

**Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Offices,
Greystones on Tuesday 26th May, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones District Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Meetings Administrator
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones District Engineer
Ms. K. Coughlan, Meetings Secretary

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor J. Whitmore and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 28th April 2015, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. Presentation from Bray Area Partnership

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Peter Brennan, Ms. Jennifer Darcy, Ms. Eithne Gunning and Ms. Mary O'Carolan to the meeting. They circulated documentation to the members and outlined the various services provided by Bray Area Partnership and they answered any questions in relation to same.

Mr. Brennan stated that they would be contacting groups locally initially to generate awareness now that their remit has been extended to include the Greystones area and to see what the issues were. He sought the support of the members for the Partnership's submission to the LECP and he requested that one female member of the Greystones MD would sit on the Partnership's Board.

Following discussion, all the members thanked the group for their excellent presentation and expressed their support for the work undertaken by them. It was agreed to select a member for the Board at the June monthly meeting.

3. Wicklow Socio-Economic Statement for the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for County Wicklow.

The members had been circulated with the Wicklow Socio-Economic Statement for the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for Wicklow and Mr. M. Nicholson, District Manager, went through the documentation and explained the process for implementation of the plan.

Following discussion it was agreed that the members would consider the statement individually and revert to the Manager with any suggestions or comments.

4. Allocation of Greystones MD Discretionary Funding.

There was a suggestion from the District Administrator and District Engineer that the projects already agreed for funding from the NPPR allocation be carried out now so that exact costs could be determined before deciding on how to spend the remainder of that money.

Members stated that the money should be spread across the district and following discussion it was agreed that a minimum of €8,000 be set aside from the NPPR money for works in Kilcoole, details of which could be agreed at a later date.

Following lengthy discussion the following allocations were also agreed:

From the Economic Development & Promotion budget of €6,800:

- €6,000 towards development of a Greystones Forum
- €100 for St. Vincent Cookbook
- €700 for Greystones Family Resource Centre

From the Tourism Development & Promotion budget of €2,800:

- €300 for Greystones Family Resource Centre
- €800 for St. Patrick's Day Parade
- €1,700 for Tourism & Twinning

From the Operation of Arts Programme budget of €7,500:

- €4,000 towards the Christmas Lights
- €2,000 for Gourmet Greystones
- €500 for Ladies Night Out
- €500 for 1916 Commemoration
- €500 to be set aside for a decision later in the year

5. Date for Annual Meeting

Following discussion it was agreed to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 7.00 p.m. prior to the June monthly meeting.

6. Report on Greystones Harbour Development

A report on the Greystones harbour development was circulated to the members.

Following discussion it was agreed to ask Mr. Sean Quirke, or his representative, to attend the June meeting of the MD and to ask for:

1. Sample panel showing the proposed textured concrete finish of the community buildings
2. A plan of the clubhouse construction programme as well as an update on progress on securing a new partner for the residential development and timescale for works, etc.
3. More details regarding the discussions with local fishermen's representative and on the specific options for landing and berthing

facilities for them, and for clarification on whether or not there was a clause in the contract between Sisk and the Marina Operator that stated that landing facilities for the fishermen must be included in the marina development rather than in the public harbour area.

It was also agreed to take up the issue of broken bollards at the harbour and dangerous rods sticking out of the sand in front of the steps with the Harbour Master and to ask the District Engineer to place rubbish bins and dog fouling bins at the harbour.

7. Report from Greystones District Engineer

A progress report on NTA and Department of Transport projects as well as other works was circulated to the members and the District Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed that the District Engineer would examine the following:

1. Need to provide traffic calming at the Kilcoole end of the Woodstock Road;
2. Donnybrook Fair traffic lights / junction with R761;
3. Sea Road, Kilcoole – kerb jutting out at Holywell;

It was agreed at this stage to extend the meeting by ten minutes.

8. Notices of Motion:

- (a) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless
(deferred from April meeting):

“To view the traffic flow and speed on the Lott Road in Kilcoole. There are 9 housing estates and other houses along with a crèche on this road. On foot of numerous complaints from residents about speeding cars on this road, I would like to request that the Lott lane be monitored and then, if found to have a need, that it is considered for appropriate speed calming measures”.

The District Engineer informed the members that he had requested a speed survey to be carried out on this road next October as that time would be more indicative of the rest of the year. He stated that if the speed survey warranted it, the Council might apply for an NTA scheme to narrow the road and widen the footpaths.

- (b) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless
(deferred from April meeting):

“The condition of the footpaths on the Lott Lane are in a bad way. I am requesting that they would be part of the foot path repair if the 25% of the GMD allocation of the restoration improvement grant is transferred out of the discretionary maintenance”.

The District Engineer informed the members that he hoped to repair the worst parts of the footpaths at this location and to get trees that are blocking public lighting cut back.

(c) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless

(deferred from April meeting):

“The ramps on Church Lane are in a very bad way and now they have potholes on either side of some of them. I would like to request that we look at getting them repaired”.

The District Engineer informed the members that the potholes on Church Lane had been repaired and while there was no budget for repairing the ramps this year, they could be looked at in the context of next year’s budget.

(d) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Mc Loughlin & D. Mitchell

(deferred from April meeting):

“That Wicklow County Council ensures that the council yard on Mill Road in Greystones is cleaned up and all refuse is disposed off safely; and to ensure that the council yard is never used as an unofficial dump in the future”.

The District Engineer stated that most of the waste at this site was generated from works carried out by Wicklow County Council staff. He informed the members that a preliminary report containing specific initial clean up recommendations from the Waste Management Section had been prepared and submitted to the Director of Services and a budget sought for the clean-up operation. He stated that in the interim, it was proposed to engage Gateway staff to segregate the waste so that it could be collected for reuse free of charge.

(e) Motion in the names of Councillors G. Mc Loughlin & D. Mitchell

(deferred from April meeting):

“That Wicklow County Council provides street lighting on Sea Road, Newcastle from the GAA Club to the Main Street”.

The District Engineer informed the members that there was no funding available at present to provide street lighting at this location.

(f) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore

(deferred from April meeting):

“That the Council examine and cost the refurbishment of the playground in Greystones and prioritise the funding of this work in recognition of its importance as a key recreational area for the town and surrounds. This work could follow the planned expansion of the playground, as agreed previously”.

The District Engineer informed the members that a request had been made to the Community and Enterprise Section of Wicklow County Council to consider setting aside funding for the full refurbishment of the Greystones playground. He pointed out that the Council generally only matched funding raised locally for such facilities.

(g) Motion in the names of Councillor G. Walsh

(deferred from April meeting):

”That this Council examine the option of putting a footbridge in place across the tree trout river between Charlesland Court and Burnaby Lawns to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists alike. This would provide easy connectivity for Charlesland residents accessing the various sporting facilities along Mill Road. It would also provide an option to school children from Charlesland wishing to cycle to these facilities and to schools such as Delgany National School and St. Laurence’s”.

The District Engineer informed the members that this was a good idea and would probably be eligible for NTA funding. However, he pointed out that Charlesland Court was private property and therefore, before any plans could be drafted, permission would need to be received in writing from the owner of the property giving permission for such a structure to be placed on their property.

Councillor G. Walsh agreed to talk to the residents to get an idea of the general feeling in relation to this.

(h) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:
“What is happening about the culvert on the Killincarrick to Delgany road by Delgany Wood and when can reconstruction be expected”.

The District Engineer informed the members that it was not feasible to install a new larger culvert at this location due to the proliferation of services. He stated that the existing culvert was being investigated to see if its capacity and efficiency could be improved and that investigations on the stream bed to find the invert level of this existing culvert should take place in the coming weeks, weather permitting. He pointed out that the Developer of Delgany Woods was undertaking this survey, which would be supervised by the District Engineer, and that the Developer would also fund any remedial works to be carried out.

(i) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:
“That the Council provide an update on the residential speed limit trial that was to take place in 6 nominated housing estates in the District”.

The District Administrator informed the members that it was hoped to have the reduced residential speed limit trials in the six nominated housing estates in the District implemented before the end of the year and that the process would include traffic surveys in the estates.

As time had now run out, it was agreed to defer the remaining notices of motion to the June meeting as follows:

(j) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:
“That the provision of a safe crossing point from Eden Wood to Eden Gate in Delgany be examined and costed”.

(k) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:
“In light of the present planning permission granted to McDonalds, can Wicklow County Council confirm when they propose undertaking the work to provide a left turning lane onto the Blacklion road from the R762”

(l) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:
“That Wicklow County Council does a complete survey of the Church Road from Fenton Fires to the link to Mill Road to inspect the standards of the road, footpaths, paving and junctions. Provide a full report and ascertain how funding can be achieved for a complete upgrade of Greystones Main shopping centre.

9. Correspondence

No correspondence was read.

10. Any Other Business

1.The District Administrator reminded members to attend at Greystones Golf Club at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 28th May for a photo shoot prior to the People of the Year Awards at 8.00 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Dated: _____