

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Mr. G. Cullen, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Mr. M. Devereux, Greystones Municipal District Manager

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 27th May, 2025, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. DEPUTATION FROM NEWCASTLE FORUM

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Philip McGaley, Mr. Hugh O'Rourke and Ms. Mary Woodnutt from Newcastle Forum to the meeting. Mr. McGaley gave a short history of the Newcastle Forum and outlined their activities. He stated that the Forum represented businesses, community and sporting organisations and residents in Newcastle and fund-raised for many improvements in the village including the upgrading of the Community Centre and the playground.

Mr. McGaley thanked the Municipal District for their support in the past and requested that footpath improvements be carried out from the Castle Inn to the corner of Church Road as well as traffic calming works to improve safety at the junction of Church Road and the R761. He requested that hedges be kept trimmed back on the Sea Road where speeding was an issue and he spoke about the need to have utilities and insulation upgraded at the Community Centre. In conclusion he sought assistance with a road closure for their upcoming airshow.

All the members thanked the group for their presentation and offered their support going forward and the Council officials agreed to follow up on the issues raised.

3. REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

The District Engineer had circulated the members with a report that outlined proposed works and works carried out in the district and he answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

In relation to ESB connections for traffic lights on the Charlesland dual carriageway the District Engineer agreed to follow this up with the Active Travel Team and he advised the members to refer any issues with public lighting to the Public Lighting Section of the council. He agreed to follow up on street name signs for Bellevue Park and Church Lane as well as road markings, trees on Hillside Road, provision of solar bin at the bus stop in Newcastle and footpath improvements from the Castle Inn to the L5050 in Newcastle. He stated that he would contact the roads section of Wicklow County Council in relation to trucks delivering materials to the Chapel Road scheme using the Convent Road in Delgany rather than the Delgany Wood Avenue and he confirmed that

the roundabouts at Killincarrig were built to standard and that driver behaviour was at fault for the recent incident referred to there. He agreed to get the hedging trimmed at the roundabouts if that was required.

In relation to the Safe Routes to Schools works at the Blacklion schools campus the District Engineer stated that he had flagged concerns raised about the proposed works with the Active Travel Team who had arranged a meeting with the schools. He stated that the Church Road Greystones works had gone out to tender and that the Active Travel Team would review any tenders and progress works as soon as possible with planting later and one year's maintenance to water the planting until it was established. He stated that he would seek an update from the Active Travel Team on proposals for Delgany Main Street and that he would also ask them for details of why the NTA excluded Sea Road, Kilcoole from the current Pathfinder Scheme.

The District Engineer pointed out that maintenance works were carried out on cycle lanes where issues were raised and that a traffic survey would be carried out at Archers Wood / Eden Gate when schools re-opened. He stated that he was waiting on approval from the Environment Section to have the heliotrope removed from the sandpit at Killincarrig and that the yellow box junction at Super Valu Greystones would be repainted. He informed the members that a scope of works was being prepared for footpath works in Bayview Close Kilcoole and Kenmare Heights Greystones and that these works would be done before the end of the year.

The District Engineer confirmed that details of upcoming works would continue to be included in his monthly reports. He informed the members that arrangements would be made to have a problem tree in Grattan Park checked by an arborist when resources allowed and he stated that lining would be provided on the raised pedestrian courtesy crossing at Centra in Kilcoole. He agreed to look at the issue of pedestrian safety under the railway bridge on Victoria Road and footpath issues outside Bochellis and Café del Stelle and to investigate the issue of mechanics fixing cars on the roadside at the entrance to Applewood Heights. He stated that there were some teething issues with the roll out of the MOBY bike scheme in Greystones and he pointed out that the size of the GPS area was being reduced and that fines would now be issued in cases where bikes were not returned to the designated sites.

The District Administrator informed the members that recent issues at the harbour opposite the Beach House were the responsibility of Sispar and Irish Water. In relation to CCTV in the area she pointed out that there was no County Council CCTV operational at present as the current systems were outdated and there was no budget to maintain them. She stated that the previously proposed Community CCTV Scheme was not progressed by the Gardai.

Members thanked the District Engineer and officials for the report and the clarifications and they welcomed the works carried out in the district. They requested that members of the Active Travel Team be invited to the July meeting of GMD and they suggested that residents in Archers Wood and Eden Gate be consulted prior to the through road between the two estates being opened up. They again expressed concern about this proposal due to the speed and level of traffic using the roads and they suggested that the Council was inconsistent in opening up this through road when they had closed the through road in Applewood Heights a few years ago. Members also requested that representatives from the MOBY bike scheme be invited to attend a meeting in the autumn.

4. UPDATE ON CLIFF WALK

The District Engineer informed the members that Consultants had now been appointed to look at all the issues and to provide a full report on the Cliff Walk. He stated that they were carrying out drone surveys and had been given all data available from Wicklow County Council and Irish Rail. He stated that a meeting of the Cliff Walk Management Committee was being arranged for the week commencing 7th July.

Members welcomed this news and in response to a request from the members to be kept informed of progress the District Administrator stated that it had been agreed that the GMD members on the Committee would keep the other members updated and that the minutes of the Cliff Walk Management Committee meetings would be available to the members once they were confirmed.

5. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)

The District Administrator had circulated an updated report prior to the meeting and she informed the members that she had received no response to her request for housing officials to attend a meeting of Greystones Municipal District.

Members expressed disappointment and concern that no meeting with housing officials had been arranged and that only doors and windows in the houses in Farrankelly Close were being examined as part of the inspection surveys being carried out there.

The District Administrator assured the members that full and comprehensive inspection surveys were being carried out in Farrankelly Close and she stated that the new houses at Cois Droichead had all now been checked and allocated.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were considered.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator advised the members of a request from Greystones First Responders for funding towards the cost of providing AED's in housing estates. She stated that it was not clear who would cover installation and maintenance costs of any units provided.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the Fire Service provided AED's in some areas and following further discussion it was agreed to circulate the correspondence to the members, to seek further information from the Fire Service and to discuss the matter again at the July meeting.

2. The District Administrator updated the members on twinning with Holyhead. Councillor S. Stokes stated that he was travelling to the Holyhead Festival at the end of July and could take an additional passenger if anyone was interested in going.
3. The District Administrator informed the members of a request from St. Anthony's Football Club in Kilcoole to make a presentation to the members at their September meeting and this was agreed.
4. The District Administrator informed the members of a request received from Kilcoole Music Festival for funding towards this year's festival and it was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor S. Stokes and agreed to make a contribution of €2,000 towards this event.
5. The District Administrator informed the members of a request received from Connecting Kilcoole for funding towards the provision of Christmas lights in Kilcoole. She pointed out that two separate groups were usually involved in this venture i.e. the Kilcoole Development Association that puts lights and a Christmas tree up at the community centre at the northern entrance to the village and Connecting Kilcoole who put lights and a Christmas tree at the main street. Following discussion it was proposed

by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor S. Stokes and agreed to contribute €800 to the Kilcoole Development Association and €1,500 to Connecting Kilcoole.

6. The District Administrator informed the members of a request received from Wicklow Pride for funding towards their festival which would include a 'Dip and Sip' in Greystones as well as a coffee morning and window display competition. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor S. Stokes, seconded by Councillor O. Finn and agreed to make a contribution of €400 towards this event.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor S. Stokes informed the members that the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council had indicated to the Roads and Transport SPC that the Parking Regulations would be reviewed after the summer.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

CERTIFIED: _____ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

DATED THIS: _____ **DAY OF** _____ **2025**