**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 25th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor L. Scott, Cathaoirleach

Councillors M. Crean, T. Fortune, D. Mitchell, J. Neary & G. Walsh

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager

Mr. R. O’Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer

Ms. R. Wood, Greystones Municipal District Administrator

Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

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At the outset the members passed a vote of sympathy to former Town Councillor, James O’Sullivan, and his family, on the recent death of his father, Eddie O’Sullivan.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Neary, seconded by Councillor D. Mitchell and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th December 2021, as circulated, be confirmed and signed.

1. **UPDATE ON SOUTH BEACH ACTION AREA PLAN**

The District Administrator informed the members that the consultants for the south beach action area plan were not available to attend this meeting but that they hoped to make a presentation at the February meeting instead.

1. **REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER**

The report from the District Engineer had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and the Engineer answered any queries from the members in relation to same. He suggested that the members might consider allocating their 2022, and perhaps future annual discretionary budgets, towards upgrading footpaths in older housing estates in the district on a priority basis.

In relation to the provision of pedestrian access between Glenheron and Charlesland, the District Engineer referred the members to a comprehensive report he issued to them earlier which explained the position and confirmed that the works being carried out were required as part of Cairns planning permission. He stated that matters relating to the community garden at Shoreline should be referred to Shoreline as the Municipal District office had no role in that. He circulated a report, for the information of the members, on the submissions received in relation to the temporary closure of the western access to Applewood Heights, and he stated that a further survey and consultation with residents would be carried out prior to the end of the six month trial period.

Following further discussion the members requested an update on the various works to be carried out by Cairn Homes as part of their three local developments and they asked that residents in Glenheron be kept advised about the works being carried out between Glenheron and Charlesland. They asked that a Traffic Survey be carried out on the Blacklion road and they also enquired about the heritage value, if any, of the cobblestone road surface at the Garda Station. They requested an update on the CPO for Chapel Road as well as recommendations for improving safety for pedestrians on the Pigs Hollow walkway in Greystones, the Lott Lane in Kilcoole and other popular walking areas. Members also requested an update on having the cove designated as a bathing water

1. **PRESENTATION ON PRE-PART 8 NOTIFICATION FOR 2 HOUSES AT KNOCKROE**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Helena Fallon from the Housing Section who gave a slideshow presentation on pre-part 8 proposals to provide two fully accessible semi-detached four bedroom houses on a Council owned site at Knockroe, Delgany. She stated that there was a need for such housing in the district for families that currently lived in unsuitable social housing.

Members welcomed this proposal and the fact that two existing social houses would be available for re-letting when these two proposed houses were built and occupied.

1. **ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

The District Administrator informed the members that, prior to the latest removal of Covid 19 restrictions, a decision had been made that no parade would be held in Greystones this year. She stated that because of a number of factors including lack of staff and the short time frame, it was not possible to organise a parade now.

Members stated that in other towns the business community, and not the local authority, organised the annual parades and they suggested that the business community, and other interested parties, in Greystones should take over the running of the parade in the town going forward.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Greystones Municipal District would not organise a parade on St. Patrick’s Day this year. It was further agreed that the Greystones Town Team should be advised of this decision so that they could, if they so wished, organise an event to mark the national day.

The District Administrator informed the members that a delegation from Holyhead had outlined their wish to travel to Greystones for the St. Patrick’s Day holiday. She also pointed out that a delegation from St. David’s School in Greystones intended to travel to Holyhead for their St. David’s Day celebrations at the beginning of March and that any members wishing to join that delegation could do so.

1. **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

No notices of motion were considered.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. The District Administrator reminded the members of the contents of Circular LG2/2015 in relation to the Code of Ethics for Councillors, which also applied to non-Councillor members of joint committees, which was circulated by Wicklow County Council.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that the audit of all five Municipal District staff numbers had commenced and would be concluded as soon as possible.
4. The District Administrator informed the members of a lengthy response received from the Codling Wind Farm group in relation to their request that Codling provide, fund and staff a Visitor / Interpretive Centre in Greystones separate from any community benefit fund. In short the letter stated that, given the early stage of the project, the need for broader consultation and the lack of certainty around the Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme, it was premature to commit to any specific proposal, or to any particular location, at this point in time. It was agreed to circulate a copy of this letter to the members.
5. The District Administrator referred to requests to have ‘Hazelbrook Cotttage’ in Delgany listed as a protected structure and she informed the members of the procedures involved, which she agreed to circulate.

Following discussion the members requested that the Planning Section be asked to have a planning official attend the monthly meetings of Greystones Municipal District and that the process to have the cottage listed as a protected structure be commenced.

1. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of correspondence received from Ms. Kathleen Kelleher advising that the local Postmistress, Ms. Norah Hogan, was retiring shortly after many years in the position.

The members expressed their congratulations to Ms. Hogan on her retirement and wished her well for the future.

1. The District Administrator referred to correspondence received in relation to the community garden at Shoreline and informed the members that this was a matter for Shoreline Leisure and not Greystones Municipal District.

Members stated that it was essential to ensure that the land in question remained available for community use.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_DAY OF\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2022