

**MINUTES OF MARCH MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor G. Walsh, Cathaoirleach
Councillors M. Barry, D. Mitchell, L. Scott & S. Stokes

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies: Councillor T. Fortune

At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to the family of Noel Lang from Greystones, and formerly from Newcastle, who died recently. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of him.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor L. Scott, seconded by Councillor M. Barry and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 28th February, 2023, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. ALLOCATION OF 2023 ESTATE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR GREYSTONES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

The members had been circulated with a report on the allocation of the 2023 Estate Development Grants prior to the meeting.

The District Administrator informed the members that all qualifying Residents Associations that applied had been allocated a base grant of €200 and that the balance of the fund was divided relative to the number of social houses in each estate.

Following discussion it was agreed to allocate grants as follows: Ard na Mara, Kilcoole - €469; Beechcourt Avenue & Corrig Drive, Kilcoole - €335; Beechwood Park, Kilcoole - €249; Bramble Corner, Kilcoole - €212; Cedarwood Crescent, Kilcoole - €432; Druids Brook, Kilcoole - €652; Farrankelly Close, Delgany - €823; Grattan Park/Upper Grattan Park/Lower Grattan Park, Greystones - €335; Hazelwood Crescent, Kilcoole - €298; Kenmare Heights, Greystones - €738; Killadreenan Close, Newtownmountkennedy - €689;

Killincarrig, Greystones - €212; Kindlestown Park/Rivendell Grove, Greystones - €1,716; Seamount Drive, Newcastle - €567; The Willows, Kilcoole - €212 and Wellfield, Kilcoole - €261.

3. NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL DISABILITY & INCLUSION STEERING COMMITTEE (DISC)

Councillor S. Stokes proposed that Councillor L. Scott be appointed to the Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee following the recent resignation of Councillor M. Crean. This was seconded by Councillor M. Barry. There were no further nominations so Councillor L. Scott was appointed and she agreed to take up the position.

4. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

A report from the District Engineer had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting together with an update on NTA projects. The District Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same. He agreed to seek an update on the Chapel Road scheme for the April meeting and to arrange a speed survey on the Priory Road after the Easter holidays. In relation to increased journey times on Aircoach to Dublin Airport he informed the members that the Transport Study was to feed into the County Development Plan rather than to deal with issues in the wider Dublin area. He informed the members that issues with the Cliff Walk were still being dealt with by solicitors and he stated that the surface of the Charlesland playground would be replaced when contractors were available.

In relation to the junction of Bellevue Hill, the District Engineer stated that the works there had been reviewed by consultants who confirmed that all road traffic requirements were met and he pointed out that the junction was currently still under construction and would improve further when the works were completed. He informed the members that a new name sign for Kenmare Heights had been ordered and that improvement works would be carried out at the Charlesland dog park when the weather improved. He agreed to assess the issue at the bus stop at the AIB bank and he pointed out that the Housing Construction Section had agreed to review the wall at the Tree Trout Stream to see how any concerns could be allayed.

In relation to Dr. Ryan Park, the District Manager informed the members that the Council would engage consultants to carry out a study on the area when a funding source had been identified so that the cost did not have to be borne from the GMD discretionary fund.

The District Engineer gave details of the proposed green route that will link to the Delgany Heritage Trail as well as details of the proposed Pathfinder route. He informed the

members that the Options Report for the Convent Road in Delgany was currently being reviewed by the NTA and he stated that the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for the Killincarrig Village Improvement scheme was currently being prepared. He stated that repairs to the railings at the cove would be undertaken when staffing issues in the district were sorted and that consultants would need to be hired to complete a box junction at the junction of the R761 and Applewood Heights. He agreed to meet residents from Killincarrig to discuss proposals for improvements in the estates there.

The members welcomed the works being carried out within the district and they thanked the District Engineer for his report and clarifications.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion in the name of Councillors D. Mitchell & S. Stokes:

"The Council would like to see a Public Cultural & Creative Artists Studios & Multifunctional Space for Exhibitions in the Mill Road site with the hotel."

Councillor D. Mitchell stated that Greystones was growing rapidly and needed an artistic facility with studios and an exhibition space that would cater for adults and children. He suggested that this should be linked to the proposed hotel development on the Mill Road site if possible. He pointed out that any such facility would probably require some form of subsidy and he requested that details be obtained from other local authorities on how they funded similar facilities. All the members supported this motion.

The District Manager informed the members that the Council had recently selected an assessment team to market this part of the Mill Road site and he agreed to pass on the members request to the team. He pointed out that it had been decided to separate the Civic Offices and Park and Ride sites from the rest of the Mill Road site as they were more complicated. He reminded the members that the overall scheme for the site would have to be commercially viable and he agreed to seek information from the Arts Office on the operation of artistic facilities in other areas.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The District Administrator informed the members that it was hoped to have a presentation on the Safe Route to Schools Project for St. Kevin's NS for the April meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The members thanked everyone involved in organising the St. Patrick's Day parade in Greystones as well as the businesses who supported it and the Tidy Towns Group who organised a clean up after the parade. It was agreed to send a letter to

the Holyhead Twinning group to thank them for travelling over and taking part in the parade.

2. The members requested that the agenda for the next meeting of the Greystones Municipal District Policing Plan Committee include a report on Dr. Ryan Park and this was agreed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

CERTIFIED: _____ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

DATED THIS: _____ **DAY OF** _____ **2023**