

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 30th MAY 2017 AT 5.00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
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
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer

At the outset, the District Administrator informed the members that it was necessary to fix a date for the 2017 annual meeting and she proposed that the meeting be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 27th June 2017 prior to the monthly meeting. This was agreed.

The District Administrator informed the members that the County Council Community Grants would be presented in Greystones at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27th June.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor G. McLoughlin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 25th April 2017, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (b) It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting held, in committee, on 8th May 2017, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL PARKING BYE LAWS 2017

A spreadsheet summary of all the submissions received in relation to the draft parking bye-laws had been circulated to the members, together with recommendations from the District Engineer and District Administrator in relation to each submission.

The District Administrator stated that any recommendations from the Greystones MD members in relation to the submissions would be forwarded to Wicklow County Council to be considered by all the members at a County Council meeting next month. She pointed out that the budget for 2017 had already been adopted so it was not possible to make any changes that would impact on income in the current year.

The District Engineer had recommended changes to road markings to address some of the issues raised in submissions and the District Administrator pointed out that these would not require any changes to the Draft Bye Laws.

In summary the changes which were recommended and agreed by the members were:

- No introduction of charges for Greystones Park & Ride car park
- Extension of grace period from 10 minutes to 15 minutes
- Retention of current arrangements which apply in Greystones for visitors parking permits. The current visitor parking permit arrangements in Greystones works quite well and there is no abuse of same
- Inclusion of proposals to facilitate car sharing/car club parking
- Provision of annual parking permits on Eden Road.

As the presentation from GoCar would not take place until 7.30 p.m. it was agreed to proceed with other business on the agenda beforehand.

It was agreed to send a letter to the former Mayor, Stephen Stokes, to congratulate him on his recent success in the World Chess Championships.

It was further agreed to send letters of sympathy to the Gunning family on the death of Beatrice Gunning; to the Kemp family on the death of Matthew Kemp and to the British Embassy in relation to the recent bombing in Manchester. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of the deceased.

The members congratulated the winners of the 2017 People of the Year Awards and commended everyone involved in the awards ceremony.

The District Administrator informed the members that the representative from the Public Partnership Network who had been invited to attend the May meeting was unable to do so. It was agreed that she be invited to make a presentation at the June meeting on 27th June instead.

The District Administrator gave some background information on a disposal of land issue relating to a closure of a right of way in Newcastle that was never finalised when it was agreed some years ago. She informed the members that the matter would come before the full County Council in the coming weeks so that the process could be completed.

UPDATE ON ALLOCATION OF 2017 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

The members had been circulated with a summary of funding already agreed from the discretionary budget together with a list of items likely to require funding. Following discussion it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to the Kilcoole Music Festival and €5,000 for Christmas Lights from the Greystones MD Festivals budget. It was agreed to hold off on allocating further funds until later in the year to see what requests were received. It was also agreed that the Tidy Towns and Greystones 2020 should be asked to submit details of the income and expenditure associated with the 2016 Christmas Market and the Battle of the Bands events before any decision was made on allocating further funding for these projects. Furthermore, it was agreed to request Wicklow County Council to fund electric car charging points in the district.

The District Administrator informed the members about a €10,000 tourism allocation, that was not part of the discretionary fund, for a tourism initiative for the district and she invited the members to submit proposals for one project in the district before the June meeting.

REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

A report outlining works carried out and works planned in the district had been circulated to the members and the Engineer answered any questions from the members in relation to same.

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

- Measures to prevent parking on cycle lanes and provision of yellow box at Killincarrig
- Road markings at Blacklion junction
- Potholes in district especially at Kilcoole road roundabout and Beachdale Kilcoole
- Cleaning up of Church Road – removal of unused poles and signs, bent barriers, etc.
- Provision of bus shelter at Redford Park.

It was agreed that the Council should write to the owners of Meridian Point shopping centre to ask them to paint their rusty sign on Church Road.

3. PRESENTATION ON GO-CAR

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Darragh Genockey from GoCar to the meeting. Mr. Genockey made a Powerpoint presentation outlining the background to his company and the concept of car sharing schemes. He answered any questions from the members in relation to same.

All the members agreed that the concept of car sharing was very good but they expressed reservations about whether or not it would be successful in Greystones. Following discussion later in the meeting they agreed to request Wicklow County Council to include proposals to facilitate car share/club parking in the Draft Parking Bye Laws and to invite GoCar to set up a pilot scheme in the town.

4. REPRESENTATIVES FROM BRIDGEDALE & UPDATE ON GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. S. Quirke, Wicklow County Council, Mr. M. Hussey, O'Mahoney Pike and Mr. T. McLoughlin & Mr. McKenna from Bridgedale to the meeting. They passed around drawings showing the proposed changes to the exterior finishes of the apartment blocks which will be subject to a Part 8 process in the coming weeks. They pointed out that there would be no increase in the number of apartments or no alterations to the size or height of the blocks. They stated that the changes would improve the energy ratings and amenity spaces for residents.

In relation to the public park the members were advised that it was hoped to include a performance area, an amphitheatre, a dog park, an activity/exercise area and a play area and they were invited to submit any proposals or opinions on the public park to the developer. Mr. McLoughlin stated that the park would be fully accessible and that a more robust plan of the park would be provided in two to three months.

In relation to the boardwalk Mr. Hussey informed the members that it would remain closed until the apartments were completed for health and safety reasons and that it would then be opened gradually. Mr. Quirke informed the members that Sispar was responsible for revetment and beach nourishment at the north beach and that he would arrange for the beach to be cleaned up.

5. UPDATE ON ALLOCATION OF 2017 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

This item had already been dealt with.

6. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

This item had already been dealt with.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION:

- (a) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:
"That Wicklow County Council confirms where they have or are planning to dispose of the waste material from the Dargle River works, as a result of not being able to dispose of it in the rocks valley".

The District Administrator advised the members that material from the Dargle river works to date had been used in road and footpath projects.

- (b) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:
"That Greystones Municipal District enters into talks with Irish Rail for a shelter to be placed on the platform in Kilcoole".

It was agreed to write to Irish Rail to request that a shelter be provided on the platform at Kilcoole Railway Station.

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

“That this Council carries out a review of its CCTV facilities in the Greystones District and considers upgrading the system, where review recommends”.

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed to write to Wicklow County Council to enquire if any funding sources were available for CCTV.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator reminded the members to email any queries they had for Irish Water to Lorraine Gallagher in advance of the Wicklow County Council meeting on 12th June.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that the closing date for applications for local authority Estate Grants was Friday 16th June 2017.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that the Newcastle Residents Association wished to make a presentation at a Greystones MD meeting on their 2017 – 2022 strategic plan for Newcastle village. It was agreed to invite them to the July monthly meeting.
4. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a letter received from the Irish Coast Guard confirming that toilet facilities would be included in the new Coast Guard station.
5. The District Administrator informed the members that following the carrying out of works at the former La Touche Hotel it had been removed from the Derelict Sites register and the situation would continue to be monitored. Members asked that this be referred back to Wicklow County Council as they felt that the site was still derelict.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2017.