

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Natasha Murtagh, a journalism student, who was sitting in on the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach also advised that she had a request from Councillor D. Mitchell for a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss traffic issues in the district. It was agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss this matter at 9.00 p.m. and to discuss notice of motion (b) as follows in conjunction with that:

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless:

"That the Greystones Municipal District write to the NTA and Irish Rail about the new time table for the Greystones DART and ask that an immediate review be done and that they provide 8 car DARTs for the evening rush from Dublin to Greystones instead of the 4 car DARTS that are causing undue stress to commuters".

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mitchell, seconded by Councillor G. McLoughlin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 25th September 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN 2019 FOR GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

The members had been circulated with the draft budgetary plan 2019 for Greystones Municipal District together with a letter from the Chief Executive in relation to same.

During discussion on the matter the members were advised that the money allocated could be spent on whatever the members decided. They sought clarification on the increase in the County Tourism Promotion Budget for 2019.

Following discussion the draft budgetary plan 2019 for Greystones Municipal District was adopted as circulated.

3. GREYSTONES HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The District Administrator circulated a report outlining progress on the Greystones harbour development.

Following discussion it was agreed to invite representatives from Glenveagh Properties to the next meeting of the Municipal District to discuss the development. Members stated that they would like to view and discuss the proposals for Block D prior to commencement of the Part 8 planning process. They also requested that electric car charging points be made available within the development.

Following discussion it was agreed to invite representatives from Glenveagh Properties to the November meeting on 27th November 2018.

4. 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.

In relation to the provision of public toilets at the harbour, the District Administrator informed the members that consultants had been hired to prepare a brief for procurement to ensure that the Council's interests were safeguarded and that a report on this from the Council's Procurement Officer was awaited.

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

- Provision of solar bin at La Touche Place
- Provision of bicycle parking and removal of old bicycles from Church Road
- Clearing of gullies in Kenmare Heights
- Trees on Chapel Road at Kenmare Heights
- Provision of harbour toilets

There was a further discussion in relation to anti-social behaviour at the playground in Kilcoole and a suggestion that CCTV should be provided in the playground. It was agreed to put this matter as an item on the agenda for the November meeting with the Garda Superintendent.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Cathaoirleach proposed that free parking be provided in the town on the Saturdays in the run up to Christmas as in previous years and following discussion it was agreed to provide two hours free on-street parking on 24th November and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th December 2018. The District Administrator informed the members that Wardens would be on duty on these days to enforce illegal parking.

Councillor G. McLoughlin advised the members that the Christmas lights would be switched on in the town on Saturday 24th November in Burnaby Park and that as usual there would be carol singing, an ecumenical service and a visit by Santa Clause. She stated that Greystones 2020 was collecting contributions from local businesses and she stressed the need for volunteers to help with stewarding on the day.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:
"That GMD install a pedestrian crossing on the main road at Killadreenan to enable safe access for residents, particularly children, to community facilities such as GAA/ School/ Community Centre and Bus Stop"

The District Engineer advised the members that some of the area referred to was in the Wicklow Municipal District. He pointed out that there was already a pedestrian crossing further north along the road which gave access to the school, community centre, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed that the District Engineer would talk to his counterpart in the Wicklow MD to consider ways of improving the situation at this location.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor N. Lawless:

"That the Greystones Municipal District write to the NTA and Irish Rail about the new time table for the Greystones DART and ask that an immediate review be done and that they provide 8 car DARTs for the evening rush from Dublin to Greystones instead of the 4 car DARTS that are causing undue stress to commuters".

It was agreed to discuss this motion in conjunction with the suspension of standing orders at the end of the meeting.

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

"The Council should ask the NRA to signpost 'NO HGVs' on Delgany N11 turnoff and the Council should replace no HGV signs on roads approaching Delgany".

Following discussion on this motion the District Engineer stated that there was a weight restriction warning sign on the N11 before the turn off for this road. He suggested that the Glen Road, as well as part of the Mill Road, should be downgraded from 'regional' road to 'local' road. He stated that this was a ministerial function but the process had to be commenced by the County Council. He agreed to circulate the members with a map showing his proposals so that they could consider the matter in more detail.

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

"Stylebawn in Delgany should be listed on vacant sites register and action pursued about the derelict Protected Structure".

The District Administrator advised the members of the contents of a report from the Planning Section of Wicklow County Council in relation to this motion. This report stated that Stylebawn would not qualify for inclusion on the Derelict Sites register as it was not visible from the public domain. The District Manager pointed out that there was planning permission on the site so there was intent to develop it and therefore it could not be considered under the vacant site levy scheme.

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

"That GMD installs speed signs on Delgany Wood Avenue and examines putting in a pedestrian crossing from the entrance of Thorndale/Convent Court to Delgany Wood to assist safe passage to pedestrians".

Following discussion on this motion the District Engineer pointed out that the Gardai could carry out speed checks on this road to deter motorists from speeding. He was not in favour of erecting speed limit signs along the road. He also stated that funding would be sought to provide a signalised pedestrian crossing and junction improvements at this location.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

All the members had received complaints about the recent changes to the public transport system in the district. Councillor D. Mitchell had drafted a letter to the NTA which had been circulated to all and he invited

amendments and/or additions to same. He was of the opinion that no-one in the NTA, Irish Rail or Dublin Bus accepted that there was a problem.

Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the NTA requesting their representatives to meet with the members and that this letter be copied to the local TDs. It was agreed that the letter should highlight the following:

- Worsening of public transport system in north Wicklow in recent times leading to increased congestion and traffic jams on the N11/M11
- 15% reduction in the number of 84 buses
- The use of single deck buses instead of double deck ones on the 184 route
- Timing of 184 route – not corresponding with school times
- Buses not connecting with DART times
- 15% Increase in DART commuter time from Greystones
- Shortening of DART trains from 8 carriages to 6 or even 4

It was further agreed to invite the local TDs and the Minister for Transport to meet with the members in Greystones on Monday 19th November at 9.30 a.m. to discuss the issues.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Cathaoirleach commended everyone involved with the recent commemoration of the suffragettes visit to Greystones in 1910. She asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the teachers and pupils from St. Brigid's N.S., the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society and the Council's Heritage Officer.
2. Members asked that Lidl be asked to provide an electric car charging point at their premises in Greystones.
3. Councillor G. Walsh enquired about supplies of the Greystones Town Maps and it was pointed out that there were supplies of the maps available in the Civic Offices. It was agreed that the map needed to be updated before any reprint of same.
4. Councillor G. Walsh proposed that a Certificate be awarded to the Eire Og under 17 Minor Football Team to mark their recent title win. It was agreed to make this presentation prior to the December monthly meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: *Shelley*
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: *Mark*
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS *27th* DAY OF *November* 2018.