

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor G. McLoughlin, Cathaoirleach
Councillors T. Fortune, 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

Apologies: Councillor N. Lawless

At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to Beatrice Gunning and her family from Greystones on the death of her husband John. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of him.

Councillor J. Whitmore congratulated everyone involved in the Christmas Lights switch-on in Greystones on 21st November and this was seconded by Councillor D. Mitchell.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) It was proposed by Councillor D. Mitchell, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the draft budget plan meeting held on 3rd November 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- b) It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3rd November 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Progress report on Harbour Development

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Special Projects with Wicklow County Council, and Mr. Stephen Garvey and Mr. Eoin Moore representing the Greystones harbour development company to the meeting.

Mr. Garvey stated that he represented Bridgedale Asset Management on behalf of Targeted Investment Opportunities. He circulated drawings with timescales of the proposed phases of the harbour development and outlined the proposed schedules to the members. He stated that the whole project was expected to take four and a half years to complete, subject to market conditions, and would provide many jobs during construction.

Mr. S. Quirke stated that the clubhouses were at an advanced stage and would be handed over to the clubs for fitting out when the leases were prepared after the disposal notices were approved by Wicklow County Council, hopefully at their December meeting. He outlined some details about the proposed leases that would differ slightly from club to club and he stated that the final finish on the clubhouses would be as it is at present taking account of the environment at the harbour.

In reply to queries from the members, Mr. S. Garvey stated that a decision had not yet been taken on how to incorporate the granite stones from the Gap bridge and the old harbour into the new development and he

pointed out that it might be more feasible to use them in the new public park rather than in the plaza area because of safety issues. He stated that it was intended to use paving slabs of different sizes and in different patterns in the public square.

Mr. S. Quirke stated that ground rules for the maintenance of the communal areas at the clubhouses would be written in to the leases for the clubs and that the Council would not have a role in that. He pointed out that the Fishermen's huts would be allocated to people who previously held them and who were still involved in fishing from Greystones, and he stated that there would be approximately 240 public car parking spaces within the development on completion. In relation to landing facilities for local fishermen, he stated that the contractor was ready to put in three moorings as agreed as soon as contact could be made with the fishermen's representative to approve the plan. He also stated that the beach area in the development was designed to be self cleaning.

Mr. S. Garvey stated that LED lights would be used in the new public square and that therefore the specification of the lamp standards would be different than what was included in the original plans to facilitate them. He pointed out that the development was otherwise practically the same as that approved by An Bord Pleanála in the last planning permission. He stated that no decision had yet been made on the proposed use for the 'D' block in the development. In reply to a suggestion about incorporating a hotel into this block he stated that hotels needed to be quite large to be viable.

Following discussion the members asked for more details on the timescale for completing the various stages of the development together with details on what exactly was included in each phase and some imaging of the proposals. They asked that a newsletter be drawn up to advise the public of what was happening and that all the finishes of the buildings and square in the development be completed to a high standard. They asked that consideration be given to providing a mosaic on the wall at the fishermen's huts and that some planters be used to soften the landscape. They suggested that an architectural competition might be held to get proposals for a creative project for the 'D' block and that consideration be given to providing a maritime hub in the development.

It was agreed that the members would have an opportunity to view the clubhouses on Monday 7th December 2015 at 10.15 a.m.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Quirke, Mr. Garvey and Mr. Moore for attending and asked them to keep the members informed of progress.

3. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer

A report outlining details of works being carried out and completed in the district was circulated to the members and the District Engineer answered queries from the members in relation to same.

4. To fix date for December meeting

Following discussion it was agreed that the December meeting be held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

5. Consideration of allocation of €6.000 from the Environment/Community Fund 2015

The District Administrator circulated information on a beach buggy that allowed disabled access onto the beach and informed the members that a trial of a buggy with all terrain wheels have proved unsuccessful for Greystones. She stated that she would arrange a trial of a buggy with balloon wheels and it was agreed that

this should take place on Monday 7th December at 11.30 a.m. She pointed out that the buggy would cost €3,595, could be stored in Greystones Library and would be covered under the Council's insurance but that anyone using the buggy would be asked to sign a disclaimer. She stated that the balloon wheels on the buggy were only suitable for use on sand and therefore any users could only get into it on the beach and she pointed out that Councillor Whitmore had confirmed that bookings would be managed by MS Ireland and the Greystones Guide.

Councillor Whitmore read a letter from MS Ireland East Wicklow Branch and she pointed out that people would book the buggy in advance either by phone or on an online booking system operated on the Greystones Guide. She stated that volunteers would operate on a rota basis and that they would collect the buggy from the library and hand it over to the user then collect it from the user and wash it down before returning it to the library for storage.

Members expressed concern about the management of the bookings and stated that it was a big undertaking. They asked that confirmation be sought from MS Ireland that they would be willing to take control of the bookings and following discussion it was agreed to purchase a beach buggy from the Environmental funding available if the trial was successful on the 7th December.

6. Notices of Motion:

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

"That Wicklow County Council examine the safety of the road from the Killincarrig roundabout towards Delgany Village (to just before the entrance to Delgany Wood) in light of a number of vehicle incidents that have occurred there".

This matter had been discussed at the earlier meeting with the Gardai when the Gardai had undertaken to examine accident reports on this stretch of road to see if an engineering solution was required. It was suggested that speed was the cause of most of the vehicle incidents that had occurred there.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

"That Wicklow County Council remove/modify the central partition in the Shoreline Swimming pool (between the baby and children's pools) due to safety issues raised by members of the public".

The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a report from the Manager of the Shoreline Leisure Centre which indicated that he had not been made aware of any safety issues or concerns from users related to this matter. The report pointed out that a risk analysis of the area was completed some time ago and that the assessment concluded that the barrier was necessary in order to have a clear separation between the two different pool depths. The report concluded by stating that the Manager was happy to meet and discuss any issues with anyone who had concerns in this regard.

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed that Councillor Whitmore would advise the complainant to take the matter up with the Manager of Shoreline Leisure.

(c) Motion in the name of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:

"That the Council provide two hour free parking in Greystones on Saturdays 28th November, and 5th, 12th and 19th December to facilitate local shopping for Christmas".

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed to provide two hour free parking in Greystones on the four Saturdays mentioned.

7. Correspondence.

1. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a letter received from a Ms. Lynne Reece Loftus regarding a proposal for a Greystones Tree Trunk Trail Project. It was agreed that a copy of this correspondence would be circulated to the members and that this matter could be considered when allocating discretionary funding for 2016.
2. The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a letter received from a Mr. Luke Condron seeking land to rent for a remote control track in Greystones. The members were not aware of any available land and suggested that the request be directed to the Charlesland Recreational Park to see if they could facilitate such a track.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that the Newcastle Residents Association/Tidy Towns Group had submitted details of their income and expenditure as requested and that she would circulate same to the members.
4. The District Administrator informed the members that the Greystones Family Resource Centre had submitted details of their income and expenditure as requested and that she would circulate same to the members.

8. Any Other Business.

Not other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2015.