

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 27th MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Mr. E. Forristal, Executive Engineer, Greystones Municipal District
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor N. Lawless and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6th March 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. PRESENTATION ON NEW GREYSTONES WEBSITE

Councillor G. McLoughlin informed the members that Mr. Stephen Kavanagh had to travel abroad for work purposes and was unable to attend this meeting but would be available to attend the April meeting instead. This was agreed.

3. 2018 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

The District Administrator had circulated the 2018 Greystones Schedule of Municipal District Works with the agenda.

The Cathaoirleach had provided figures showing the breakdown of the budget figures and comparative breakdown for the other Municipal Districts.

Members were critical of the allocations to the Greystones MD when compared to the other MDs. It was pointed out that these figures were based on various rationales and agreed at County Council level and that any changes to how the allocations were made would need to be agreed there.

Following discussion the members formally agreed to adopt the 2018 Greystones Schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated. They also agreed to allocate the following sums from their discretionary budget: €30,000 for Bike Parking at Greystones Railway Station; €20,000 for Footpaths at Seamount Drive, Newcastle; €20,000 for flashing amber lights at Killincarrig Pedestrian Crossing; €5,000 for Christmas Lights; €3,000 for St. Patrick's Day Parade; €500 for People of the Year Awards; €1,500 for Kilcoole Music Festival; €3,000 for Twinning; €300 for Dog Fouling Initiative; €5,000 for Greystones Tidy Towns; €2,500 for Kilcoole Tidy Towns; €2,500 for Delgany Tidy Towns and €2,500 for Newcastle Tidy Towns.

The District Administrator reminded the members of other likely requests for funding. Members requested that a quotation be sought for the provision of 'live streaming' from the Cliff Walk so that funding for that could be considered at a later stage. It was also pointed out that Greystones 2020 would be seeking a contribution from the MD towards the cost of maintaining the new Greystones website and following discussion on this, it was agreed to defer any decision on such funding until a later date when more information was available.

4. GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a report received from Wicklow County Council. The report stated that a representative from BIM who attended a recent meeting with Council officials and SISK was to inform the local fishermen of what was, and could be provided, and that the Council and Sisk would consider any proposals to locate landing equipment on the north breakwater at the harbour should the fishermen wish to pursue FLAG funding. No response had been received to date from the BIM representative.

The report also stated that any agreement to allocate one of the huts at the harbour to the Greystones Outdoors group should be short term and temporary in nature, perhaps from May to October, and that the usual insurances and indemnities should be provided. It also pointed out that the use of the hut should be clarified/restricted as they were provided for storage purposes and that any other uses might have planning implications.

Following discussion the members agreed to grant a temporary six month lease of one of the smaller huts at Greystones harbour to the Greystones Outdoors group for storage purposes. To enable them to make a decision on the allocation of the other three smaller huts, the members requested full details of who got compensation from the Council when the former huts were removed, together with any other information relevant to entitlement, etc. Members stated that some former holders of huts had claimed that they were promised a new hut in the new development. They agreed to hold off on making a decision on the three larger huts until such time as the moorings issues were sorted.

Following the attendance by representatives from Glenveigh Properties at their January meeting the members requested Mr. Tony McLoughlin to circulate a copy of the proposed plans for the park and that they be given a timeframe for the various phases of the development. They also suggested that the timeframe be included on the website. Members again requested that they be supplied with this information

5. UPDATE FROM GREYSTONES 2020

Councillor G. McLoughlin informed the members that the Greystones 2020 group met on a monthly basis and that their AGM would take place on 11th April 2018 in Greystones Library. She pointed out that they would soon be registered as a Limited Company. She stated that the new Greystones website was almost completed and that they had agreed plans with Irish Rail for painting and fencing works at the Railway Station. She stated that the group had worked with the Burnaby Residents Association and Tidy Towns Committee to formulate plans for improvements at Burnaby Park which

were now with the District Engineer for heritage approval before public consultation and quotations being invited.

6. REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

A report on proposed works and works carried out was circulated by the District Engineer and he answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

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

- Traffic calming and provision of Cul de Sac sign at Lott Lane, Kilcoole
- Filling of potholes at Glenheron and Southern Cross roundabouts
- Moving of parking meter closer to parking on Cliff Road

7. UPDATE ON PARKING ISSUES

The District Administrator informed the members that this item was included on the agenda at the request of the Cathaoirleach to enable discussion on the issue of camper vans parking overnight in the town. She pointed out that the Bye Laws which came into operation last year would be reviewed later this year, and that any changes to the Bye Laws would have to be agreed at County Council level.

She stated that it was not desirable to send out a message that tourists were not welcome in the area and that it was difficult to enforce regulations that allowed limited overnight parking. She pointed out that she and members of the Gardai, as well as officials from the Council's Waste Management Section, had called to the campers on a number of occasions last summer and kept a check on them, and that there were no issues.

Some members felt that it was not acceptable to have people camping in vans outside people's houses for long periods. Other members suggested that proper facilities should be provided on a suitable site in the district to cater for camper vans. Following discussion it was agreed to keep this matter under review.

8. ESTATE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The District Administrator informed the members that all qualifying applicants for the 2018 Estate Development Grants would receive a basic grant of €250 and that the balance of the funding available would be allocated taking account of the number of social houses in each estate, as per list circulated. She pointed out that it was intended to invite representatives from the Residents Associations to attend at the Civic Offices to collect cheques prior to the May meeting of the Municipal District.

9. TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION AT UPPER WINDGATES

The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a report received from Wicklow County Council in relation to the traveller accommodation at Upper Windgates. The report stated that there were no additional families on the site and no plans to increase the number of families thereon. It stated that two caravans were replaced and the old caravans would be removed and the

site tidied up and that the possibility of planting some mature hedging along the boundary to provide privacy to the site was being examined.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were considered.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator advised the members that the Public Participation Network's Coordinator had now decided to launch the PPN Funding Handbook at the Community Awards Presentation Night and would not launch it prior to the May MD meeting as previously agreed.
2. The District Administrator referred to a letter in relation to discussion on planning applications at Council meetings received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government which was circulated to all members. Following discussion on this it was agreed that the Minister be requested to waive the €20 fee for elected members who wished to make a submission on planning applications.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The District Administrator reminded the members that the presentation of awards to winners at the St. Patrick's Day Parade would take place on Thursday 29th March 2018 from 7 – 8 p.m. in the Civic Offices.
- b) Members referred to comments made by the Commentator at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and acknowledged the apology issued.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ **DAY OF** _____ **2018.**