

## Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Meeting held in Civic Offices, Greystones on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014

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

**Also Present:** Mr. B. Martin, Wicklow County Council  
Ms. M. Porter, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, District Engineer  
Ms. K. Coughlan, Meetings Secretary

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At the outset, the members passed a vote of sympathy to the Glynn Family from Kilcoole on the recent death of their son, Gavin. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of him.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting held, in committee, on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (b) It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting held, in committee, on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

In response to a query from Councillor J. Whitmore, Ms. M. Porter advised that she would write to Sisk in relation to providing the members with a timeframe for works outlined at this meeting and in relation to the issuing of a newsletter.

- (c) It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (d) It was proposed by Councillor G. McLoughlin, seconded by Councillor G. Walsh and agreed that the minutes of the budget meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014, as circulated, be adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **2. Representatives from Hillside Residents Association**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Stephen Ahern, Chairman, Mr. Denis Graham, Treasurer and Mr. Liam Ruth, committee member from the Hillside Residents Association to the meeting.

The Hillside representatives spoke about the work they carry out in Hillside estate and on Bellevue Road and they circulated details of same. They requested that the Council repair/resurface the footpaths and roads in the estate as required, provide road signage, check the safety of the footpath/wall on Bellevue Road, advise on rat infestation, provide bags for collection of rubbish and that the Council dispose of the rubbish collected and that a skip be provided on an annual basis for pruning of trees, etc. They also requested that a ramp or barrier be provided at the junction of Church Lane and Church Road where a car mounted the footpath recently and badly injured a lady.

It was agreed that the District Engineer would look at the issues raised and revert to the Residents Association in due course.

### **3. Progress report on Greystones harbour development**

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

Following discussion it was agreed to seek details from Sean Quirke in relation to a follow up meeting to discuss facilities for local fishermen. It was also agreed to ask that a timeframe for proposed works be provided as well as a notice warning of the slant on the pier surface, and the publication of a newsletter. Members also agreed that Councillor G. McLoughlin seek funding for a suitable graphic design on the wall at the marina that is currently used for advertising boat sales.

### **4. Date and arrangements for presentation to former Town Councillors**

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed to present the thirty-two former Town Commissioners/Councillors with a small crystal presentation piece at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 following the December monthly meeting which it was agreed would start at 7.00 p.m. It was also agreed to have tea/coffee and biscuits available at the event.

### **5. Traffic congestion and solution for the three schools at Blacklion**

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that the Council consider temporarily turning off the traffic lights at the Lidl junction so that the Gardai could monitor the situation to see if there was any improvement. It was further agreed that the Council consider the possibility of providing a left turning filter lane and consider moving the bus stop to the north of the junction in an effort to improve traffic flow.

### **6. Notices of Motion:**

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless (deferred from September meeting):  
“I propose that we the GMD set up a local Garda Liaison committee consisting of us the local councillors and our community Garda in the area. With the new JPC now centralised on a county level, my fear would be that as a district we would not be getting information on a local level about our area. I feel that continual contact with our Garda is vital for us as local representatives to know what is going on in our areas and what the needs might be. I am suggesting that the committee meetings be held on an evening other than our GMD meetings and that we hold them once or twice a month. I'm happy to leave times open to suggestions for other members.”

This motion was agreed and following discussion it was agreed to ask that the matter be considered by the County Wicklow JPC and that a copy of the correspondence to the JPC Administrator be sent to Superintendent Pat Ward for his information.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
“That the Council report on the progress of opening the link road in Holywell, Kilcoole, including outlining what road safety measures, if any, are to be put in place in response to concerns raised by local residents, and what the timelines are for those works”.

A report outlining the position in relation to the notice of motion was circulated to the members.

The District Engineer stated that this road was currently closed and would remain closed until it was taken in charge.

- (c) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
“That the Council examine (and cost) the possibility of extending the playground on Mill Road, Greystones to include the grassed area currently within the boundaries of the Town Council Offices”.

This motion was agreed by the members and a report from the Council that was circulated stated that the Council was already considering the extension of the playground. Following discussion it was agreed to request the Council to consider moving the railing beside the playground at the south beach to provide additional playing area for children as a temporary measure and that consideration be given to fully extending the playground and equipment going forward.

- (d) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:  
“That the MD request a meeting with Eircom representatives to discuss the roll-out of eFibre in the District, including timelines for connection”.

This motion was passed and following discussion it was agreed to request representatives from Eircom to attend a meeting of the Municipal District to discuss the matter.

- (e) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:  
“A design for a path on Sea Road to Kilcoole Station was produced a year ago, when can we expect progress on this”.

A report outlining the position in relation to this matter was circulated to the members. Following discussion members asked that this matter be progressed as soon as possible and that urgent consideration be given to providing a white line down the centre of Sea Road and to marking the area at Holywell where the footpath juts out into the road. Members also raised the issue of buses being unable to pass at the new footpath at the Sea Road junction.

- (f) Motion in the names of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:  
“Double yellow lines should be placed outside Delgany Church to control parking on this narrow and busy road”.

Members were circulated with a report that outlined the situation in relation to this matter.

- (g) Motion in the name of Councillor G. Walsh:  
“A proposal to carry out a review on the traffic calming measures in place on Bellevue Road, Greystones. Are the ramps/cushions in situ there excessive in number? Is the design of these ramps/cushions suitable in that there is ample examples of motorists taking avoidance measures by manoeuvring out onto the incorrect side of the roadway on approaching them in order to avoid damage? Are they a factor in motorists opting to use Church Lane, a less suitable road for traffic?”

A report was circulated to the members outlining the situation in relation to this matter.

- (h) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“That Wicklow County Council provides as a matter of urgency traffic calming measures on the Kilcoole to Newtown Road via Bulford including 50km signage and consider reducing this speed limit further”.

Members were circulated with a report that outlined the situation in relation to this matter. Following discussion it was agreed that proposed traffic calming measures at this location should be carried out as soon as possible.

- (i) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:  
“That Wicklow County Council sorts out the main Farrenkelly/Kilcoole/Charlesland roundabout, repairs or removes broken steel fencing, landscapes beds and allows a programme of commercial sponsorship for the upkeep of this and other roundabouts including the allocation of names to each roundabout on the Farrenkelly Road through to Charlesland, Greystones, as was previously agreed”.

A report was circulated to the members outlining the situation in relation to this matter. Following discussion it was agreed to request the Council to provide name-signs on the road and the roundabouts (as previously agreed by the Town Council) and that consideration be given to allowing sponsorship of the maintenance of the roundabouts.

- (j) Motion in the name of Councillor T. Fortune:  
“The council produce a plan to sort out the pedestrian crossing at Centra, Kilcoole”.

Following discussion on this motion the members asked that public lighting be improved at this crossing and that the tree at Sylvan Lawns that currently blocks the light be cut back.

- (k) Motion in the name of Councillor T. Fortune:  
“The council produce a plan for tree control in the district, discussed at previous meetings”.

Following discussion on this motion the members asked that a programme be put in place to deal with problem/dangerous trees in the district and referred to the trees listed at their July meeting as follows: 1. off Church Lane (into Hillside), 2. Oaklands off Church Lane, 3. top of Gratten Park, 4. between Knockroe and Kilcoole, 5. vegetation on the approach roads to St. Laurence’s School and 6. trees at Grattan Park where one fell down in recent storms.

- (l) Motion in the name of Councillor T. Fortune:  
“The council put in place a yellow box at the exit of Lower Green, Kilcoole and New Road onto Main Street, in the interest of health and safety”.

A report on this motion was circulated to the members. Following discussion members asked that the sightlines/exits at the junctions of Lower Green and New Road, Kilcoole be assessed and, if necessary, improved in any way possible.

## **7. Correspondence.**

There were no items of correspondence.

## **8. Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach Meetings Administrator