

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor G. McLoughlin, Cathaoirleach
Councillors D. Mitchell, G. Walsh & J. Whitmore

Also Present: Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies: Councillors T. Fortune & N. Lawless
Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager

At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to Kathleen Kelleher and her family from Greystones on the death of her Mother, Kathleen Nowak.

A vote of sympathy was also passed to the family of Garda David Bolger from Newtownmountkennedy Garda Station who died tragically recently.

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of them.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mitchell, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 24th November 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Progress report on Harbour Development

The District Administrator informed the members that the matters raised by them last month had been passed on to the developer and that there was no further update since the November meeting.

3. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer

The District Engineer informed the members of the details of works being carried out and completed in the district and he answered queries from the members in relation to same.

The matter of using the allocation of €6,000 from the Wicklow County Council Environment / Community Fund to provide a beach buggy to facilitate wheelchair access onto the beach was discussed. The District Administrator pointed out that the trial of the buggy on loan from Wexford County Council was not very successful and that alternative proposals were going to be looked at in

the New Year. The District Engineer stated that the provision of a boardwalk could also be considered and the Cathaoirleach suggested that LEADER funding might be available for such a design.

Following further discussion and on the recommendation of the District Engineer, it was agreed that the €6,000 allocation be used to purchase new bins for the district.

4. Notices of Motion

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

“The District should write to Irish Rail & the NTA to complain about the draft rail timetable for 2016 which lengthens the journey time. The letter should be along the lines of the attached letter”.

Councillor Mitchell had circulated the members with a draft letter and it was agreed that the suggested submission should be made to Irish Rail and to the National Transport Agency.

It was also agreed that representatives from Irish Rail should be invited to attend the January meeting.

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

“The Council should initiate moves to get a good quality hotel in Greystones using the Council land near here and the IDA site”.

Following discussion it was agreed to forward this motion to the Economic Development Section of Wicklow County Council for attention.

5. Correspondence

1. The District Administrator informed the members that she would circulate a letter received from Greystones Tidy Towns in relation to the funding they received from the GMD in 2015.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that she would circulate a letter received from Kilcoole Tidy Towns in relation to the funding they received from the GMD in 2015.
3. The District Administrator advised the members that the Draft County Development Plan 2016 – 2020 was on public display and that submissions on same could be made up to the 19th February 2016.

6. Any Other Business

1. Members discussed the Tree Sculpture Project proposed by Ms. Lynne Reece Loftus and while they generally welcomed the proposal, some had reservations about its suitability for some older areas of the town. The District Administrator stated that if the members decided to fund this project in 2016, there would be public consultation on the proposals following submissions for design.

2. In response to a query from the members, the District Administrator stated that budget figures for 2016 would not be available until such time as the Council was advised of what departmental grants were available and a Schedule of Municipal Works was prepared. The District Engineer stated that the Council had been asked to draw up a three year roads programme and he invited the members to submit details of any road surfacing/reconstruction requirements they wished to have considered for inclusion in the programme.
3. Members asked the Council to ensure that a traffic management plan was put in place for construction traffic when the harbour development began.
4. Members asked that the Council prioritise footpath repairs in Hillside and Applewood Heights when finance became available.
5. Members also asked that the Council consider moving the APC from the La Touche Road car park to the harbour.
6. The District Engineer informed the members that the contractors working on the Dargle flood relief scheme in Bray had applied for a land fill licence on the Council's site at Prettybush, Delgany in order to deposit material from the riverbed there up to one metre depth.
7. Members stated that they had difficulty in contacting Mr. Paul Bradley from Eircom who had attended a meeting of the GMD last year in relation to e-fibre. It was agreed that the District Administrator would contact Mr. Bradley.
8. The Cathaoirleach wished everyone a happy Christmas and New Year and invited all to join her for a drink after the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2015.