

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

Also Present: Ms. H. Dennehy, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Mr. J. Daly, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Councillors O. Finn and T. Fortune
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach stated that Councillor O. Finn had requested to join the meeting remotely, but this was not possible as she was unable to connect in a manner that allowed her to see and hear the proceedings or to be seen and heard. Members sought clarification on remote attendance at meetings going forward.

The members passed a vote of sympathy to the family of Helena Kenrick from Kilcoole who died recently. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of her.

Members also congratulated Kevin Venkatesan from Charlesland on his selection for the Irish chess team and commended him on his performance at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Uzbekistan recently.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor S. Stokes, seconded by Councillor O. Finn and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 30th July 2026, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. DEPUTATION FROM DELGANY TIDY TOWNS

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Aileen Lennon from Delgany Tidy Towns to the meeting.

Ms. Lennon gave a Powerpoint presentation on the group's three to five year plan that gave details of the village in transition; where they are now and the context for change; their five strategic themes; their year by year action plan; how AI can help Delgany Tidy Towns serve the community; targeted activities and creative communications; key milestones at a glance and a note on resources and flexibility.

In response to queries from the members, she stated that AI was advantageous to the group on a low level, although they were aware of the issues about power and water usage by data centres. She stated that the recent Delgany Heritage Day was very successful and that many volunteers had signed up to help as well as some volunteers who agreed to join the committee.

Members thanked Ms. Lennon for the presentation and offered their support in any way possible. They commended the volunteers who worked hard around the village and on the committee and they welcomed the group's efforts to integrate new residents into their activities.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON PART 8 FOR CONVENT ROAD DELGANY ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. David Reel, Senior Engineer and Mr. Fiachra O'Connor, Senior Executive Engineer from Wicklow County Council to the meeting. They gave a Powerpoint presentation that outlined the background to the Part 8 process; a summary of submissions received; plans of the scheme's design; a summary of the key issues raised; items to be considered further at detail design stage and a recommendation for approval to proceed.

Members thanked them for the presentation and welcomed their engagement with the Delgany Community Council and Business Group. They requested access to the individual submissions and requested that the provision of disability and age-friendly parking be considered at the detail design stage and that private car parks not be listed for public parking.

In response to queries from the members, Mr. D. Reel stated that the provision of disabled and age-friendly parking could be considered, and he pointed out that there may be GDPR issues with making individual submissions available but that he would check on that.

Mr. F. O'Connor stated that an archaeological licence would be obtained in advance of any works and that procedures would be in place in the event of an archaeological find. He stated that this would be very low risk as excavations would be shallow. In response to queries from the members he stated that the next step would be to go to tender for consultants, then detail design, followed by construction. He pointed out that other approved schemes might impact on the construction stage.

Following discussion, the members present unanimously agreed to adopt the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 Active Travel Scheme for Convent Road, Delgany subject to the following 2 amendments:

1. That disability and age-friendly parking on Convent Road be considered as part of the detail design process, and
2. That parking as a whole on the Convent Road be considered at the detail design stage.

4. 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. He agreed to follow up on issues raised by the members.

During discussion on the report, the members requested a contact name and telephone number for the proposed Irish Water works in Delgany. They also requested an update on the provision of pedestrian crossings in the district and stressed the need for one at Killadreenan, and for an update on the bus stop enhancement proposals, stressing the need for work at Newcastle hospital, at Blacklion and at Bramble Corner in Kilcoole. Other items raised were clearing of the Chapel Road

roundabout; issues on St. Vincent Road; Chapel Road, Newcastle; water run-off from school site in Kilcoole; speeding at Kilquade Hill estate; flooding at Redford Park; audit for Archers Wood and an update on the snag list at Darcy's Park.

The members also spoke about ongoing anti-social behaviour at Dr. Ryan Park, recent fires in the area and issues with fireworks and bangers being thrown at houses and in this regard, they requested a meeting with the local Garda Superintendent and the Fire Officer as these issues were likely to escalate in the run up to Halloween. They also stressed the need for parents to talk to their children about the dangers of such activities.

The District Engineer stated that a report had been sought from the Chief Fire Officer in relation to the recent fires at Dr. Ryan Park and the members requested that the Fire Officer be invited to attend any meeting organised with the Garda Superintendent.

The District Manager agreed to follow up on a recent request from the members to meet with the Wicklow County Council Director of CERA to discuss a plan for Dr. Ryan Park going forward and to get an update on the issues at Darcy's Park.

5. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)

The District Administrator had circulated a report outlining progress on various housing projects in the district.

Members welcomed this report and the inclusion of an update on the Burnaby lands, and they requested that the issues with windows and doors replaced in Farrankelly Close be included in the report going forward.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were considered.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Manager referred to recent correspondence received from Hackman Capital Partners in relation to the IDA lands at Greystones, a copy of which had been circulated to the members.
2. The District Manager advised the members that no response had been received from the IDA or the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in relation to the IDA lands but that reminders had issued.
3. The Cathaoirleach advised the members of the contents of an email received from Ms. K. Kelleher which advised that Holyhead twinning partners would travel to Greystones for the Greystones Christmas Lights event in November. It also pointed out that representatives from Holyhead would attend a major maritime commemoration in Dun Laoghaire on 10th October.

The Cathaoirleach stated that a positive meeting of the Tourism and Twinning Committee had been held prior to the monthly meeting.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Cathaoirleach requested a timeline for progressing the Part 8 Active Travel Pathfinder Scheme for which the public consultation closed on 30th September, and the District Manager agreed to check on that and revert to the members. She informed the members that a new Planning Act would come into effect on 13th October 2026 which would affect the Part 8 process, but she pointed out that any Part 8's already started would be completed under the current system.
2. Members again raised the need to meet with the Garda Superintendent and the Fire Officer to discuss issues at Dr. Ryan Park and it was agreed to request the Garda Superintendent to facilitate such a meeting. Some members suggested that the meeting with Gardai scheduled for 27th October should be brought forward and there was a suggestion that the schedule for quarterly meetings with the Gardai should be reviewed.
3. The District Manager informed the members that industrial action was due to commence across the public service next week and that it would likely have an adverse effect on meetings outside normal working hours, including the October meetings of Greystones Municipal District.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

CERTIFIED: _____ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

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