

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

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

Apologies from: Councillor D. Mitchell

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At the outset it was agreed to send a letter to Lorraine Whelan from Delgany to congratulate her on winning Gold and Silver medals for skiing in the Special Olympics in Austria.

It was also agreed to send letters of condolences to the family of the late Martin McGuinness and to the Irish Coast Guard on the tragic loss of four officers from their Helicopter Rescue 116 team.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor N. Lawless and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. PROGRESS REPORT ON GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT**

The District Administrator circulated a progress report received from Wicklow County Council on the harbour development at Greystones.

Following discussion on the report, it was agreed to request an update on details and facilities to be provided in the harbour park together with a timeframe for the provision of the boardwalk. The members agreed to invite the developer to make a presentation at a future meeting to discuss the development of public facilities within the park.

It was also agreed to write to the Irish Coast Guard to request that the new Coast Guard Station at Greystones be provided with basic facilities including male and female toilets.

The Cathaoirleach agreed to contact the local fishermen's representative to discuss the issues with mooring facilities.

Members also referred to recent reports in relation to seepage from a former dump in Bray and requested confirmation that any risk of same in relation to the old dump at the north beach had been addressed and they also requested a copy of the cliff/beach survey when completed.

### **3. 2017 GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The District Administrator informed the members that the 2017 Greystones MD People of the Year Awards, which would be jointly sponsored by the Wicklow Times, would be held in Greystones Golf Club on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May and that nominations would be accepted up to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### **4. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER**

The District Engineer gave an outline of works completed in the district in recent weeks.

Following discussion it was agreed to refer the following to Wicklow County Council for attention:

1. Traffic survey on Priory Road, Delgany
2. Road, footpath and signage improvements in Delgany Village
3. Pothole repairs in district
4. Regularisation of ramps/crossings in district.

A breakdown of the 2017 Discretionary Budgets available had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting together with a list of suggestions for funding. It was pointed out that it had already been agreed to provide €10,000 for the Wicklow Hospice from the Discretionary Fund.

Following discussion it was agreed that €5,000 be given to Greystones Tidy Towns and that €2,500 each be given to Kilcoole, Delgany and Newcastle Tidy Towns. This €12,500 is to be charged to the Economic Development and Promotion budget and the Contribution to Greystones Twinning budget. The figure required for the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade was not yet available but it was agreed that this would also be charged to these two budgets.

In relation to the requirement of €5,000 to cover new expenses for members of the Municipal District, it was agreed that this money should come from central funds and not from the MD Discretionary budget as suggested.

It was agreed that €1,000 be provided for the Wicklow Volunteer Centre from the Civic Receptions budget. In addition, the following allocations were agreed from the Public Realm Discretionary Budget: €20,000 for footpath renewal works at Seamount Drive in Newcastle, €50,000 for surfacing and ducting at Mill Lane, Killincarrig; €10,000 for surfacing works between Bow Lane and Eden Road; €10,000 for pedestrian island and drop kerbs on the R761 at Colaiste Chraobh Abhann in Kilcoole and €300 for Dog Fouling Initiative in Kilcoole.

It was agreed that the remaining discretionary funds would be allocated when the above projects were completed and properly costed. It was also agreed to request Irish Rail to provide a shelter at the railway station in Kilcoole.

The District Administrator informed the members that there had been some expressions of interest in relation to the provision of public toilets at the harbour and that these would be assessed in due course.

## **5. NOTICES OF MOTION:**

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

“Irrespective of the fact that Bellevue Lawns in Delgany was taken in charge in 1997 (and technically only roads taken in charge up to 2000) as per previous incidents, Wicklow County Council will mend the boundary wall to Laurel Grove and fence to the Carmelite Convent. This is a serious dangerous accident waiting to happen”.

Councillor McLoughlin stated that she had been informed that this work could not be carried out by Wicklow County Council because it was not in charge. She asked that all roads, footpaths and open spaces in estates be taken in charge going forward.

The District Engineer stated that while open spaces in estates were generally now taken in charge with the roads and footpaths, the Council did not maintain the open spaces.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator informed the members that submissions could be made in relation to the Draft Parking Bye Laws up to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that the Holyhead Sea Cadets had expressed an interest in travelling to Greystones for the 2018 St. Patrick’s Day Parade and it was agreed that they should be welcomed and facilitated.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council would meet with the members on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 12 noon in County Buildings to update them on the provision of an Enterprise Centre in Greystones and on the IDA site.
4. The District Administrator informed the members that the Dog Warden now visited the Greystones Municipal District on a weekly basis to create awareness of the dog fouling problems. It was agreed that this should be highlighted on the Council’s Facebook page.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The District Administrator advised the members that money had been provided in 2015 for a Greystones Forum that had not been spent at that time and that the Greystones 2020 Group had now requested payment of €3,000 to develop a website for Greystones. It was agreed that €3,000 be paid to the Greystones 2020 Group for the website.
2. The District Administrator reminded the members that the presentation of awards to the winners in the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade would take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 7 – 8 p.m. in the Civic Offices.

Councillor G. McLoughlin thanked everyone for their help and support with this year's parade.

3. The District Manager informed the members that it was intended to have the official opening of the new Kilcoole Playground at 4.00 p.m. before the next MD meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. He stated that it was hoped to have a small reception in the Community Centre hosted by the Kilcoole Community Playground group.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.