

**Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Offices, Greystones on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 7.30 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 members passed votes of sympathy to the families of John Markham from Delgany and Garry Magee from Newcastle who died recently. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of them.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor N. Lawless and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. Deputation from Dog Park Campaign Group**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Bernadette Stokes and Ms. Maria Sweeney to the meeting. The deputation made a slide-show presentation to the members and circulated a copy of same. They sought the support of the Councillors in identifying and securing a suitable site for a dog park and in having a notice of motion put before the full council calling for the provision of a dog park in Greystones.

Following discussion during which all the members supported the campaign for a dog park in Greystones, the members unanimously agreed to put forward a notice of motion to the full council and, if this motion was passed by the full Council, to request that a suitable site be identified.

**3. Presentation on 'Parking by Phone' Scheme**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Michelle Hughes from Payzone to the meeting. Ms. Hughes made a slide-show presentation to the members and circulated a copy of same. She answered any questions from the members in relation to same.

The District Administrator informed the meeting that it was hoped to commence the park by phone service in Greystones in the near future and this was welcomed by all members.

**4. Allocation of Greystones MD Discretionary Funding.**

Suggestions submitted by members for the allocation of discretionary funding had been circulated with the agenda and the District Engineer's comments on same had also been circulated.

Following lengthy discussion on same, the following expenditure was agreed:-

*NPPR Funding:-* Upgrading of Pedestrian Crossing Lights €25,000; provision of footpath, ducting and relocation of public lighting to Burnaby Park €25,000; provision of three benches in extension to Greystones playground €3,000; landscaping scheme at Crowe Abbey €2,000; footpath in park at Newcastle €5,000 and surfacing of public right of way at Burnaby Heights €8,000 (Total: €68,000).

*Economic Development and Promotion Funding:-* Mural at north beach €1,000.

*Tourism Development & Promotion Funding:-* Dog fouling initiative €1,000.

It was agreed that the District Administrator would summarise all expenditure agreed to date and advise the members of same so that suggestions could be considered for the balance remaining at the May monthly meeting.

It was also agreed that the District Engineer would cost the following works for possible NPPR funding: (1) repairing fence at Beechwood Park, Kilcoole opposite church; (2) fencing or wall at Beachdale, Kilcoole; (3) bollards at traffic calming on main road in Newcastle and (4) traffic calming at new traffic lights at bottom of Main Street, Kilcoole.

It was further agreed that if deemed necessary by the District Engineer, bollards should be placed at Ard na Mara, Kilcoole and funded from the road maintenance budget and that the moving of the fence at Greystones playground to extend the playground should be funded from the playground maintenance budget.

## **5. Report on Greystones Harbour Development.**

A report on the Greystones harbour development, together with drawings, was circulated to the members.

Following discussion it was agreed to ask Wicklow County Council for an update on the position regarding facilities for local commercial fishermen including who they have met with to date and when, and the issues being considered. The members asked that they be consulted before any final decision is taken on facilities for local fishermen and moorings and they requested that a meeting with them, the fishermen and Council officials be arranged. The members also requested an update on progress with the residential development including details of any new development partner, timeframes, etc. and they asked for a photo montage of the completed clubhouses and for confirmation that the external finishes conform to the original plan.

## **6. 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 agreed that the District Engineer would examine the following:

1. Tesco junction works
2. Repair of ramps on Mill Road
3. Sign for motorists on wall at Sea Road, Kilcoole junction

## **7. Notices of Motion:**

It was agreed to consider notice of motion (d) first as follows:

(d) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Mc Loughlin & D. Mitchell:

“That Greystones Municipal Council puts an amendment into the Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan to exclude new Fast Food outlets being built within one Kilometre of primary and secondary schools”.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the motion be amended as follows: “Conscious of the fact that planning has an important role to play in promoting and facilitating active and healthy living patterns for local communities, Greystones Municipal District Council resolves to insert an amendment into the current Greystones-Delgany-Kilcoole Local Area Plan to exclude any new fast food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400 metres of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds excluding premises zoned town centre” and this was agreed.

The District Administrator informed the members that, on the recommendation of the Chief Executive, a full meeting of Wicklow County Council recently rejected the inclusion of a similar proposal in the County Development Plan. She pointed out that if the motion was passed by the Greystones MD it would have to go before a full meeting of the Council for agreement. She stated that the process of amending the LAP was a lengthy one and that all forward planning staff were currently tied up with the review of the County Development Plan.

Following discussion the members adopted the amended resolution and agreed that it be forwarded to the full Council for consideration.

As time had run out it was agreed to circulate the members with responses to notices of motion (g) and (h) as follows:

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

“The Council should insist that proper landscaping is carried out at the large factory in Charlesland as is required”.

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

“The Council should investigate trees being felled and hedges removed on what appears to be public land beside 10 Churchfields, Delgany Wood”.

It was also agreed to defer the following motions to the May meeting:

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless:

“To review the traffic flow and speed on the Lott Road in Kilcoole. There are 9 housing estates and other houses along with a crèche on this road. On foot of numerous complaints from residents about speeding cars on this road, I would like to request that the Lott lane be monitored and then, if found to have a need, that it is considered for appropriate speed calming measures”.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless:

“The conditions of the footpaths on the Lott Lane are in a bad way. I am requesting that they would be part of the foot path repair if the 25% of the GMD allocation of the restoration improvement grant is transferred out of the discretionary maintenance”.

(c) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless:

“The ramps on Church Lane are in a very bad way and now they have potholes on either side of some of them. I would like to request that we look at getting them repaired”.

(i) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Mc Loughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“That Wicklow County Council ensures that the council yard on Mill Road in Greystones is cleaned up and all refuse is disposed of safely, and to ensure that the council yard is never used as an unofficial dump in the future”.

(j) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Mc Loughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“That Wicklow County Council provides street lighting on Sea Road, Newcastle from the GAA Club to the Main Street”.

(i) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
“That the council remove the dumped material that has accumulated on the Councils depot land on Mill Road and tidy the site”.

(j) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
“That the council examine and cost the refurbishment of the playground in Greystones, and prioritise the funding of this work in recognition of its importance as a key recreational area for the town and surrounds. This work could follow the planned expansion of the playground, as agreed previously”.

(k) Motion in the names of Councillor G. Walsh:  
”That this council examine the option of putting a footbridge in place across the tree trout river between Charlesland Court and Burnaby Lawns to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists alike. This would provide easy connectivity for Charlesland residents accessing the various sporting facilities along Mill Road. It would also provide an option to school children from Charlesland wishing to cycle to these facilities and to schools such as Delgany National School and St. Laurence’s”.

**(j) Correspondence**

No correspondence was read.

**(k) Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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

**Cathaoirleach**

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

**Meetings Administrator**

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