

**Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Offices, Greystones on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

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

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At the outset the Cathaoirleach welcomed the new District Manager, Mr Michael Nicholson, to the meeting and this welcome was echoed by other members.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Councillor N. Lawless asked that the minutes of the January meeting be amended to include that it had been agreed to allocate a sum of €2,000 to Delgany Tidy Towns and this was agreed.

It was then proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor G. McLoughlin and agreed that the amended minutes of the monthly meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **2. Greystones Tidy Towns**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Colum O'Broin and Ms. Marie McCooley from Greystones Tidy Towns to the meeting. They circulated documentation and made a slide show presentation to the members outlining details of their proposals for the coming year and they answered any queries in relation to same.

Members expressed their support for the Tidy Towns and commended them on their detailed presentation.

### **3. To agree representative for County Wicklow Heritage Forum**

Ms. M. Porter referred to documentation circulated to the members and informed them that one representative from the Greystones Municipal District could be nominated to the County Wicklow Heritage Forum. She pointed out that the Forum usually met four times a year.

Councillor D. Mitchell proposed that Councillor G. McLoughlin be nominated as the representative and this was seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed.

### **4. Progress report on Greystones Harbour Development**

Ms. M. Porter circulated a progress report on the Greystones harbour development together with three separate options for casual moorings in the harbour.

Following discussion it was agreed that Mr. S. Quirke be asked to arrange a meeting with the members and the representative from the local fishermen following their meeting with BIM. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Quirke for clarity and confirmation regarding the fishermen's' representative and to enquire about the provision of cleats and seating at the harbour.

### **5. St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Councillor G. McLoughlin gave details about progress to date with arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and she appealed for assistance with stewarding the parade on the day.

## **6. Update on Pay Parking by phone**

Ms. M. Porter informed the members that discussions had taken place with a company that operates a 'pay parking by phone' service that is compatible with the existing hardware and software used by Apcoa Parking in the town. She stated that there were some procurement issues but it may be possible to have a pilot scheme set up in Greystones by the summer and that she would keep the members informed of progress. This news was welcomed by the members.

## **7. 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 requested that the plans for the Delgany Village Scheme be circulated to the members before the Part 8 process begins. It was also requested that the District Engineer seek to establish whether a representative from Wicklow County Council had spoken to landowners on Sea Road, Kilcoole with a view to having a footpath provided at this location as soon as possible. The members also asked the Engineer to identify some funding to provide public lighting on the Sea Road in Newcastle.

## **8. Notices of Motion:**

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

“The Council should repair and replaster the wall on Church Lane and tidy up the area including a means to stop campers. Double yellow lines should be placed on the narrow section. Also the cut stumps on Church Road should be removed and suitable trees planted.”

During discussion on this motion the District Engineer informed the members that this wall was privately owned except for two small sections at the end of the cul de sacs. He pointed out that his long term plan was to remove the Council owned walls and open up the area to include a grassed area with bollards to improve permeability through the town and encourage safe routes to schools, but that this would be dependent on securing funding for the design and works.

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

“That this Council consider putting road markings in the area of Castle Villas/New Road, Killincarrig. The introduction of traffic calming measures also needs to be considered in this area which has endured a significant increase in through traffic in recent months, a situation which is causing considerable concern to local residents.’

During discussion on this motion the District Engineer pointed out that this area was included in the pilot scheme for reduced speed limits in housing estates and that traffic would be assessed as part of that and improvement measures identified. He stated that no other traffic calming measures would be provided in the interim.

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

“To get an update on the expansion, and resurfacing, of the playground in Greystones”.

The District Engineer informed the members that the expansion and resurfacing of the playground in Greystones had not been costed yet as no funding was currently available.

The District Manager stated that he would check the availability of funding from the Community and Enterprise Section of Wicklow County Council.

## 9. Correspondence

1. Ms. M. Porter reminded members about the consultation process in relation to the Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) programme taking place during March.
2. Ms. M. Porter advised the members of the contents of a letter received from Ms. Bernadette Stokes on behalf of the Campaign for Greystones Dog Park requesting permission to have a deputation attend the April meeting of the GMD to make a presentation on their cause.

It was agreed to invite a deputation from the group to the April meeting.

3. Ms. M. Porter reminded the members that representatives from the DAG-T group would meet with them on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 at 7.00 p.m. prior to the monthly meeting.
4. Ms. M. Porter advised the members that none of the other County Wicklow Municipal Districts organized People of the Year Awards and she suggested that since Countywide Awards were organized by the Council it would be more feasible to include any Greystones Municipal District nominees in those.

Councillors N. Lawless proposed and J. Whitmore seconded that no separate GMD Awards should be held but other members felt that the local interest was lost in the Countywide Awards and that local Awards should be organised.

Following discussion it was agreed that a sponsor and suitable venue be identified and costed and that the matter be considered again, and a decision made, at the March monthly meeting.

## 10. Any Other Business

1. Mr. R. O'Hanlon suggested that other local authorities that currently operate dog parks be contacted for details of costs, etc. before the GMD members meet the Dog Park Campaigners in April.
2. In reply to a query from Councillor N. Lawless, Mr. M. Nicholson advised that the Housing Section of Wicklow County Council operated an emergency out of hours service, details of which could be forwarded to the members.
3. In reply to a query from Councillor J. Whitmore, Ms. M. Porter stated that the schedule of works and budget figures will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meetings Administrator**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_