

**Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Offices,  
Greystones on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 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 District Manager  
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones District Administrator  
Mr. R. O’Hanlon, Greystones District Engineer  
Ms. K. Coughlan, Meetings Secretary

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At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to the family of Betty Hayden from Greystones who died recently. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of her.

The members also commended local man Paul Dunne on his achievements in the recent British Open Golf Championship and wished him well in the Walker Cup Competition in September.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor D. Mitchell and agreed that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (b) It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor N. Lawless and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. Report on Greystones Harbour Development**

A report on the Greystones harbour development was circulated to the members. During discussion on the report members stated that it was not acceptable that no representatives from Sispar or the County Council attended the meeting and gave no reason for being unavailable. They asked that a further community newsletter be issued and that the Council revert to them with feedback from the fishermen’s representative in relation to the proposal to provide three commercial moorings. They raised concerns that procurement of the moorings was underway and they had not had any feedback or signed off on same.

Members requested that residents of the north beach be informed of current and proposed works and that the bench on the north breakwater be re-located to the south to overlook the marina. They suggested that the litter bins provided by Sispar were too small resulting in rubbish being dumped beside them and they

requested that representatives from Sispar and the County Council be invited to attend their next meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### **3. Town Twinning**

Following discussion on town twinning the members agreed to invite representatives from Holyhead to visit Greystones to meet with the members to discuss town twinning and to attend the La Touche Legacy Festival of History on the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. They also agreed to invite groups and organizations in the district to a meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.00 p.m. to re-assess the level of interest in further progressing the twinning links with Holyhead. It was agreed too to defer a decision on the request to link with the school in France until after the meeting with Holyhead.

### **4. (a) Report from Greystones District Engineer**

#### **(b) Update on projects funded from Greystones MD discretionary budget.**

The District Engineer circulated a report which included an update on projects funded from the Greystones MD discretionary budget and outlined the current position in relation to works in the district. He answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion the members requested the District Engineer to consider the following:

1. Cutting back of hedges in the vicinity of schools before new school term
2. Liaison with Kilcoole Tidy Towns and Beachdale Residents Association prior to any works to remove trees and arch from Sea Road, Kilcoole
3. Update on NTA schemes in district
4. Update on budgets including amounts provided and spent

### **5. Notices of Motion:**

- (a) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
'That the possibility of reinstating a diving board and raft in Greystones for recreational use during the summer months be examined'.

Following discussion on this motion the District Engineer agreed to look into the possibility of providing a diving board/pontoon for the 2016 bathing season.

- (b) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin and D. Mitchell:  
"That Wicklow County Council installs traffic lights on Victoria Road at the ramp between Brady's hardware and Centra. It is being used as a crossing at present and is dangerous without warning lights".

During discussion on this motion the District Engineer stated that this road was part of the Harbour to Lidl NTA scheme so it may not be feasible to do anything there. He agreed to look into what options were available to make the ramp safer for pedestrians.

- (c) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:  
“The path to the Park n’ Ride is dark at night at the South end and either better lights should be installed or possibly vegetation cut back”.

During discussion on this motion the District Engineer informed the members that he had requested the Wicklow County Council Roads Section to consider the relocation of these lights to the other side of the path where there was no vegetation as a long term solution to this problem.

- (d) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:  
“The footpath on the old N11 up to Willow Grove has become narrow with soil and vegetation growing on it and needs to be scraped clean and vegetation cut. Also the first section of the road up to the Downs Hill from Barry’s Bridge”.

Following discussion on this motion the District Engineer stated that he would have the suction sweeper deployed in order to have the soil/debris on old N11 to Willow Grove and Old Downs Road from Barry’s Bridge removed.

- (e) Motion in the name of Councillor G. Walsh:  
“I propose that this council examine the option of reopening the public toilets situated at Greystones Harbour. With the increasing footfall in the Harbour area in recent times, as a result of the new development and the increased popularity of the Bray/Greystones Cliff walk, it is important to have adequate public facilities operating for use”.

Following discussion on this motion the District Manager and Engineer agreed to have options for developing the existing site at the harbour to include toilets or alternatively moving one APC from the south beach to the harbour looked into.

- (f) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:  
“What would be required to provide a linked set of traffic lights from Tesco to Redford Park which was sensitive to the traffic flow at the time using cameras or other measuring devices?”

Following discussion on this motion the District Engineer stated that he would discuss this matter with the Senior Engineers in Wicklow County Council to see if it was possible to progress the matter.

- (g) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“Motorists have speeded up over the new 3 Trout Bridge. Repeater 50 kph signs need to be replaced and other measures considered”.

Following discussion on this motion the District Engineer stated that he would arrange a traffic count on the road at three trout bridge as a first step to considering options for traffic calming at this location.

**6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

**7. Any Other Business**

In response to a query from the members, the District Administrator stated that the Park by Phone scheme was now operating in the town and that business permits were available that allowed parking in car parks but not on the streets.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Meetings Administrator**

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