

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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Present: Councillor N. Lawless, Cathaoirleach  
Councillors T. Fortune, 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

Apologies from: Councillor G. McLoughlin

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At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to Ms. K. Coughlan and her family on the recent death of her brother in law, James Harnett.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor G. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Mitchell and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT**

The District Administrator pointed out that Glenveagh Properties were not yet in a position to provide details of proposals for Block D and that if their plans were ready, they would attend the February meeting.

**3. PART VIII DELGANY VILLAGE ACCESSIBILITY SCHEME**

The members had been circulated with the Manager's report on the submissions received during the public consultation period.

The District Administrator pointed out that the proposed development could be carried out as recommended in the manager's report unless the local authority, by resolution, decided to vary or modify the development otherwise than as recommended in the manager's report, or decided not to proceed with the development.

Members expressed extreme annoyance and disappointment that there was no official from the Roads and Transportation Directorate in attendance to present the scheme and answer their queries, as responsibility for Part VIII projects had only recently been delegated to the Municipal Districts. Members felt that it was important that the appropriate officials be in attendance to facilitate proper consideration and discussion.

Following discussion the members deferred a decision on the Delgany Village Accessibility Scheme and agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 a.m. to consider same. They requested that the appropriate Council officials attend that meeting.

#### **4. ALLOCATION OF 2019 GMD PUBLIC REALM FUNDING AND FUNDING FOR 2019 BATTLE OF THE BANDS, ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND TOWN TWINNING**

The District Administrator informed the members that she had received a request for funding in the sum of €2,000 for the 2019 Battle of the Bands competition.

In agreeing this funding, the members stated that the Greystones Municipal District needed to be acknowledged in the publicity relating to this competition and maybe involved in the prize-giving. It was agreed that the District Administrator would write to the organisers in relation to this.

The District Engineer had circulated the members with a lengthy report in relation to proposals for the Public Realm Funding for 2019. This report recommended that all of the 2019 funding be allocated to upgrading Killincarrig Village centre along the R761.

Following discussion the members unanimously agreed to allocate the entire 2019 Public Realm Funding to upgrading Killincarrig village and they requested that the residents and businesses be consulted about the proposals.

The District Administrator stated that preparations for the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade had commenced and that a number of bands had expressed an interest in participating if their travelling expenses were covered. She pointed out that the parade would likely cost in the region of €3,500 but that this figure could go up or down depending on the level of sponsorship received. It was agreed to allocate €3,500 for the parade.

The District Administrator advised that a delegation from Greystones, including students from St. David's School, had been invited over to Holyhead to participate in their St. David's Day Parade and celebrations on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March. She enquired if any of the members were available to travel and she also pointed out that she had received a request for €200 towards the travelling expenses. She stated that a delegation, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and other Councillors, from Holyhead were also travelling over to Greystones for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and that arrangements would have to be made and funded for that visit and she pointed out that a male voice choir would travel over from Holyhead later in the year.

Following discussion, the members advised that they were not available to attend the St. David's Day celebrations in Wales. They did agree to provide the sum of €200 towards the cost of the students travelling over to Holyhead and to cover the expenses involved in the visit by the Holyhead delegation travelling to Greystones in March.

In relation to the provision of a bus stop at Templecarrig, the members stated that the NTA had agreed to fund these works. Following discussion the District Engineer agreed that he would request Dublin Bus to apply for the NTA funding and confirmed that the Council would carry out the works.

#### **5. REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER**

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

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

1. Repair / removal of ramps around the district, especially ramps on Church Lane, Greystones.
2. Connection of public lighting on Mill Lane, Greystones.

3. Footpath on Sea Road, Kilcoole.

#### **6. TOWN TWINNING – INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO HOLYHEAD FOR ST. DAVID’S DAY**

This matter had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

The Cathaoirleach advised the members that arrangements were being made for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and she emphasised the need for volunteers to help with stewarding on the day.

The District Administrator also spoke about the need for members to assist with following up on seeking sponsorship for the parade. It was agreed that a list of all businesses that had been written to would be circulated to the members in this regard.

Members agreed that the Holyhead Twinning Group who are travelling over for the parade be included on the Reviewing Stand.

#### **8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREYSTONES 2019 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The District Administrator informed the members that the Greystones 2019 People of the Year Awards would be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in Greystones Golf Club and that further details would issue in due course.

#### **9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

“To ask for a report on flooding risk at Holywell and what has been done to reduce it and what is planned in future”.

The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a report received from Wicklow County Council’s Planning Section in relation to this motion. The report stated that Holywell had not been taken in charge by the Council and was still the responsibility of the Developer. It stated that the Council had been in consultation with the Developer in relation to the future taking in charge of the estate. It further stated that the Developer was currently finalising the implementation of works, designed by his engineering consultant, to complete the solution and it was understood that these works would eliminate the historical flood risk.

It was agreed that a copy of this report be circulated to the members. During discussion, the members stated that this Developer was working elsewhere in the District and they expressed the view that Developers should not be allowed to leave problems in one estate and just move on to another. They agreed that the Municipal District should write to the Developer to advise that they were taking this matter up with the Planning Section of Wicklow County Council.

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

“That a location be selected for pedestrian lights so people can cross the dual carriage way from Glenheron, the new school & the Kilcoole Road.

Also to report on need for one between bus stops & roundabout in Charlesland”.

The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a report received from the District Engineer in relation to this motion. The report stated that a signalised pedestrian crossing was included in the planning permission for Glenheron and that the Bus Connects proposals included bus routes up to the top of the Charlesland dual carriageway and would include an assessment of the needs of where the bus stops should be.

It was agreed to circulate a copy of this report to the members.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator advised the members that the SPC for the County Wicklow Burial Ground Policy had recommended the provision of a Columbarium Wall in Redford Cemetery for internment of cremated ashes and that this was to be funded over a number of years. She pointed out that there was already a plot in Redford Cemetery, operated by a local undertaker, to cater for this need and she enquired if the members were happy to allow the funding provided to be used instead for other works that were required in the cemetery.

Following discussion it was agreed that the fund should continue to be built up and that the Council look at providing this facility in Priestnewtown cemetery instead if there was a requirement. Members were critical of the fact that the facility in Redford cemetery was under the control of a private operator.

2. The District Administrator advised the members that construction works on the Farrankelly Way social housing project at Priestnewtown would commence in the coming week.
3. The District Administrator reminded the members that the closing date for the 2019 Wicklow County Council Community Awards Scheme was Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
4. The District Administrator advised the members that it was intended to carry out a review of the Wicklow County Council Parking Bye Laws in the last quarter of 2019.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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

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

**DATED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **2019.**