

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

---

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

---

At the outset, the members passed a vote of congratulations to Councillor G. McLoughlin's son, Cathal O'Sullivan, on winning the Best New Idea section at the Regional Finals of the Young Entrepreneur Competition in Wexford.

Councillor D. Mitchell proposed a suspension of standing orders in order to discuss the provision of an Enterprise Centre at Charlesland and it was agreed to discuss this matter at the end of the agenda business.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

The District Administrator circulated a report received from Mr. S. Quirke, Wicklow County Council in relation to progress on the harbour development. She pointed out that, due to annual leave, Mr. Quirke would not be in a position to provide a report for the February monthly meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to seek further information in relation to the coastal protection works that are proposed to be carried out in the Spring.

**3. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER**

The District Engineer gave a verbal report of recent works carried out in the district and he answered queries from the members in relation to same.

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

- Bus stop at Templecarrig
- Traffic Lights at Tesco/Donnybrook Fair junction
- Litter at Farrankelly
- Costings for CCTV cameras

#### **4. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

The District Administrator informed the members that a St. Patrick's Day Parade would be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and that entries were currently being accepted. She emphasised the need to get volunteers to help marshal the parade and the need for sponsorship from local businesses towards the circa €6,000 cost of staging the parade.

#### **5. KILCOOLE PLAYGROUND**

The District Manager informed the members that work had commenced on the playground and was progressing well. He envisaged that the work would be substantially completed before the end of February and expressed the hope that the playground could be officially opened before the end of March. He pointed out that work would commence on a new footpath next week and that a sum of €20,000 from the MD Discretionary budget would be needed to complete this.

Following discussion the Manager stated that any issues that arose following the opening of the playground could be addressed.

#### **6. REVIEW OF DRAFT PARKING BYE LAWS**

The District Administrator pointed out the main changes to the current bye-laws that were proposed in the new draft parking bye laws and sought the members' views on these now prior to their going on public display.

Members raised a number of queries in relation to discretionary grace periods, camper vans and charges for the park and ride car park.

Following discussion members requested that the draft parking bye laws be amended to include a fifteen minute grace period in Greystones, before the bye laws go on public display. While Councillors T. Fortune and N. Lawless were against charging for the park and ride car park, Councillors D. Mitchell, G. Walsh and J. Whitmore agreed that this proposal should be included in the draft to go on public display to gauge public reaction, provided that the members of Greystones MD would have an opportunity to remove the proposal prior to the final bye laws being considered by the full membership of the County

Council. It was also agreed that options for managing overnight parking by camper vans be investigated.

The District Engineer informed the members that he had sought quotations for the replacement of the barrier at the La Touche Road car park and that it was hoped to have this in place before the summer season.

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION:**

- (a) Motion in the name of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:  
"The District supports linking Greystones to the Wicklow Way via Ballydonagh Lane and The Sugar Loaf".

Following discussion on this notice of motion, the members agreed to outline their support for the proposal to the Wicklow Uplands Council.

- (b) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
"That an update be provided on the plans for Chapel Road in Delgany (near St. Laurences), including any new measures that the Council are considering in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians".

The District Engineer informed the members that consultants appointed to look at Chapel Road, and provide options report and preliminary design, had also been asked to provide interim design solutions for the tight bends. He pointed out that these should be available in two to three weeks time. He suggested that the road needed to be re-classified as a local road instead of a regional road as at present, so that satellite navigation systems did not direct heavy goods vehicles onto it. He pointed out that this was a ministerial function not performed very often.

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed to seek an update on the status of the proposed Delgany to Blacklion Bye-Pass road for the February MD meeting.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator advised the members of the details of a recent published advertisement seeking expressions of interest for the provision of toilet facilities at the harbour.
2. The District Administrator advised the members that the Holyhead Twinning Committee had been in contact with her seeking to progress the twinning links.

Following discussion it was agreed to inform the Holyhead Committee that the twinning should be put on hold until such time as interested groups from Holyhead provided

contact information for similar interested groups here, as requested in our correspondence sent in October 2015.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor D. Mitchell pointed out that the provision of an Enterprise Centre for Charlesland was agreed to be provided in 2006, before the site was zoned, but the present planning application (Ref: 16/1412) for part of the site did not include any proposals for the Enterprise Centre. He circulated documentation that explained this in some detail. He suggested that urgent action was needed because the Action Area Plan 7 included in the Greystones/Delgany/Kilcoole Local Area Plan for these lands had not been agreed. Councillor Mitchell specifically requested that the Council should appoint an official and a small sub-group to make the Greystones Community Enterprise Centre happen, and to negotiate with the site owner.

Following discussion it was agreed to request a meeting between Wicklow County Council officials from the Economic Development Unit and the MD members on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30 p.m. in County Buildings, prior to the County Council meeting to discuss the matter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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

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

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