

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES, CO. WICKLOW ON TUESDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Mr. M. Devereux, 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

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At the outset the Chairperson welcomed Killian Ryan, a transition year student from Colaiste Chraobh Abhann, who was doing work experience with the Council and who was sitting in on the meeting to observe the proceedings.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Barry, seconded by Councillor S. Stokes and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

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

The District Engineer informed the members that the roads programme was progressing and in response to a query from the members he pointed out that works on the Charlesland dual carriageway would likely stop for two weeks over Christmas with no traffic management in place. He stated that, although Greystones Municipal District put down mulch initially as part of the build, he needed to get clarification on whether maintenance works at the dog park at Charlesland Recreational Park were the responsibility of Shoreline Leisure or GMD. He pointed out that traffic issues at schools in the area were a matter for the Gardai and the schools and he stated that he was not aware of any real issues at schools generally.

In relation to the completion of the footpath on the eastern side of the R761 between Knockroe and Kilcoole the District Engineer stated that work on the house at this location was taking longer than expected. He pointed out that once the work on the house was completed, a wall would be built and then the existing fence would be removed and the footpath works could proceed. He stated that a contractor was lined up to fill the large potholes outside Centra in Kilcoole and that he was aware of the issue in front of the Thrift Shop. He stated that it would be best to postpone resurfacing of the road in Kilcoole until such time as works outside Kilcoole Primary School were completed but pointed out that resurfacing of the road from Knockroe to Lott Lane should commence in early January.

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

### **3. UPDATE ON CLIFF WALK**

The District Manager informed the members that the Cliff Walk Management Committee met recently and that the Chairperson of the Committee had agreed to engage with other stakeholders. He pointed out that a business case had been prepared by the Council and submitted by the Chief Executive to the Minister seeking funding for the project and he stated that a brief for consultants would be finalised in the coming week which would include for short term, medium term and long term proposals for the Cliff Walk. He stated that Irish Rail was happy to be involved in the process and to share any studies that they had already carried out.

The District Administrator informed the members that minutes of the Cliff Walk Management Committee meetings would be circulated to all the GMD members once they had been agreed and confirmed.

Members welcomed this update and expressed the hope that the Cliff Walk could be re-opened as soon as possible.

### **4. HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (TO INCLUDE FARRANKELLY CLOSE)**

The District Administrator informed the members that there was no further update on housing since the November meeting. She stated that the Housing Section was looking for funding sources for improvement works at Farrankelly Close.

Members expressed the need to keep the Farrankelly Close issue on the agenda.

### **5. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion for consideration.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The District Administrator reminded the members that the closing date for applications for funding under the Outdoor Recognition Fund was the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. She pointed out that an online information session for interested parties would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.30 p.m. and additional information was available on the Gov.ie website. She stated that applications would be put forward by Wicklow County Council and approved, if successful, by the Department, for projects that the community could benefit from and that must be completed in 2025.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The District Manager informed the Councillors that members of Greystones Town Team wished to attend the January meeting of GMD to advise of the details of heritage funding they were applying for to expand the heritage part of the Greystones Public Realm Plan.

Following suggestions from members that a district heritage plan should be looked at rather than a Greystones one, the District Manager stated that the Council's Heritage Officer dealt with County wide heritage proposals. He pointed out that this was just one layer of the process.

The District Engineer stated that the Greystones Town Team were applying for funding for the Greystones area in line with the Greystones Public Realm Plan and that other areas within the Greystones Municipal District would be outside their remit. He pointed out that other groups within the district could also apply for funding for their areas.

The District Administrator advised that there were only certain areas of funding that the Town Team could apply for and she stated that it was intended that the Town Regeneration Officer would also attend the meeting in January.

Following further discussion it was agreed to invite the Greystones Town Team to the January meeting.

2. In response to a query from Councillor O. Finn the District Engineer informed the members that the bollards placed at Cherry Glade in Delgany were a temporary measure, some of which had already been removed, and that more would be removed when the permanent works were being done.
3. In response to a query from Councillor L. Scott the District Manager stated that the management of Dr. Ryan Park was currently under consideration. He pointed out that as funding from the Community Recognition Fund was aimed at completing projects, it might not be suitable for this as an overall plan for Dr. Ryan Park was required before any works are carried out.

The District Engineer stated that a number of separate reports were carried out on Dr. Ryan Park that needed to be pulled together. He stated that there were no reports of anti-social behaviour at the park over Halloween and he pointed out that the Council had increased maintenance there, the fence had been taken down and the Gardai had increased patrols, all of which had helped to reduce issues at the location.

4. The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Pat Coughlan, formerly from Kilcoole, who died recently.

Councillor S. Stokes proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Jim Smith from Killincarrig who also died recently.

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of the deceased.

- 5. The Cathaoirleach wished all the members, officials and press a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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

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

**DATED THIS: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025**