

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Ms. H. Dennehy, Greystones Municipal District Manager  
Mr. J. McGee, Greystones Municipal District Executive Engineer  
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator  
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Councillor O. Finn  
Mr. G. Cullen, Greystones Municipal District Engineer

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At the outset members passed votes of sympathy to the family of Margaret Fox, Heathervue, Greystones and to the family of Maeve Shanley, Heathervue, Greystones both of whom died recently as well as to Mr. Ruairi Farrell Principal of Greystones Community College on the recent death of his father.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. PRESENTATION ON PRE-PART 8 PLANNING FOR N11 KILPEDDER 'RAT RUN' ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. John Bowes, Senior Engineer with Wicklow County Council to the meeting. He gave a Powerpoint Presentation on the proposed scheme which aims to remove the traffic rat-run through Kilpedder village, to provide safe cycle route bypass of junctions 10 and 11 northbound and to improve safety for N11 traffic and he answered any questions from the members in relation to same. He stated that the 'bus only' aspect of the proposals would depend on Garda enforcement.

Members welcomed the proposals and the public consultation that would take place as part of the process before the Chief Executive's report would be considered, probably at the July GMD meeting.

**3. PRESENTATION FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATION TEAM**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Patricia Carmody from Wicklow County Council's Community Safety Co-ordination Team to the meeting and she was joined by Councillor Tom Fortune, Chairperson of the Committee.

Councillor Fortune gave a background to the setting up of the team and the steps involved and Ms. Carmody gave a Powerpoint presentation outlining all the details. Councillor Fortune stated that while there was a huge amount of work to be done, the new process would be a game changer and should help people to feel safer.

Members acknowledged the amount of work carried out by the team and welcomed the participation of young people in the process. They spoke about the need to also include new communities and to get information out to people

across all social media platforms. They expressed the hope that members of the public would engage at the planned public meetings across the county.

The District Manager stated that she was Director of Services in Waterford when the pilot scheme was rolled out there and she urged the committee members to look at the pilot schemes, which fed into the whole set up, so that they could avoid difficulties that had arisen and see how they had been resolved.

#### **4. TO AGREE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING FROM 2026 GMD LPT DISCRETIONARY FUNDING**

The District Engineer had circulated the members with details of LPT discretionary funding provided and spent in the last few years as well as suggestions for projects to be funded from the 2026 allocation.

Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin proposed that a sum of €150,000 be allocated for footpath works in Newcastle village and this was seconded by Councillor S. Stokes and unanimously agreed.

Councillor S. Stokes proposed that €50,000 for replacement of railings at the cove and seafront in Greystones and this was seconded by the Cathaoirleach, Councillor L. Scott, and unanimously agreed.

Councillor M. Barry proposed that monies should be provided for improvement works at the upper green in Charlesland and this was seconded by Councillor S. Stokes. It was agreed that a sum of €15,000 be allocated for this purpose.

Members also agreed to allocate the sum of €20,000 for provision of basic showers for swimmers at Greystones south beach and at Kilcoole beach as well as basic changing facilities if possible.

In relation to the provision of permanent toilet facilities at the south beach, members were of the opinion that the cost of these should not come out of their discretionary LPT funding but should be funded from central County Council funds. Some members suggested that money should be set aside in the budget as it may be needed for road reinstatement works in the district following ongoing developments. Other members were conscious of large sums of money ring-fenced for the Killincarrig Village Improvement Scheme and spoke about the need to spend the money available.

In relation to road reinstatement works, Mr. J. McGee advised the members that all road opening licences were conditioned to fully reinstate roads and that they had to have a bond in place for this purpose. He stated that some temporary reinstatements were not great but pointed out that the Council had a further two-year period after signing off on works to compel contractors to fully reinstate works again if necessary.

The District Manager pointed out that there was a national scheme in place for road opening licences and that the rate for bonds was also set nationally.

The District Administrator informed the members that Greystones Municipal District was hoping to secure Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funding to provide toilet and changing facilities at Greystone south beach and that it was hoped to have a report compiled on what was needed so that the funding could be applied for.

During further discussion the members spoke about the need to make Dr. Ryan Park more family friendly and about the need to tackle invasive species at the park and they sought clarification on whether a plan and funding was put in place by the Biodiversity Team in Wicklow County Council for works at Dr. Ryan Park. They also requested that a copy of the Ecology Report carried out by the Council be circulated to them.

In summary, the District Manager stated that €150,000 be set aside for footpaths in Newcastle; €50,000 be set aside for replacement of railings at the cove and seafront in Greystones; €15,000 be set aside for works at the green area in

Charlesland and that €20,000 be set aside for provision of basic shower/changing facilities at the south beach Greystones and at Kilcoole beach.

## **5. REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER INCLUDING UPDATE ON CLIFF WALK**

The District Engineer had circulated the members with a report that outlined proposed works and works carried out in the district and this was taken as read.

In response to queries from the members, Mr. J. McGee informed the members that the Chapel Road scheme was being managed by the Roads Department of Wicklow County Council and not the Greystones Municipal District. He stated that it was intended to reinstate the ramps and to carry out road restoration works on Church Lane, Greystones and that if any money was left in the current budget, some improvement works would be done at Kenmare Heights which was further down the priority list. He informed the members that traffic management would be required on the Farrankelly Road in order to cut back weeds on the central median so that this work would be better done in conjunction with road marking and gulley clearing works.

Mr. McGee pointed out that an Arborist had now been appointed to advise on problem trees in the district and he stated that the so-called rain gardens (SUDS – Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems) were designed to take rainwater into the ground rather than into surface water drainage pipes. He stated that developers were conditioned to include them where there was capacity. He stated that the rain gardens at Kilcoole NS were being worked on at present and he pointed out that the road in Kilcoole from the garage to the Lott Lane junction had been patched and would be resurfaced as soon as possible once the developments there were completed. He stated that it would be very costly to provide road markings there that would have to be dug up when the road was resurfaced but he agreed to discuss this with the District Engineer.

The District Administrator informed the members that issues with erosion at the north beach in Greystones would be followed up with the Environment Section of Wicklow County Council. She also referred the members to an email that was circulated by the Roads Section that outlined the details of the extension of the road closure for Chapel Road and she pointed out that there was no update on sponsorship of roundabouts in the district due to lack of resources and other work priorities / staffing issues.

Members welcomed the Engineer's report and the works carried out in the district. They suggested that some interim works and road markings were required at the pedestrian crossing at Kilcoole NS to make it safe while development works were being carried out there and that the rain gardens at the school needed to be completed and planted without further delay as they were in a very bad condition.

## **6. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)**

The District Administrator informed the members that there was no update on other housing matters but pointed out that a contractor had now been appointed to carry out phase two of the replacement windows and doors programme in the remaining houses at Farrankelly Close. She stated that the attics in those houses would be insulated once the windows and doors were replaced.

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

No notices of motion were considered.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator advised the members of the details of an email received from the Killincarrig Community Association seeking to have a deputation at a GMD meeting and following discussion it was agreed to invite a deputation from the group to the June meeting.
2. The District Administrator reminded the members of the contents of a recent email from the Roads Section in relation to Chapel Road, Greystones.
3. The District Administrator advised the members of a request received from the Archers Wood Residents Association seeking funding for the provision of an AED within their estate.

Following discussion during which it was pointed out that similar requests had been refused in the past, it was agreed that the Residents Association be advised to contact the local Fire Service and the Greystones First Responders Group who may be in a position to assist them in their endeavours.

4. The District Administrator informed the members that a request had been received from Councillor Pierre Cherfils on behalf of the municipality of Sainte-Adresse in Normandy, France seeking exploratory discussions with a view to forming a partnership with Greystones.

Following discussion, it was agreed to refer this matter to the Tourism and Twinning Sub-Committee for consideration.

5. The District Administrator informed the members of an update received from Kathleen Kelleher on the twinning partnership with Holyhead. She reminded members that a group would travel to Holyhead for their Summer Festival at the end of July if anyone was interested in going along.
6. The District Administrator informed the members that the Greystones Tidy Towns Committee had been awarded Gold and a County First Award at the recent Supervalu National Tidy Towns Awards. She suggested that this achievement be marked in some way prior to the May meeting and this was agreed.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillor M. Barry referred to difficulties that the Greystones Community College had in securing slots at Shoreline Leisure Greystones for their special needs pupils and he requested that this matter be discussed in detail at the May meeting.

Following discussion during which members were critical of the lack of communication between Shoreline and the elected members, it was agreed that Councillor Barry would submit details of the specific issues and that representatives from the Shoreline Management Company would be asked to attend a meeting with the members.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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

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

DATED THIS: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2026