

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor G. Walsh, Leas-Cathaoirleach
Councillors T. Fortune, N. Lawless, G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell

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 from: Councillor J. Whitmore, Cathaoirleach

At the outset, votes of sympathy were passed to the family of the late David Noble and to Peter and Gwen McNiff on the death of their son Duncan. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of both men.

It was also agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the Managers and Under 14 Boys team from Eire Óg that won the Division 4 All Ireland Féile Peil Na nÓg final in Kerry at the weekend.

Councillor T. Fortune requested a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss parking issues in the town and it was agreed to discuss same under Any Other Business at the end of the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor G. McLoughlin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31st May 2016, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Leas Cathaoirleach.

2. Progress Report on Greystones Harbour Development

All members had been circulated with a report from Mr. Sean Quirke, Wicklow County Council, outlining progress on the harbour development.

Following discussion the members requested guidelines for procedure and criteria for allocation of the fishermen's moorings. They also requested advice on conditions to be attached to mooring agreements, including responsibility of mooring holders and they asked for confirmation as to when the moorings would be available for letting.

In relation to the Fishermen's huts members also sought advice on the procedure and criteria for allocation of huts. In particular members had received enquiries from previous occupants of fishermen's huts who were of the understanding that they would be facilitated in the new

harbour. They requested clarification about what, if any, arrangements were made when the old huts were being vacated.

Members requested that the allocation of fishermen's huts and moorings be finalised as soon as possible and they enquired if the Council would recommend that the moorings and huts should be advertised to invite applications.

In relation to parking members noted that there were no parking charges in the harbour at weekends and they enquired if illegal parking would be managed as they had received complaints in relation to problems with parking and traffic management.

Finally, members requested that a meeting of the Harbour Liaison Committee be arranged for September and that the six District Councillors be invited as well as representatives from North Beach Residents, Rathdown Park Residents Association and Redford Park Residents Association together with Frances Kelly, Gillian Demery and Eddie Byrne.

3. Allocation of Discretionary Funding – Greystones SMDW 2016

The District Administrator informed the members that an order had been raised for the provision of solar bins as agreed and that the Council was awaiting a quotation for public lighting at the Burnaby Heights to Killincarrig right of way. She pointed out that work had not yet commenced on the provision of fencing at Beachwood Park and Beachdale in Kilcoole but that it was hoped to commence this work shortly. She confirmed that €49,000 from the Public Realm Project budget had been earmarked for moving an APC from the La Touche Road car park to the harbour but that this project had not yet been costed due to Council staff shortages.

Following discussion it was agreed in principal to allocate €3,000 from the Operation of the Arts Programme budget for banners for the railway station area of Church Road, Greystones. Councillor G. McLoughlin undertook to submit three quotations for these prior to the July meeting when a final decision would be made on the matter.

4. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer

A report from the District Engineer had been circulated to the members outlining progress with NTA and other projects in the district. The District Engineer answered any questions from the members in relation to same.

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

1. Relocating of APC from La Touche Road car park to harbour
2. Repairs to ramps in the district, especially those at Kilcoole NS, Crow Abbey, Church Lane and Rathdown Road
3. Removal of 2 traffic islands in Newcastle

5. Notices of Motion:

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

“What progress has been made on designing the Delgany to Blacklion Road and to request that the Council puts it forward for funding for the Infrastructure Grants for housing”.

Following discussion on this matter, it was agreed to amend this motion to say that Greystones MD demands that progress be made on this road design and to forward it to Wicklow County Council for consideration at a full meeting of the Council.

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

“The La Touche Hotel should be listed as a derelict site in view of the lack of progress following the grant of planning permission”.

The members were advised of the contents of a report from the Wicklow County Council Planning Section and following discussion on this matter it was agreed to ask the Council to proceed with listing the La Touche Hotel as a derelict site as soon as possible as the building was no longer secure and posed a danger to the public and emergency services personnel.

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

“The Council should investigate issuing dog fouling fines based on the DNA of dogs as is happening in some places in the USA and UK”.

The members were advised of the contents of a report from the Wicklow County Council Environment Section which pointed out that national legislation would need to be put in place before fines based on DNA of dogs could be considered. It was agreed to send the motion to the Department of the Environment with a request that the necessary legislation be put in place.

6. Correspondence

1. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a letter received from a resident of Rivendell Grove in relation to a tree overhanging her garden.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that the Council intended to remove the yellow lines, and to place a continuous white line in the middle of the road, at the entrance to Burnaby Manor off Hillside Road for road safety reasons. She pointed out that it was an offence to park alongside a continuous white line. She stated that the residents of Burnaby Manor would be advised of this proposal.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that the Community Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday 4th July had to be postponed because of a

County Council meeting. Following discussion it was agreed to reschedule the meeting to Monday 10th July at 9.30 a.m. in the Civic Offices.

4. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of an email received from the Planning Section of Wicklow County Council that outlined the details of the public display period for the Draft County Development Plan 2016 – 2022.
5. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of an email received in relation to the walkway between Dromont and Kindlestown Heights, Delgany. Following discussion the District Engineer stated that he would have a look at this and try to ascertain if the Council was responsible for the maintenance of this walkway.

7. Any Other Business

1. Members asked that Wi-Fi be provided in the Civic Offices, Greystones.
2. Councillor T. Fortune referred to two recent incidents where people had received parking tickets in the town, one of whom had a residents parking permit and the other where a parking fee had been paid online or by text. He suggested that the Wardens should use discretion and a common sense approach to parking.

The District Administrator advised that the person who had a residents parking permit had parked the car in the car park over the weekend and that it was still there on the Monday afternoon when the ticket was issued. She pointed out that the other case involved the person who paid online or by text for parking in-putting the wrong car registration number. She pointed out that there was an appeals process to deal with genuine cases. She stated that the Wardens had to deal with what they found on the ground and she stated that it would not be good practice to allow the Wardens to cancel parking tickets. She pointed out that the countywide parking review would resume imminently and that new countywide Bye Laws would be drawn up with addendums for each Municipal District.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2016.