

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES,
MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Ms. H. Dennehy, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Mr. G. Cullen, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Mr. J. McGee, Executive Engineer, Greystones Municipal District
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor L. Fenelon Gaskin, seconded by Councillor O. Finn and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 17th December 2025, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. DEPUTATION FROM GREYSTONES CRICKET CLUB

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Michael Kirk, Mr. David Drane and Mr. Declan Ryan from Greystones Cricket Club to the meeting. They made a Powerpoint presentation that gave details of cricket's heritage and local significance, it's historical roots in County Wicklow and in Irish history, a background to the Greystones club, it's current facilities, the challenges with their current ground and the need for re-location, as well as the community role of the club and it's diverse and inclusive ethos and the club's vision and specific requirements for a new ground.

All the members expressed their full support for the club and agreed to do whatever they could to help them secure a new ground. They pointed out that many clubs in the district were also looking for new sites. They spoke about the need to have a wide range of sports facilities in the district, and they welcomed the fact that the Cricket Club was willing to share facilities with other groups, and their commitment to working with local schools. Members also noted that the Cricket Club had resources to maintain any new facility and access to funding for investing in a new site and they requested that they be circulated with a copy of the presentation and that the Club keep in touch.

The District Manager informed the club members that Wicklow County Council planning maps would show what land was zoned in the area and she pointed out that the Local Planning Framework was currently being finalised.

3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON PART 8 FOR NEWCASTLE PLAYGROUND

A copy of the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for improvement works at Newcastle Playground had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting and the District Administrator introduced Mr. John McGee, Executive Engineer with Greystones Municipal District who was present to answer any queries from the members in relation to the project.

The District Manager stated that a signed copy of the Chief Executive's report was available in County Buildings if required.

All the members were very supportive of this project and thanked the GMD staff, and the community representatives in Newcastle, for their input. They stressed the need to ensure that parts were readily available for the new playground equipment to avoid delays in having items fixed as has been the case with other playgrounds in the district. They further requested that a Communications Board be erected at the site at the start of the project and that a Communications Board also be placed at the south beach playground.

The District Engineer informed the members that the playground and equipment would be certified to RESPA standards.

Mr. J. McGee stated that the tender documents for the project were currently being prepared and that it was hoped to go to tender by the end of February and commence works in April in time for the summer season.

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 he answered any queries from the members in relation to same. He gave the members an update on Storm Chandra and stated that staff and fire service personnel had been working all day to deal with the storm's effects.

Members stated that the situation with flooding at the houses along the seafront in Kilcoole, and along towards Newcastle, was very dire due to ongoing issues with maintenance at the Breeches. They stated that no regular monitoring or maintenance was carried out at the Breeches because none of the entities involved, i.e. Irish Rail, Office of Public Works, Uplands Council and Wicklow County Council, were willing to take responsibility for same. They suggested that representatives from all four groups needed to meet and come up with a plan of action to resolve the issues and they suggested that a Task Force, similar to the one set up for the Cliff Walk, might be required. Members thanked the owner of Newcastle Airfield and fire service personnel who worked to clear flood waters and they requested that a letter be sent to Mr. John Nugent at the Airfield to thank him for having the Breeches cleared.

It was noted by the District Manager that the issues raised were beyond the control of Greystones Municipal District. It was agreed to write to the Environment Section of Wicklow County Council to request them to organise a meeting, where possible, between all the entities to further explore next steps.

In response to queries from the members the District Engineer stated that inclement weather had caused the postponement of sustainable drainage works at Kilcoole National School and he stated that the potholes on the Main Street in the village would be repaired when the weather improved. He stated that the road at Newcastle would be considered for improvement works, in conjunction with all other roads identified, when the 2026 roads allocation was received and that works would be carried out on a priority basis. He stated that no further work was planned for Kenmare Heights and he agreed to assess the need for work at Burnaby Court and Burnaby Lawns. He requested the members to submit details of specific pedestrian crossings needing attention and he pointed out that Church Road in Greystones would be resurfaced as part of the Pathfinder project.

The District Administrator agreed to follow up on having the position in relation to CCTV cameras on Hillside Road in Greystones and the Executive Engineer informed the members that tenders were being prepared to have the roadway in Redford cemetery extended and levelled before being re-surfaced.

In relation to the removal of some planters on Church Road, Greystones to be replaced by age-friendly parking spaces, the District Engineer referred to correspondence previously circulated in this regard which had been received from the Active Travel Team and the consultants for the Pathfinder Scheme which included the Church Road. He stated that it was likely Council policy was to eliminate parking there as was recommended in the Heritage Plan. He pointed out that the parking space width on Church Road was 2.1 m and that a 2.4 m width was required for age-friendly parking so that if spaces were provided there, they would not meet the current standards. He suggested that the provision of age-friendly parking spaces could be considered as part of the imminent review of the Parking Bye Laws.

Members stated that the planters had been provided as a temporary Covid measure and that a Part 8 process was required if they were to remain and following further discussion, they requested that they be circulated with a copy of the guidelines for age-friendly parking spaces.

The District Manager acknowledged the views of the members, the fact that the planters were to be a temporary measure and the need for age-friendly parking spaces. She agreed to seek a date for the review of the Parking Bye Laws and she suggested that an alternative location could be suggested by the members for consideration for any additional age-friendly parking spaces as an alternative to Church Road.

In response to other issues raised, the District Engineer informed the members that the gap in the fence at the Charlesland Dog Park would be repaired and that he would follow up on having work at Crowe Abbey completed if the members gave details of specific houses needing attention. He stated that work was ongoing on having the new pedestrian lights on the Charlesland dual carriageway connected and he stated that improvement works to footpaths in Newcastle Village would be considered when footpath funding for 2026 was allocated. He stated that speed signage was being reviewed at present and

he asked the members to submit specific details of the issue with sightlines at the Newcastle / Newtown Road junction and of issues at Kilpedder Grove. He agreed to follow up on the issue with a tree at Grattan Park and sightlines at one parking bay at Church Road, Greystones and he stated that the Hawkins Wood estate was not taken in charge so any issues there were a matter for the Planning Section and the Developer.

The District Engineer informed the members that the developer of Archer's Wood estate had been requested to carry out a traffic survey and he stated that it was hoped to commence re-surfacing works on Bellevue Hill/Glen Road in the coming week. He agreed to have a look at the paths at St. Crispins and the pedestrian crossing at Kilcoole NS where a wheelchair user tipped out of his chair and to check if the Active Travel works at Blacklion included moving the school entrance. He informed the members that there was a budget of €200,000 for provision of pedestrian crossings and he requested the members to send in suggestions for locations of new crossings. He pointed out that a budget had not been allocated yet for provision of bus shelters that would be designed by the Active Travel Team. He suggested that a bus shelter was required at the Roasted Brown premises on Main Street, Kilcoole.

In response to a query from the members in relation to the disposal of nitrous oxide cannisters, the District Administrator suggested that they be included in Hazardous Waste collections and she agreed to get clarification from the Environment Section of Wicklow County Council on this matter.

Members thanked the District Engineer for his report and for works carried out in the district.

5. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)

The District Administrator had circulated the members with an updated report on housing matters prior to the meeting.

In response to queries from the members she pointed out that no external roof inspections were carried out in Farrankelly Close as part of the survey carried out by the Housing Section but that works needed were identified from visual inspections and from logs of complaints received from tenants. She stated that some of the issues were caused by vents being blocked by insulation and that this was currently being rectified in the eleven houses that have had windows and doors replaced. She pointed out that there was also a difficulty in sourcing replacement roof tiles as the tiles used in the estate were no longer available, as well as an issue with tiles being nailed down when they should not have been. She stated that these issues were currently being looked at by a roofing contractor.

Members stressed the need to have specific funding sourced for the remedial works at Farrankelly Close and stated that the money should not be taken from the GMD maintenance budget. They again requested that they be circulated with a copy of the Housing Report on the estate and with an update on progress with the sale of assets to fund the works. In addition, they sought clarification on the five Part 5 houses at Rock Cottages, on Lott Lane, Kilcoole and on where the developer was building additional houses.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor S. Stokes:

"The Greystones Municipal District requests that the National Transport Authority re-organise evening bus times from Greystones Railway Station. We are concerned that evening buses regularly depart, just before or just as, commuter trains arrive into Greystones Railway Station. This leaves commuters with a wait of 30 minutes for their next bus. This is especially important for the L1, L2 & L3 services".

Following discussion on this notice of motion, it was seconded by the Cathaoirleach Councillor L. Scott and agreed to send the motion to the NTA.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor S. Stokes:

"The Greystones Municipal District requests that the sunken road between Burnaby Lawns and Greystones Tennis Club be repaired as a matter of urgency. The location is on the western side of the road".

Following discussion on this notice of motion the District Engineer stated that there was a collapsed pipe at this location and that this work would be included in the GMD drainage programme when funding was received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator advised the members that the 2026 Estate Development Funding Scheme for social housing estates, and private estates with a number of social houses in them, would be advertised in the coming week or two. She agreed to circulate full details and application form to the members.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that plans for this year’s St. Patrick’s Day parade were being progressed by the Town Team and that any queries in relation to same should be directed to them. She pointed out that representatives from Holyhead would attend the parade and she stated that the Town Team had requested a contribution from GMD towards the costs on the day.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor L. Scott and agreed that funding up to a maximum of €2,500 be provided as required.

3. The District Administrator referred to correspondence received that sought the provision of mother and baby parking bays in all public car parks. She stated that this matter could be considered as part of the upcoming review of the parking regulations.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor S. Stokes stated that the Wicklow County Council Transport SPC would be seeking suggestions for enhancement of bus stops in the district as funding had been received.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____ DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS: _____ DAY OF _____ 2026