

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 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 Municipal District Manager
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) It was proposed by Councillor D. Mitchell, seconded by Councillor N. Lawless and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting held on 28th September 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- b) It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 29th September 2015, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Progress report on Harbour Development

The District Administrator circulated a report from Wicklow County Council outlining progress to date with the harbour development.

Members welcomed progress with the development and following discussion it was agreed to invite representatives from Targeted Investment Opportunities ICAV to the November meeting and to request them to provide the members with hard copies of their plans and timeframes for works as well as for details of the lighting, landscaping, furniture, etc. to be provided in the public areas of the harbour and at the clubhouses. It was also agreed to accept the invitation to view the clubhouses before they were handed over to clubs and for a detailed monthly progress report on the development.

3. Report from Greystones Municipal District Engineer.

A report outlining works carried out and in progress or planned was circulated to the members and the District Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

4. Nomination of Representative to Bray Area Partnership.

The District Administrator referred to documentation circulated and informed the members that the Bray Area Partnership had requested that the Greystones Municipal District representative be ratified prior to their AGM which was held last week. She stated that she had contacted BAP to state that members had agreed to have Councillor Tom Fortune as the representative for the duration of the current Council and no further action was required.

5. Consideration of Allocation of €6.000 from the Environment/Community Fund 2015.

The District Administrator referred to documentation circulated and stated that €6,000 from the Council's Community Fund was available for allocation on an environment / community project in the district, but that the money must be spent before the end of the current year.

Councillor D. Mitchell proposed that the money be used to replace trees that had been cut down on Church Road and/or Bellevue Road in Greystones.

Councillor J. Whitmore proposed that the Council should use the funding to provide a beach buggy to allow wheelchair users to access the beach. She stated that a similar scheme operated in Wexford. She proposed that notice of motion (k) be considered in conjunction with this matter as follows:

(k) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

"That the Council implement measures to make Greystones Beach wheelchair and buggy accessible, such as beach wheelchairs and walkways onto the beach".

The District Administrator stated that the beach buggy referred to cost in the region of €3,500 plus VAT and that storage and management of its use would be issues. She stated that in Wexford a local businessman stored the buggy and gave it out to people who pre-booked it. She stated that this businessman had to include the buggy on his insurance in addition to the Council's insurance and that he undertook to clean it after each use and to instruct users on how to operate it. She stated that it was not an option to have the Lifeguard manage the buggy in summer as it would be a distraction for him or her.

Following discussion during which all Councillors supported the provision of a beach buggy if it was found to be feasible for Greystones and if a partner could be identified to manage it, it was agreed to defer a decision on the allocation of this money until the November meeting. In the meantime the Council agreed to seek to borrow the buggy from Wexford to see if it would be suitable for use in Greystones and to cost the provision of a storage container for same. Councillor J. Whitmore undertook to consult with the local DAG-T Group about the buggy and to identify a partner that would be willing to manage its use.

The District Engineer agreed to cost the replacement of trees in Greystones before the November meeting also as the members agreed that if the beach buggy project was not feasible, then the money should be used for tree replacement.

6. Allocation by Wicklow County Council of Municipal District Funding.

This matter had been dealt with at the Draft Budget Plan Meeting.

7. Consideration of Proposed Speed Limit Bye Laws.

The District Administrator referred to documentation circulated and informed the members that Wicklow County Council had prepared draft special speed limit bye-laws to introduce 30kph speed limits in certain housing estates as agreed in the county and that these had been published and submissions invited. She stated that no specific submissions were made on the proposed special speed limit and that the draft bye laws, if agreed by the members, would then proceed to be adopted by the full County Council as the Final Special Bye Laws, and once adopted, would be published giving the specific day upon which they would come into force.

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed to adopt and proceed with the special speed limit by laws.

8. Consideration of County Wicklow Burial Ground Policy.

The District Administrator referred to documentation circulated and stated that a special sub-committee of the Environment SPC was tasked with formulating a county wide policy for burial grounds. She stated that they required details of any land banks available for future use in this regard. On the suggestion of the District Engineer it was agreed that a site at Lott Lane, Kilcoole for this purpose should be incorporated into the Action Area Plan for Kilcoole.

9. Consideration of Glor na Casca 1916 Memorial Garden.

The District Administrator referred to documentation circulated and she also circulated proposals from the Greystones Tidy Towns Committee for a memorial garden in Burnaby Park. Members welcomed the financial commitment from the Tidy Towns Committee in this regard and agreed to provide funding in the sum of €1,000. Following discussion it was agreed that the site identified in Burnaby Park would be suitable for the venture and that the District Engineer would liaise with the Tidy Towns Committee in relation to the final design of the memorial garden.

10. Notices of Motion:

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

“That Wicklow County Council keep the new Blacklion entrance to Chapel Road closed until such time that upgrade works have been done on the remainder of the road. In addition, I propose that heavy vehicle restrictions be placed on Chapel Road as soon as possible. These proposals are to ensure the safety of pedestrians that use the road, in particular pupils of St. Laurences NS”.

It was agreed that notice of motion (l) as follows be considered in conjunction with this motion:

(l) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

“That any development levies derived from new developments in Greystones be ring-fenced for the upgrading of the paths/roads on Chapel Road, Delgany.

The District Administrator advised the members that it was a condition of the planning permission for the housing development at Blacklion that the new Blacklion By Pass be constructed in full and open to traffic prior to the occupation of any of the dwellings, and that the Council could therefore be held liable if the road was not opened as required. She further advised the members that a new Development Levy Scheme was adopted by Wicklow County Council recently and that only projects listed in that scheme could be funded from levies collected but levies could not be ring-fenced for any specific project .

Following discussion it was agreed that the District Engineer would investigate the possibility of having heavy goods vehicles banned from using this road and at having lights installed to control the traffic flows. It was also agreed that the Council should carry out an assessment of the road and footpaths to ascertain what exactly needed to be done to make them safe.

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

“That the Councillors of Greystones Municipal District will agree to put forward a submission to the draft county development plan that new applications for Fast Food outlets cannot be situated within 300m of schools or parks throughout the county”.

This matter had already been agreed at a full meeting of Wicklow County Council.

- (c) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:
"That Greystones Municipal District ensures that all applications for funding are based on work, events etc. that are held in the Greystones District only unless agreed by a majority vote of Councillors taken at an ordinary or special meeting".

Following discussion on this motion it was agreed that groups / organizations seeking funding from the Municipal District should supply specific details of projects and events for which the funding was sought together with details of income from other sources for same. It was also agreed that all groups that were allocated funds in 2015 should be asked to submit details of how the money was spent.

- (d) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:
"The Council should immediately start the design of the remaining section of the Delgany-Blacklion road with cycle-paths and footpaths on either side as on the currently built sections".

The District Administrator advised the members that she had been advised by the Roads Section of Wicklow County Council that the Council would endeavour to carry out the design of improvements to the remaining section of Chapel Road / Convent Road as soon as funding was available and that it might be possible to use funding from development levies for this purpose.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed to adopt this motion and to forward it to Wicklow County Council for consideration.

- (e) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:
"Ask the Council to respond to Seabourne View Management Company's issues in relation to ramps and planning permission".

The District Engineer informed the members that he had spoken to a representative from the management company and had advised him on planning requirements and specifications for suitable ramps at this location.

- (f) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:
"The parking rules should be enforced on St. Vincents Road".

The District Administrator stated that vans which were parked on the roadside where building works were being carried out at an adjacent property were currently causing problems for residents who complained that sight-lines were blocked. She agreed to discuss the matter with the Traffic Warden to see what could be done to resolve the issues until such time as the building work was completed.

- (g) Motion in the name of Councillor G. Walsh:
'That the Council consider installing traffic calming measures at the approaches to the pedestrian crossing at Killincarrig village.'

The District Engineer advised that it was not considered that additional traffic calming measures were required at this location.

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

"That the option to place advance warning signage at the approach to the pedestrian crossing on the Kilcoole Road, from the Mill Road direction be considered".

The District Engineer advised that it was intended to install proprietary modular roundabout islands on the two roundabouts at Killincarrig in the near future and that it was not considered that additional warning signs were required at this location.

- (i) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:
"That any development levies derived from new developments in Greystones be ring-fenced for the upgrading of the paths/roads on Chapel Road, Delgany.

This motion had already been dealt with in conjunction with motion (a) above.

- (j) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:
"That the Council implement measures to make Greystones Beach wheelchair and buggy accessible, such as beach wheelchairs and walkways onto the beach".

This motion had already been dealt with under item 5 on the agenda.

11. Correspondence.

1. The District Administrator reminded the members that they were required to complete the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government survey on the review of the operation of local government reform 2014 before the end of November 2015.
2. The District Administrator referred to a recent invitation from Holyhead Maritime Museum to Councillor G. Walsh and Mr. M. Foley to attend a commemorative event in Holyhead on 15th November. She pointed out that there was approximately €200 left in the twinning budget for this year. Following discussion it was agreed that both men should attend the event if they were willing to travel.

12. Any Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2015.