the contact details for people to make bookings? Could we also see a plan of the layout of the facilities”.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor T. Fortune gave a brief outline of progress and proposals for the Kilcoole Community Centre. Ms. M. Porter stated that she would circulate a report on same.

6. Correspondence

1. Ms. M. Porter advised the members that the An Bord Pleanála direction on the last McDonalds planning application referred to the fact that the Local Area Plan had no policy in relation to the location of fast food outlets in proximity to schools. She pointed out that if any member wished to make a submission to the current review of the County Development Plan, the closing date for receipt of submissions was the 23rd December 2014.
2. Ms. M. Porter referred to correspondence circulated by email in relation to the review of speed limits in housing estates and informed the members that Mr. Declan Marnane, Wicklow County Council Engineer was happy to attend the January meeting of the GMD to discuss this matter if required. It was agreed to invite Mr. Marnane to attend.

7. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Following the meeting at 8.00 p.m. ex-members of Greystones Town Commissioners/Council were presented with a crystal plate bearing the Greystones Town Crest.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Dated: _____