

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor M. Barry, seconded by Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 28th April 2026, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. 2026 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The District Administrator reminded the members that nominations were currently being accepted for the 2026 Greystones Municipal District People of the Year Awards and that the Awards Dinner would be held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 in Greystones Golf Club.

3. DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of Greystones Municipal District would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 30th June 2026, prior to the monthly meeting.

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 it was proposed to remove horsetail weed growth at Dr. Ryan Park and to cover the area with non-permeable material to prevent regrowth. He agreed to look at similar measures at the Shoreline roundabout on the Charlesland dual carriageway and to have the grass cut at the Charlesland dog park. He pointed out that it was planned to do roadworks on the schedule where there was school access when schools were closed or at night-time if contractors were available. He stated that he would be meeting contractors to discuss design for works on the spine road at Redford Park and that he had met with Irish Water in relation to service connections on Main Street Kilcoole. He agreed to look at issues with trees leaning over at Eternity Jewellers and Café Gray on Church Road in Greystones and he pointed out that the GMD technician would assess a problem tree at Grattan Park to see if it needed to be checked by an arborist.

In relation to maintenance of roundabouts on the Charlesland dual carriageway and the Farrankelly road the District Administrator informed the members that due to other work commitments, there was no update on this.

She stated that there were several options to consider and while some work had been done, and contracts were ready to go, the work was time-consuming. She suggested holding a workshop with members, Council officials and Tidy Towns but emphasised that the Area Engineer would have the final say on what was agreed. She agreed to circulate suitable dates for a workshop to the members.

The District Engineer informed the members that the delays with the Chapel Road scheme were due to Eir service cables needing to be placed underground so that poles could be removed to allow completion of footpaths and cycle lanes. He stated that everyone was pushing to have this work done as soon as possible. In response to queries from the members, he pointed out that Wicklow County Council did not set out the conditions for such work but had to comply with Eir's terms and conditions. He stated that work on the Killincarrig Village Improvement scheme could not commence until the Chapel Road scheme was completed as Killincarrig was a diversion route for the Chapel Road closure.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the Municipal District Administrator should write to Eir requesting that their work on Chapel Road be completed as soon as possible.

The District Manager informed the members that the Environment Section had secured funding in the sum of €70,000 for resurfacing the MUGA pitch at Dr. Ryan Park and a further €100,000 was included in the Capital Budget, should an application be successful under the Nature Based Play Spaces.

The District Administrator stated that the €100,000 application was for a pilot scheme with Dr Ryan Park identified as it is already used by local schools. She stated that the MUGA required specialist maintenance work.

The District Engineer informed the members that he would meet with the Developer of Archers Wood estate in the coming days to discuss recommendations for resolving engineering issues raised in the recent safety audit carried out. He stated that the replacement railings at the cove and seafront would match the existing railings and he agreed to discuss issues relating to the football pitch at Charlesland with Councillor Barry.

Members welcomed the District Engineer's report and thanked him for works carried out. They expressed regret at the news that he would soon be moving on to a new position with Bray Municipal District.

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 arrangements were progressing for the second phase of window and door replacements at Farrankelly Close.

This report was welcomed by the members.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were considered.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator advised the members of the details of a request received from the Delgany Community Council seeking a contribution towards the 2nd Delgany Heritage Day in August 2026 and, following discussion, it was agreed to contribute €400 towards this event.

2. It was agreed to write to Councillor Adrienne Edwards and Councillor Hywell Williams to congratulate them on their recent election as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively of Holyhead Town Council.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that representatives from Jigsaw had sought to make a presentation to the members and, following discussion, it was agreed to invite them to the July monthly meeting.
4. The District Administrator informed the members that the Delgany Tidy Towns Group had requested an opportunity to present their five-year plan to the members at a future meeting and, following discussion, it was agreed to invite them to the September monthly meeting.
5. The District Administrator informed the members that a request had been received from the Newcastle Christmas Lights Committee for a contribution towards Christmas light in Newcastle this year.

Following discussion, it was agreed to consider allocation of the members' discretionary funding at a future meeting.

6. The District Administrator informed the members that the Sustainable Greystones Plot to Plate project had been chosen as a Wicklow entrant for this year's Pride of Place competition in the Urban Neighbourhoods and Housing Estates category.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The District Administrator informed the members that a local girl from Greystones, Carolanne McDonald, had been selected as the Wicklow Rose for this year's Rose of Tralee Festival. She stated that Carolanne would be a great ambassador for Greystones and County Wicklow and some sponsorship to help with the many costs involved with the event should be considered to support Carolann from the Members.

Following discussion, it was agreed to contribute the sum of €500 to Carolanne and that a letter of congratulations be sent to her on behalf of the members. It was also agreed to hold a small reception for her at 6.00 pm on 30th June 2026, prior to the annual and monthly meetings.

2. At the request of Councillor M. Barry, it was agreed to write to Shoreline Leisure to request that representatives of their Board attend a meeting with members. He stated that the 20-year lease on Shoreline was due to expire soon and that all thirty-two members of Wicklow County Council needed to review any new lease. This was seconded by Councillor S. Stokes.
3. Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin expressed her disappointment that sites which were rejected by the members in their recent consideration of the Local Planning Framework were subsequently put forward by planning officials. Other members agreed and expressed the view that their many meetings about the matter were a waste of time since their views were ignored.

The District Manager informed the members that this was a planning matter rather than a matter for the Municipal District. She stated that it was proposed to bring forward sites that were in or near existing settlements and that both the sites proposed by the members, and those proposed by planning officials, would be considered but the members would ultimately make the decision on the proposed variation. She pointed out that Wicklow County Council had contacted all Developers that had received planning permission but had not

built and that when all the information was available, a full report would be sent to the members and that further workshops/meetings would be held at that stage.

4. The Cathaoirleach requested that the Pride flag be flown at the Civic Offices for seven days during Pride month and this was agreed.

5. In response to a query from the members, the District Administrator stated that no response had been received from the Tanaiste in relation to a meeting to discuss how essential infrastructure would be delivered alongside housing growth, especially with regard to providing adequate school accommodation in the Greystones district. She agreed to follow up on this matter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

CERTIFIED: _____ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

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