

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26th January 2016, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Progress Report on Greystones Harbour Development

A progress report on Greystones Harbour Development had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting. The District Administrator informed the members that Mr. S. Quirke was available to meet with them in County Buildings on Monday 7th March prior to the County Council meeting.

Following discussion it was requested that the following matters be addressed at the meeting:

- Harbour Liaison Committee – Members asked that a meeting of this committee, to include a representative from harbour businesses, be arranged as soon as possible and a date for same be confirmed on 7th March;
- Newsletter – members asked that a newsletter be prepared and circulated without further delay;
- Fishermen – members noted that fishermen were not happy with the proposed arrangements for moorings and they requested that a meeting be set up between local fishermen, the members and Mr. S. Quirke to finalise this matter;
- Erosion – members were concerned at the rate of erosion at the north beach and requested details of beach nourishment carried out over the past three years. They also suggested that excavated material from the Dargle flood works could be used here and that a surface drainage system should be implemented to reduce the level of erosion. They requested that Arup Consultants be invited to attend a monthly meeting to discuss these issues.

- Parking – members had received complaints from local residents that they were unable to park at their homes last summer and with the completion of community facilities and ongoing works at the harbour they requested that the parking issues be addressed;
- Planning permission – members requested an overview of the final permission currently under construction.

It was agreed to ask the marina operators to provide more bins at the harbour walkway in an attempt to resolve the problem of dog fouling.

3. 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Cathaoirleach informed the members of the details of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and emphasised the need for volunteers to help with stewarding, etc. on the day. She pointed out that the presentation of the awards would be held on Thursday 7th April from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.

4. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer

It was agreed to consider notices of motion (a) and (b) as follows in conjunction with this item:

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

“That the Council install bollards in Delgany Village to prevent cars mounting paths outside retail premises”

and

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor G. Walsh:

“That this council arrange to have remedial works carried out on the road surface at Rathdown Road as a matter of urgency”.

The District Engineer circulated a report that outlined progress with NTA and other projects in the district and he answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed to request Wicklow County Council to follow up on the following:

- Tree outside 25 Seacourt, Newcastle
- Removal of recycling bins at Beachdale, Kilcoole
- Drainage problem at corner of Beechwood Park, Kilcoole
- Potholes at Blacklion, Rathdown Road and outside Ludlows in Delgany
- Footpath at Delgany – means of preventing vehicles mounting it
- Provision of yellow box junction at entrance to Rathdown Park

- Provision of 'Slow' signs on road to South Beach Pavilion (Charlesland Golf Club)

Members also discussed concerns about road safety issues in the vicinity of St. Laurences NS and the need to progress the Blacklion to Delgany By Pass roads which were included as road objectives RO2 and RO3 in the current Greystones, Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan. They expressed the view that when the section of road that was currently being constructed as part of a housing development at Blacklion opened, it would exacerbate the traffic problems at St. Laurences School as the new link would also serve three additional schools at Blacklion.

Members unanimously agreed not to support the Wicklow County Council Capital Investment Programme when it came before them at County Council level, unless the road objectives RO2 and RO3 were a priority of same. They also requested a meeting with the Council's Director of Roads Transportation, and Senior Roads Engineers. on 7th March (prior to their meeting about the harbour) to discuss these matters and other roads projects in the district

5. Report on Flooding in Holywell, Kilcoole

The District Engineer informed the members that the Holywell developers and the County Council were having surveys carried out presently to determine what remedial works were required to prevent a recurrence of the flooding at Holywell.

6. Notices of Motion

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

"That the Council install bollards in Delgany Village to prevent cars mounting paths outside retail premises"

This notice of motion had already been dealt with in conjunction with item 4 on the agenda.

- (b) Motion in the name of Councillor G. Walsh:

"That this council arrange to have remedial works carried out on the road surface at Rathdown Road as a matter of urgency".

This notice of motion had already been dealt with in conjunction with item 4 on the agenda.

(c) Correspondence

1. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a letter received from the French Ambassador in relation to the Book of Condolences opened in memory of the victims of the recent tragic killings in France. It was agreed to email this letter to the members.

2. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of an email received from the Town Clerk from Holyhead in response to a request for information on groups in Holyhead that were interested in twinning with Greystones. The email stated that further attempts would be made to get groups involved and suggested that members from Greystones might travel to Holyhead for a meeting. The District Administrator pointed out that four members of the Holyhead Twinning Committee were travelling privately to Greystones for St. Patrick's Day and she suggested that they be invited to sit on the Reviewing Stand for the parade.

It was agreed that the twinning with Holyhead should not be pursued further until such time as they came back with contacts for groups in Holyhead that were interested. Members agreed that there would be no benefit in travelling to Holyhead for a further meeting at this stage. It was also agreed that the groups here that had expressed a wish to twin with similar groups in Holyhead, and the Holyhead Town Clerk, should be advised of the situation. Furthermore it was agreed to invite the four members of the Holyhead Twinning Committee who were visiting Greystones for St. Patrick's Day to sit on the Reviewing Stand.

3. The District Administrator informed the members that the 1916 memorial for Burnaby Park had been ordered and that the Burnaby Residents had no objections to the proposals.

(d) Any Other Business

1. Members highlighted a meeting of the 'No Fry Zone' group at the end of April.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2016.