**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2021 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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1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
2. It was proposed by Councillor T. Fortune, seconded by Councillor M. Crean and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting held in committee on 30th November 2021, as circulated, be confirmed and signed.
3. It was proposed by Councillor G. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Mitchell and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 30th November 2021, as circulated, be confirmed and signed.
4. **EXTENSION OF AMENDMENTS OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT STANDING ORDERS AND OF SUPPLEMENTARY STANDING ORDERS TO REGULATE PROCEEDINGS OF REMOTE MEETINGS**

The District Administrator stated that it had already been agreed to extend the amendments of Greystones Municipal District Standing Orders No. 5 - Hour of Meeting and No. 6 – Place of Meeting and Address of Principal Offices, and to extend Supplementary Standing Orders that regulate proceedings of remote meetings, and which operate in conjunction with existing Standing Orders of the Greystones Municipal District, up until the 31st December 2021. She stated that because of the current uncertainties about Covid-19 and the increase in the number of infections, it was proposed to extend these amendments and the supplementary standing orders for regulation of proceedings of remote meetings for a further six months.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Scott, seconded by Councillor J. Neary and agreed that the amendments to standing orders numbered 5 and 6, and the supplementary standing orders for regulation of proceedings of remote meetings, be extended until 30th June 2022.our and Time of eetings andH

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.

Mr. O’Hanlon informed the members that the funding that was in place to commence the Knockroe footpath extension was not being continued in 2022. He stated that he hoped to secure other funding streams to complete this work. He pointed out that the funding scheme that was proposed to be used to trial a one way system in Delgany village was also now finished and consequently it was not possible to say at this stage if those proposals would go ahead. He stated that the Delgany Business Association had submitted alternative proposals which had yet to be fully considered but which did not seem feasible from initial assessment. He stated that while it had been hoped to have works on Kilmullen Lane, Newcastle and Cliff Road, Greystones completed by the end of the year, these would not now commence until January as the Contractor was not available until then.

In relation to the temporary closure of the vehicular access to Applewood Heights, the District Engineer confirmed that the correct procedures were followed under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act. He pointed out that on the day of the closure, the GMD office received four or five emails welcoming the closure and a small number of complaints that submissions in relation to the closure had not been responded to. He pointed out that the public consultation process invited comments on proposals, which were noted and taken into consideration, but individual responses were not issued. He stated that it was intended to provide a full report on the Applewood Heights closure for the January meeting.

In relation to the boundary wall between Hillside and Church Lane which was removed to facilitate drainage works for a new development on Church Lane, the District Engineer stated that it was not intended to replace this at present because access from Hillside to Church Lane would form part of a proposal for safer route to school proposals being considered by St. Kevin’s School. He stated that the residents of Hillside had been informed of this.

The District Engineer informed the members that the pedestrian ramp at Farrankelly Close was completed as per the contract for same. He stated that there was no funding available from the Housing Section for further works there. He pointed out that the Greystones Municipal District had agreed to provide plant screening on the ramp but that this was rejected by the residents. The members requested that costings be provided for cladding on the pedestrian ramp so that the matter could be considered further. They also requested that landscaping works be carried out on the bank at Farrankelly Close and that road markings be renewed at in the Newcastle area, on Delgany Wood Avenue, at the cycle lanes at Killincarrig and at the yellow box junction at the entrance to Rathdown Park.

1. **NOTICES OF MOTION:**
2. Motion in the name of Councillor J. Neary:

“To discuss the urgent need for more council / ground staff working in the Greystones Municipal District and replacement of existing vacancies to help facilitate Greystones Tidy Towns".

Members welcomed the announcement that an audit of outdoor staff in the County would be carried out and requested that this be done in an early timeframe. They spoke about the need for additional staff in the Greystones MD area as there was only 12 outdoor staff here compared to 30 in the Bray MD, an area of almost similar size.

Following further discussion it was agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council to request that additional outdoor staff be allocated to the Greystones Municipal District.

The District Administrator informed the members that 2 and possibly 3 vacancies in the district would be filled in January, depending on budgets available.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. The District Administrator referred to a letter from the local Chess Club that had been circulated to the members and the District Engineer advised that he would arrange to meet representatives from the club to discuss their issues.
3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
4. In response to a query from Councillor J. Neary, the District Manager informed the members that work on the new dog park at Charlesland was almost completed and that it was hoped to officially open the park in early 2022.
5. The members congratulated Councillor M. Crean and the Greystones Town Team on Greystones success in winning the 2021 Liv Com Most Liveable Community Award and they commended everyone involved. The District Manager echoed those comments and commended the Greystones Municipal District staff for their work.
6. In response to a query from the Cathaoirleach, the District Manager stated that a temporary replacement for the Chief Executive position should be announced shortly.
7. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the recent meeting with senior Council officials and representatives from Sispar in relation to the gate recently erected at Greystones harbour and looked forward to meeting with them again in the new year.
8. Councillor G. Walsh requested that an update on the South Beach Action Plan be provided in the new year.
9. The Cathaoirleach wished everyone a happy Christmas and new year.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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 CERTIFIED:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

 DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_DAY OF\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2021