

**MINUTES OF APRIL MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON  
TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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Present: Councillor S. Stokes, Cathaoirleach  
Councillors L. Scott & G. Walsh

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager  
Mr. R. O’Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer  
Ms. T. Kearns, Greystones Municipal District Administrator  
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

Apologies from: Councillors M. Barry, T. Fortune & D. Mitchell

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**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor G. Walsh, seconded by Councillor L. Scott and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**2. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ENGINEER**

A report from the District Engineer had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting and he answered any queries from the members in relation to same.

The District Engineer informed the members that the CPO for the Cliff Walk was being progressed as there had been no further contact from the landowners and that signs for re-routing the walk would be erected in the coming weeks. He stated that while there was no overall plan in place yet for Dr. Ryan Park, a clean-up had been carried out and bark chips had been placed on the muddy areas. He pointed out that he had referred the issues with Periodic Speed Limit signs at schools to the roads team and would revert to them in this regard and he added that the Blacklion Manor road would be looked at as part of the Safe Routes to Schools proposals for that area. He stated that he currently had no staff trained in operating speed cameras.

The District Engineer informed the members that monies raised from Local Property Tax were centralised and equalized across the whole county. He stated that the

budget that Greystones Municipal District received from this was not sufficient to cover the cost of hiring contractors to do works such as road markings and it was difficult to get such works done. He pointed out that the Discretionary Funding from LPT that the MDs received in recent years used to be part of the annual MD maintenance budget for staff, materials, machinery, etc. and that the maintenance allocations were now cut to the bone and really only covered wages and essential services. He added that the GMD did not have enough technical staff to put tender documents together for works and he pointed out that the technician position had been advertised twice already with no interest.

The District Engineer informed the members that any public lighting issues could be reported on the Deadsure-app and he stated that he was looking at options for the green area in St. Crispin's where the terrain was not level and it was difficult to collect grass when cut. In relation to the provision of an e-bike scheme in Greystones he stated that the scheme in Bray was a trial one and on its completion the Council would invite expressions of interest for the four MDs and if none were received, the matter would be reconsidered. He advised the members that public lighting for the Pigs Hollow had been ordered and a connection application for same had been submitted to the ESB.

In relation to the provision of solar powered bins in the area, the District Engineer informed the members that the bins were ordered and he was currently in discussions with the suppliers about advertising options for the bins. He stated that it was hoped to have the documentation ready to go to tender in June for the Chapel Road scheme and that there would be a two month tender period. He assured the members that there were no private lands involved in the proposals for the Killincarrig Village Improvement Scheme and he pointed out that the additional parking spaces would be provided when those works commenced as previously agreed, that there would be no change to the speed limit and that a pedestrian crossing would be included as part of the scheme.

The District Engineer informed the members that upgrade works at the Charlesland roundabouts would not now be carried out by contractors and that the ESB were responsible for connecting the public lighting on the Kilcoole road. He stated that works to complete access to the boardwalk at the south beach had been completed by Irish Rail and he advised that Irish Water was responsible for re-instatement works following a leak at Hillside. In relation to road restoration budgets, he pointed out that surface dressing was carried out on roads that had a speed limit of over 60 kph

and as GMD did not have many rural roads, there was no requirement for surface dressing in the district.

Members thanked the District Engineer for his report and for works carried out in the district. They requested that the Council consult with residents of Killincarrig village who were of the opinion that the proposed works for the Village Enhancement scheme would encroach on their private property and they asked that the Charlesland roundabout upgrade works be carried out during the summer months before schools re-opened in September.

### **3. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

“Greystones Municipal District requests the ramps on Church Lane, Greystones to be re-done as a matter of priority.”

Following discussion on this motion, the District Engineer stated that he would arrange to have some remedial works carried out on Church Lane as soon as resources allowed.

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

"Greystones Municipal District should seek a northbound and southbound stop for Glenheron / Hawkins Wood as part of the proposed L2 route."

In response to this motion the District Engineer stated that additional bus stops at these locations would be included in the planned upgrade works for the Charlesland dual carriageway.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of an email received from Grainne McLoughlin advising that Dermot Macaulay was retiring from the Irish Coast Guard in May after 30 years' service.

Following discussion it was agreed to invite Dermot to receive a presentation certificate prior to the May monthly meeting at 7 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

2. The District Administrator informed the members that representatives from the housing section of Wicklow County Council would possibly be available to

attend the May meeting of the Municipal District. She requested the members to let her know about any specific queries they had in advance so that she could pass them on.

Members expressed the hope that the housing representatives would attend a meeting before the end of the current term of the Municipal District.

3. The District Administrator gave an update on twinning with Holyhead that had been submitted by Kathleen Kelleher.

The Cathaoirleach advised the members that representatives from Holyhead would make a short visit to Greystones on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May to collect the award won by the South Stack Lighthouse in the Greystones St. Patrick's Day Parade and he invited members to join them.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Following discussion on the date and time for the May monthly meeting, it was agreed to hold the meeting as normal at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
2. In response to a query from Councillor L. Scott, the District Engineer informed the members that work was ongoing by the Arts Office of Wicklow County Council in having necessary assessments carried out in preparation for the Part 8 and tender process for the Outdoor Arts Space at the La Touche Road car park. He stated that the Park 8 process should commence in the summer.
3. In response to a further query from Councillor L. Scott, the District Administrator stated that she would seek an update on progress with the lease for the new Coast Guard Station at the harbour.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

**CERTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATED THIS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **2024**