

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

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 O. Finn

At the outset, members passed votes of sympathy to the families of Fatima Catherine Dagbay, Charlesland Park and Fr. Eamonn Clarke, CC, Kilcoole who died recently. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of them.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin, seconded by Councillor L. Scott and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26th May 2026, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. DEPUTATION FROM KILINCARRIG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Manus Hingerty, Ms. Grainne Keogh and Ms. Mary McGee from the Killincarrig Community Association to the meeting. They gave a Powerpoint presentation that outlined pedestrian and traffic safety issues on Mill Road, Carrig Villas, Castle Villas and the village centre in Killincarrig and suggested possible solutions. They thanked the members and the Council for works carried out in Killincarrig, particularly at the sandpit, and they requested that a traffic management plan be put in place prior to commencement of works on the Killincarrig Village Renewal scheme and that they be consulted on same.

Members thanked the deputation for their presentation. They suggested that a pedestrian crossing was required on Mill Road as well as some traffic calming measures especially near the Montessori school at Carrig Villas where the footpaths are in a bad condition. They sought clarification on whether or not the speed limits could be reduced prior to the next national review and they suggested that additional signage would be helpful. They enquired if a condition could be included in the traffic management plan for the Killincarrig works preventing Castle Villas from being nominated as an alternative route during the works on the R761.

The District Engineer agreed to discuss the traffic management plan, as well as options for slowing traffic at the Montessori school, with the Active Travel Team as requested. He informed the members that the final design for the Killincarrig Village Enhancement scheme had already gone through a safety audit and that a further audit would be conducted after the work was completed. In response to a query from the members, he pointed out that speed ramps were not generally used to slow down traffic as they caused many issues.

The District Manager agreed to get clarification on the statutory process for reviewing speed limits.

3. 2026 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

A copy of the 2026 Schedule of Municipal District Works had been circulated to the members with the agenda.

The District Administrator stated that the overall budget was already adopted by Wicklow County Council and that the Schedule of Municipal District Works just gave a breakdown of works for the district. She pointed out that if the SMDW was not adopted, it could delay non-essential works from being carried out in the district. In response to a query from the members, she stated that five permanent part-time and two substitute part-time School Wardens were appointed to Greystones Municipal district but that the full complement of Wardens was down at present due to recent retirements and difficulty in recruiting replacements.

Members criticised the budget process as they had no real input into it and they requested that they be circulated with a breakdown of actual expenditure under each heading for 2025 as opposed to monies provided.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor L. Scott and agreed that the Schedule of Municipal District Works for Greystones Municipal District, as circulated, be adopted.

4. ALLOCATION OF 2026 MEMBERS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

A report outlining funding agreed to date, and proposals for additional funding allocations, had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor S. Stokes and agreed that the following allocations be agreed for 2026: People of the Year Awards - €2,500; Greystones Christmas Lights - €5,000; Kilcoole Christmas Lights - €1,500; Newcastle Christmas Lights - €1,500; Delgany Christmas Lights - €1,500; Tourism & Twinning - €5,500 and Kilcoole Music Festival - €2,000.

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, the District Engineer stated that there was no further update on bus stop improvements in the district other than that included in the report circulated and he stated that work was progressing on the design of a crossing at Applewood Heights and Church Lane. He stated that Victoria Road was included in the proposed Pathfinder Scheme which was subject to a safety audit at present and that replacement equipment had been ordered for that which was recently vandalised at the Charlesland playground. He agreed to look at the issue of horsetail weeds on the roundabouts at Charlesland and to consider the need for safety improvements at the junction of the park and ride/Woodlands Road. He pointed out that the proposed Pathfinder scheme included a raised platform at the Mill Road/Woodlands Road junction. He stated that the Council's outdoor crew dealt with graffiti issues as they arose and that he would follow up again with the ESB in an effort to get the pedestrian crossing lights on Sea Road Kilcoole connected and that he would look at the slant on the crossing.

In relation to the completion of the rain gardens outside Kilcoole NS the District Engineer agreed to discuss again with the contractor but he suggested that the delay might be an issue with the optimum planting time for the specific plants needed. He stated that road markings at Roches Chemist and Kimberley Road would be re-instated when the road re-surfacing programme was completed and he pointed out that while a scheme to cater for camper vans was in place in Wicklow, there was no such scheme for Greystones. He agreed to send any issues with Darcy's Field to Sispar via the Environment Section of Wicklow County Council as the previous engineer there had moved.

The District Engineer apologised for the delay in having the Convent Road scheme progressed and he agreed to look at overgrowth in Grattan Park and at Sea Road, Newcastle and to consider placing additional bins at the seafront in Greystones during busy periods for the summer if resources allowed.

The District Administrator informed the members that there was no short-term solution to preventing camper vans legally parking at the seafront but that the provision of signage would be considered. She stated that the barrier had been re-instated at the entrance to the La Touche Road car park. She pointed out that no pilot funding had been allocated this year for Dr. Ryan Park and that the Council would apply again next year and she stated that a request for toilet and changing facilities at the MUGA park in Archers Wood estate had been referred to the CERA Directorate of Wicklow County Council who deal with such issues. In relation to placing barrels for rubbish at the beach, she stated that these had caused issues with rat infestations in the past and she stated that the replacement barriers for the Winnowbank roundabout were a different size so some had to be moved for replacement.

In response to a query from the members, the District Manager stated that it was hoped to commence a review of the Parking Bye-Laws in the autumn.

Members thanked the District Engineer for his report and for works carried out in the district. They were critical of the lack of oversight in relation to Darcy's Field, which had not delivered what was promised, and they expressed their frustration and disappointment at the delay with the Part 8 scheme for Convent Road in Delgany. They commended the Delgany Community Council for their work in relation to that scheme and they expressed the hope that submissions already made in relation to the scheme would be considered again.

6. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)

The District Administrator had circulated a report outlining progress on various housing projects in the district. She informed the members that phase two of window and door replacements in Farrankelly Close was now underway and it was hoped to have the work completed by the end of the year.

Members welcomed this news and requested that updates on the Council owned Burnaby land be included in the report going forward.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were considered.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator informed the members of an update on the twinning partnership with Holyhead submitted by Kathleen Kelleher. She reminded the members that the Holyhead Festival would take place on the last weekend in July if any members were interested in attending.

Councillor S. Stokes pointed out that a group was travelling from Greystones to Holyhead on a day trip on Saturday 25th July.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor S. Stokes requested that letters be sent to Jennifer Carrick to congratulate her on her promotion to Garda Inspector and to Tara King to congratulate her on her promotion to Garda Superintendent and this was agreed.
2. Councillor S. Stokes informed the members that weekly chess sessions would resume in Burnaby Park for the month of August and he invited the Cathaoirleach to open them.
3. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor M. Barry referred to recent correspondence which the members received in relation to Shoreline Leisure and he stated that the members would be following up on that.
4. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor M. Barry, stated that the local Eire Og football team and camogie team had recently won the Féile and he proposed that a small reception be held for both teams at a suitable date and time in the coming weeks. This was agreed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

CERTIFIED: _____ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

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