

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 11.30 A.M.

Present: Councillor L. Scott, Cathaoirleach
Councillors M. Barry, L. Fenelon-Gaskin, O. Finn & T. Fortune

Also Present: Ms. H. Dennehy, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Mr. G. Cullen, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Councillor S. Stokes

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor L. Scott, proposed that the sentence “It was also agreed that the Cathaoirleach act as a liaison between the Whale Theatre and the Council” be inserted at the end of item 2 in the draft minutes and this was agreed.

It was then proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor O. Finn and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 25th November 2025, as amended, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. PRESENTATION FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ROADS SECTION IN RELATION TO CONVENT ROAD, DELGANY

As Councillor M. Barry had to leave the meeting early, it was agreed to discuss item 3 on the agenda at this stage, before item 2.

3. TO NOMINATE ADDITIONAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CLIFF WALK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND TO NOMINATE 2 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND 1 BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE

The District Manager informed the members that the plenary meeting of Wicklow County Council had agreed that the membership of the Cliff Walk Management Committee be increased by two members from umbrella groups, one member from the business community and two additional elected members from both Greystones Municipal District and Bray Municipal District.

The Cathaoirleach stated that Councillors M. Barry and S. Stokes were the current representatives from Greystones Municipal District on the Committee and that they had both expressed an interest in staying on it.

Councillor O. Finn proposed that Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin join the committee and Councillor M. Barry proposed that Councillor T. Fortune join the committee and both these proposals were seconded by the Cathaoirleach, Councillor L. Scott, and were agreed.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the East Coast Business Network be asked to nominate a business representative as there was no Chamber of Commerce in Greystones and this was seconded by Councillor O. Finn and agreed.

The Cathaoirleach suggested that the Friends of the Cliff Walk should be requested to nominate one of the members from the umbrella groups and that the PPN Environmental Pillar Group should be asked to nominate the other member. She stated that it was important to have an environmental representative on the committee and to have transparency in the process.

Some Councillors, while agreeing that there should be an environmental representative on the committee, suggested that the Friends of the Cliff Walk should also have two representatives on the Committee as they were responsible for progressing the matter so far and they requested that the committee membership be extended to allow for this.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the District Manager would request the PPN Environmental Pillar Group, the East Coast Business Network and the Friends of the Cliff Walk to each nominate one representative for the committee and that she would further request Wicklow County Council to extend the membership of the committee to allow for two representatives from the Friends of the Cliff Walk.

PRESENTATION FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ROADS SECTION IN RELATION TO CONVENT ROAD, DELGANY

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer and Mr. Fiachra O'Connor, A/Senior Executive Engineer from Wicklow County Council to the meeting. They gave details of the proposed new option for the Convent Road Scheme which had been agreed by the NTA and supported by the Delgany Community Council and they gave a slide show presentation which outlined the proposals that will go to Part 8 public consultation early in the new year.

Members welcomed the new proposals and the included parking spaces, as well as the input from the Delgany Community Council. They were critical of the length of time that these schemes took to get going and they suggested that concerns raised by the public in relation to such matters should be addressed quicker. They commended the members of the Delgany Community Council for the courteous and helpful way they dealt with members and officials in relation to this scheme.

Mr. F. O'Connor informed the members that the Part 8 process would take place from January to April 2026 followed by Detail Design, and it was likely that construction works would not commence until 2027. He stated that it was intended to carry out the already agreed Killincarrig Village Renewal works first, once the Chapel Road scheme was completed.

Mr. M. Flynn stated that updated Traffic Management Standards introduced in November 2025 were essential for the Convent Road scheme as the previous Standards did not allow for what the public wanted.

4. REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

The District Engineer had circulated the members with a report that outlined proposed works and works carried out in the district and he answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

He agreed to have the drains at Applewood Heights cleaned and the footpath at Waverly Place checked as well as the board area at the playground in Kilcoole and the pedestrian crossing at Kilcoole NS. He pointed out that the contractor carrying out the work on the new pedestrian crossing on Sea Road, Kilcoole was awaiting delivery of poles for the lights and he stated that the contractor doing the works on the rain garden outside Kilcoole NS would be replacing the mucky soil there with a sand and soil mix before installing planting and stones.

The District Engineer informed the members that the Bellevue Hill would be re-surfaced in early January from the junction with Delgany up to the area previously resurfaced and he referred to a response from the Roads Section which was recently circulated to the members in relation to the planters on Church Road. He agreed to revert back to the Roads Section in this regard but was not confident that they would change their stance on this. He agreed to have the footpaths there cleaned in the meantime.

In response to a query about new pedestrian lights on the Charlesland dual carriageway the District Engineer informed the members that the contractor was carrying out works there and hoped to have the new lights operational before Christmas. He agreed to have the footpaths in Killincarrig and the tree that is allegedly blocking the light at the Waverly pedestrian crossing checked and to look at the possibility of improving the surface of the non-formal path between Burnaby Lawns and Aldi as part of a wetlands proposal.

Members thanked the District Engineer for his report and for works carried out in the district.

5. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)

The District Administrator informed the members that phase one of the Farrankelly Close works was now completed. She stated that the Council's 51 houses in total were reported on and that the estimated cost of repairs required was in the region of €500,000 which had not yet been sourced. She pointed out that, in the interim, smaller issues would be dealt with from the GMD maintenance budget. She pointed out that roof tiles required by the Council's roofing contractor were no longer available but he did what he could.

Members spoke about the need to continue with the upgrading of the houses in Farrankelly Close and the need to progress with the sale of a property on Mill Road to fund the works. They also stressed the need to learn from this case to ensure that a similar situation did not re-occur and they requested that they be provided with a copy of the summary inspection report carried out on the houses.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were discussed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator advised the members that the Greystones Trilateral Student Congress was held recently and was attended by the Cathaoirleach. She stated that the students involved had requested to make a presentation to the members and, following discussion, it was agreed to invite them to make their presentation at the March monthly meeting.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that the Whale Theatre Group had been in touch to request funding towards the theatre's expenses and following discussion it was agreed to contact the group to request details of any specific project that the Greystones Municipal District might contribute to in 2026 as all discretionary funding for 2025 had already been allocated.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Cathaoirleach referred to a discussion at the July 2024 meeting in relation to works at the sandpit in Killincarrig when she understood that funding had been agreed by the members.

The District Administrator pointed out that while the matter had been discussed then, no decision had been taken to allocate monies to the works as the then District Engineer had indicated that funding might be available from the Biodiversity budget for the works involved.

It was then proposed by Councillor L. Scott, seconded by Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin and agreed that funding up to €5,000 be provided for works at the sandpit at Killincarrig.

2. The District Manager informed the members that the Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's report on the Greystones / Delgany / Kilcoole Local Planning Framework would issue in the coming days and would be discussed at the Council meeting in February 2026.
3. The Cathaoirleach thanked the members and staff for their help and co-operation over the past months and wished all a happy Christmas and New Year.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

CERTIFIED: _____ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

DATED THIS: _____ **DAY OF** _____ **2026**