

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 18th June, 2019, at 2:30 pm
in The Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director,

Councillors: Pip Breen,
Malcolm Byrne,
Diarmuid Devereux,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
Willie Kavanagh,
Donal Kenny,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Joe Sullivan,
Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr. Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer.

District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe opened the meeting and welcomed members to the first meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District. It was agreed by the Committee that Mr. Taaffe chair the meeting, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Joe Sullivan proposed Cllr. Malcolm Byrne as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Byrne's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Pip Breen.

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe proposed Cllr. Oliver Walsh as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Walsh's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux.

The matter was then put to vote, with a roll-call. The vote was as follows:

Cllr. P. Breen	MB
Cllr. M. Byrne	MB
Cllr. D. Devereux	OW
Cllr. A. Donohoe	OW
Cllr. M. Farrell	OW
Cllr. W. Kavanagh	MB
Cllr. D. Kenny	MB

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin	Abstain
Cllr. J. Sullivan	MB
Cllr. O. Walsh	OW

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne	5
Cllr. Oliver Walsh	4

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, on receiving the vote of the majority, was declared elected as Cathaoirleach and assumed the Chair.

Cllr. M. Byrne addressed the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. He acknowledged the work of the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Hegarty, and vowed to continue his work in a fair and inclusive manner. Cllr. Byrne also paid tribute to former Councillor, Mr. Robert Ireton, who gave great service to the Community, in particular Courtown.

Cllr. O. Walsh congratulated Cllr. M. Byrne on his position and thanked his own proposer and seconder.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllr. Pip Breen proposed Cllr. Joe Sullivan as Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Sullivan's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Malcolm Byrne.

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe proposed Cllr. Mary Farrell as Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Farrell's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

The matter was then put to vote, with a roll-call. The vote was as follows:

Cllr. P. Breen	JS
Cllr. M. Byrne	JS
Cllr. D. Devereux	MF
Cllr. A. Donohoe	MF
Cllr. M. Farrell	MF
Cllr. W. Kavanagh	JS
Cllr. D. Kenny	JS
Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin	Abstain
Cllr. J. Sullivan	JS
Cllr. O. Walsh	MF

Cllr. Joe Sullivan	5
Cllr. Mary Farrell	4

Cllr. Joe Sullivan was declared elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach and addressed the meeting, thanking his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. Cllr. J. Sullivan offered his congratulations to Cllr. M. Byrne and his commiserations to Cllr. O. Walsh and Cllr. M. Farrell.

Cllr. M. Farrell also offered her congratulations and appreciation.

3. Standing Orders

District Manager, Ms. Amanda Byrne, informed the Committee of the following changes to Standing Orders:

- (1) Change of Title to Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
- (2) Increase in quorum from 3 to 4.

4. Schedule of Meetings

Cllr. M. Byrne sought approval from the Committee to continue with the existing 2:30pm start to Monthly Meetings and following a short discussion members agreed to no change, but to be reviewed at a further date, if necessary.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2019

**Malcolm Byrne,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019, at 2:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Malcolm Byrne

Councillors: Cllr. Pip Breen,
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Cllr. Donal Kenny
Cllr. Fiontán O'Súilleabháin,
Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Leas-Chathaoirleach,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Michael Drea, Administrative Officer,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing,
Ms. Geraldine Kavanagh, Clerical Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Willie Kavanagh
Cllr. Oliver Walsh

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 21st May, 2019 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 18th June, 2019 were signed and adopted.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Presentation

Ms. A. Byrne presented a Report on the new Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.

A proposal will be prepared by the Executive for the September Meeting suggesting that a number of meetings be held around the District and to invite local groups. This will include school visits to the District Offices.

Members requested that budget allocations reflect that Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD has the largest population district and land area.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report and Ms. M. Bridges-Carley responded to members' queries. Clarification was sought as to whether or not the Rent Pressure Zone included the Kilmuckridge LEA.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to members' queries, including a safety concern at the exit off the Rock Road onto Arklow Road, and the Coach Road junction. The possibility of a cycle path on the Carnew Road was discussed in relation to schools in the area.

Traffic congestion due to the bus stop locations on Main Street, Gorey, was mentioned by Cllr. D. Devereux. Mr. N. Shaw informed the members that Iarnród Éireann will not allow their area to be used as a transport hub. Staggering the bus stops will be looked into with a move for the Southbound Stop. Mr. N. Shaw advised that he would speak to the NTA and report back at the September Meeting for further discussion. It was noted that consultation would be required with NTA, Bus Companies, Local Businesses and Bus Users to relocate a bus stop.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin asked about restoration of Roads Staff numbers.

Cllr. J. Sullivan expressed a safety concern for pedestrians and cyclists walking on rural roads because of overgrowth of grass etc.

N. Shaw outlined report on N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested agreement on Roads Capital Projects for the next 5 years before the year end.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. B. Hammel responded to members' queries. Cllr. M. Byrne requested that an Irish Water Representative attend a District Meeting in the autumn to discuss capacity of water and wastewater in villages to allow for development in them.

Planning

Cllr. M. Byrne requested a Derelict Sites Report for the September Meeting to include both a list of derelict sites and the actions that have taken place in each instance. A discussion took place on the various issues involved in dealing with Derelict Sites.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on Specific Projects, in particular, Ancient Connections - The Saints Project, the Circe Pavilion Launch, the new History and Heritage Festival taking place in Gorey in the autumn and the Gorey 400 Book Launch. Ms. Byrne responded to a query from Cllr. P. Breen on the establishment of a Farmers Market at the Pavilion following a request from local traders. It was noted that the project would be developed over the coming months in consultation with local artisan food producers with a view to a spring 2020 start.

No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

None.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

None.

No. 6 AOB

Involvement of Young People – a discussion on this matter was deferred to the autumn and a short Report will be presented on same.

Gorey Market House – a deferral of the previously agreed Programme was agreed with a funding application based on the multi-purpose venue to be made in the next available round of Rural and Urban Regeneration Funding. It was noted that a new Concessionaire Procurement Process would be required and that this would also commence shortly.

Burrow Road – Following local concerns about illegal camping along the Burrow Road it was agreed to proceed with placing bollards on the Burrow Road to restrict vehicular access with the exception of Emergency Vehicles. Keys will be made available to Emergency Services. Public Consultation will take place in the autumn for next year and all Bye-Laws will be reviewed in the autumn.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin expressed concern over the introduction of 5G. Mr. E. Taaffe said that a review of the matter was beyond the remit of Wexford County Council and it was agreed to request a Report from those responsible.

Elected Members and Mr. E. Taaffe, on behalf of the Executive, thanked Ms. A. Byrne on her work as District Manager and best wishes were conveyed to her for her new post in Community. Best wishes were conveyed to Mr. M. Drea who will take over as District Manager of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2019

**Malcolm Byrne,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2019, at 2:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Malcolm Byrne

Councillors: Cllr. Pip Breen,
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Cllr. Donal Kenny,
Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,
Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Leas-Chathaoirleach,
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,
Cllr. Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Michael Drea, Administrative Officer,
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,
Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing,
Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer, Housing,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,

Apologies: Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting and Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 16th July, 2019 were signed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the July Meeting:

Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley confirmed that the Rent Pressure Zone did not include the Kilmuckridge LEA.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing Maintenance

Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer, presented a comprehensive report outlining the work carried out within the Housing Maintenance Department. The report outlined the different categories of work carried out and demonstrated details of the successful Energy Programme delivered in County Wexford. Mr. Doyle responded to queries raised.

Derelict Sites

Cllr. A. Donohoe sought an update on the old St. Joseph's CBS site and called on the Council to demolish the former school building, adding that the anti-social activity within St. Joseph's was having a negative effect on the local community. Members agreed that the site has become a centre for anti-social activity and was also a fire hazard which the Council had a responsibility to reduce the risk of a loss of life. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, confirmed that the Council are currently tendering for demolition of this site.

Mr. Taaffe also advised that the Council was in the process of identifying a number of priority sites within the District to deal with as a package, rather than on an individual basis and asked the Committee to identify up to 10 derelict sites which needed to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Mr. Taaffe added that the Council would look at acquiring these properties with a view to refurbishing them and either selling them or returning them to the housing stock. The derelict sites/buildings nominated by members included houses on Eire Street, Railway Road and Garden City, the former St. Joseph's School Site, Coill na Guise Site, Corrigan's Site, Kilmuckridge, the Bayview Hotel, Courtown, Sites in Camolin, Ballycanew, Ballyedmond and the thatch in Ballygarrett. Cllr. M. Byrne advised that Dereliction Notices should be served on all sites.

Environment

Mr. Gerry Forde and Mr. George Colfer provided members with an update on the Courtown Beach & Marina Feasibility Study. Mr. G. Colfer informed the Committee that he expected a final report from RPS Consultants in October, Public Consultation by year end and then out to tender which will involve, planning, foreshore and environmental assessment, but due to the complexity of this project, it could take more than a year. Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his frustration at the rate of progress of this Project and formally proposed that the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District write to the Chief Executive to highlight their concerns and to request that this project be designated a Special Project, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

Cllr. J. Sullivan invited District members to a public gathering, organised by the people of Castletown, on the 28th September at 11:00am, which will also be attended by other interested parties, including environmental groups, to highlight their concerns around frequent flooding and the damaging environmental impact of debris at the Ahare River.

Cllr. M. Farrell expressed her concerns over the potential health risks of 5G, a concern reiterated by Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that the EPA is currently compiling information for publication on their website to re-assure the public that there is no scientific basis for concern. Mr. Taaffe added that 5G is a non-ionising spectrum that is not a new technology, rather a spectrum that already exists.

Cllr. M. Farrell informed the Environment Team that recycling bins were not being emptied in tourist areas. Mr. G. Forde agreed that he was not happy with performance over the summer period and that it is currently being addressed.

Cllr. M. Farrell commended the Rapid Response Crew in their response to fly tipping callouts and encouraged the public to bring home their rubbish from beaches.

Cllr. M. Farrell sought an update on the over-hanging piece of cliff at Ballynamona Beach. Mr. G. Forde advised that this was part of a Dangerous Works Assessment and will be addressed.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin sought an update on Cahore Protection Works to which Mr. Colfer advised that he was awaiting a response from the OPW.

Housing General

Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley updated the Members on progress made since the last Committee Meeting. The Members noted the Housing Report and Ms. Bridges-Carley responded to all queries.

Gorey Market House Festival Review

Cllr. J. Sullivan expressed his huge concerns over the underage drinking taking place at the festival on the Friday night and that continuing with the current situation could have fatal consequences. Cllr. M. Byrne emphasised that this was an issue affecting only a minority of those attending the Friday night festivities and added that it would be useful to engage with young people about how to continue having a younger focus on the Friday night. Mr. Michael Drea added that at the Festival Review Meeting, which took place immediately after the weekend, the overall consensus was for the Friday night to be reviewed.

Gorey to Courtown Footpath

Cllr. M. Byrne called on the Council for the completion of the Gorey to Courtown Footpath within the five year term of the current Committee.

Discussion on Youth Participation

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed meeting with representatives from Secondary School Student Councils in the District and to set aside funding to develop more youth participation in the District along with involvement in festival events.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. M. Byrne paid tribute to those involved with the running of the Gorey St. Patrick's Day Parade following the resignation of four of the five current Committee Members and added that it was important that the parade continue beyond 2020. Administrative Officer, Mr. Michael Drea, added that the Council would not be able to take on such an event as solely a Council event, but would require public support to which the District would continue to assist. Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested holding public expressions of interest to establish a new Committee. Cllr. M. Byrne agreed to set up a meeting with the former Committee to liaise with them and discuss facilitating the setting up a new Committee, but that it must be community/volunteer driven.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Byrne, excused himself from the Chamber and the remainder of the Meeting was chaired by Cllr. J. Sullivan, Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to member's queries.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. B. Hammel responded to member's queries.

District Report

Mr. M. Drea provided members with an update on Specific Projects, in particular the status of Town & Village 2018 Projects, the Ancient Connections Project, the Love Gorey website, progress on Gorey Town Park and the newest artwork addition to the Civic Square Art Wall, by local artist, James Kirwan. Mr. Drea also informed the Committee of upcoming events/festivals taking place in the District, namely Culture Night on the 20th September, the National Enterprise Town Awards 2019 and Expo on the 24th September, the North Wexford History & Heritage Festival taking place over the weekend of 15th-17th November and the Remembrance Day Service Invitation to all members which takes place on the 10th November.

No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

Section 183 Notice – Disposal of Land at Courteencurragh, Gorey, Co. Wexford (Folios WX28140F and WX40749F)

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Section 183 Notice – Disposal of Land at Courteencurragh, Gorey, Co. Wexford (Folios WX28140F and WX40749F) was agreed.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

No. 6 AOB

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin called for Town & Village funding allocated for the refurbishment and enhancement works at Courtown seafront be used towards providing a Community Centre for Riverchapel. Mr. E. Taaffe again explained that this funding could not be transferred and that the Council was moving to tender shortly on this project. Mr. Taaffe added that an application from Courtown/Riverchapel for the 2019 round of Town & Village funding was currently being considered.

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin noted that part of the roof in The Market House required attention and was advised that a Contractor has been arranged to address these repairs.

Cllr. W. Kavanagh informed the Committee that following the District's boundary realignment to include Oylegate that the Gorey Guardian Newspaper edition was not being circulated that far south of the County. It was agreed to contact the editor of the Guardian Newspaper to have this issue addressed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting and it was agreed to hold the October Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District in Courtown.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2019

**Malcolm Byrne,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 15th October, 2019, at 2:30pm
in the Taravie Hotel, Courtown, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Malcolm Byrne,

Councillors: Cllr. Pip Breen,
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,
Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,
Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Leas-Chathaoirleach,
Cllr. Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Michael Drea, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance,
Mr. Tom Banville, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing,
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment,
Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer, Environment,

Apologies: Cllr. Donal Kenny.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. D. Devereux, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 17th September, 2019 were signed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the September Meeting:

There were no matters arising from the September Meeting.

Cllr. J. Sullivan commended the 4-stop sign traffic system at Kilmurray Cross and added that no traffic incidents had occurred at this junction in the last 12 months.

Cllr. M. Byrne called on the Council to take action against Irish Water regarding the delay on works at The Monument which was holding up the improved Safety Plan ready for implementation.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and no queries were raised.

Completion of Gorey to Courtown Footpath (incl. Preliminary Bridge Drawings)

District Director, Mr. E. Taaffe, informed the Committee that the next stage of the Gorey to Courtown Footpath was land acquisition and that preliminary discussions would commence with landowners over the winter period. Cllr. M. Byrne asked that an update be provided at the February Meeting next year. Cllr. D. Devereux suggested that a cycle lane be included in this plan and Mr. N. Shaw advised that it could be looked at.

Burrow Road & New Bye-Laws for Courtown

Mr. N. Shaw outlined enhancement plans for the Burrow Road, including putting in chicanes that will force traffic to travel slowly on the narrow road, whilst also preventing large vehicles accessing the area. Cllr. D. Devereux felt that money would be better spent preventing camper vans gaining access through the old cricket pitch, to stop the illegal parking each summer and the consequent problems associated with that. Cllr. M. Farrell suggested Morriscastle Strand as a model for open camping, to which Cllr. M. Byrne was in agreement with and suggested meeting with the Community Section to discuss developing a proper camping site. Cllr. Devereux felt that this would take too long and suggested fencing off the land and preventing access to the area, would be a more effective, immediate measure to address the issue. Other Committee members felt that preventing access was punishing the wrong people and destroying it as an amenity. Mr. E. Taaffe pointed out that if it is illegal camping and anti-social behaviour that is the issue, then it becomes an enforcement issue, to which District Manager, Mr. M. Drea added that there had been positive co-operation from the Community Warden and Gardaí over the summer period. Following a lengthy discussion, members agreed to review existing Courtown Bye-Laws with a view to strengthening them and to invite public submissions. Cllr. M. Byrne set the February Meeting as a target so that new Bye-Laws would be in operation by Easter, in time for the summer season. It was also agreed that Bye-Laws around drinking in public places could be incorporated into them.

No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

2020 Draft Budgetary Plan for the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District (GKMD)

Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance, presented the 2020 Draft Budgetary Plan for the GKMD, highlighting the main provisions thereof. Ms. O'Neill added that fair consideration of the new boundary changes had been taken into consideration across the county. Whilst the county size has not changed, Ms. O'Neill advised that the budget allocation has increased by €166,500 over the 2019 allocation.

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his disappointment that as GKMD is now the largest District in the county, that this was not reflected in the GMA allocation outlined in the Draft Plan. Mr. E. Taaffe disagreed with Cllr. Byrne outlining a number of budget headings where GKMD has the largest proportion of all the Districts. Cllr. A. Donohoe asked that sufficient funding be allocated to the Roads Programme as one-third of the county roads are now within the

GKMD and largely rural in nature. Ms. A. O'Neill confirmed that the increased size of the District will be reflected in the Roads Programme Budget.

The members gave due consideration to the GKMD 2020 Draft Budgetary Plan and on the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh, the Committee adopted the Plan without amendment.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations (cont'd)

Derelict Sites

Mr. T. Banville informed members that a Project Team assembled from within the Planning, Housing and Property Sections of Wexford County Council were targeting derelict or vacant sites in each District with a view to bringing them back into use as social housing. Mr. Banville also provided members with an update on derelict site levies and outlined some of the long standing properties on the Derelict Sites Register in the Gorey-Kilmuckridge District. Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin called for greater enforcement of derelict site levies, highlighting the need to increase levies from 3% to 7% of the property value in order to see faster movement on sites that have been derelict for lengthy periods of time. He also felt the need for more CPO Notices to be issued if movement is to be seen on sites deliberately in a state of dereliction. Mr. E. Taaffe responded that not all sites would be eligible for the 7% levy and advised that the Council had a number of options but that moving forward with CPO's was the way to progress these cases.

Proposals on Engaging with Young People

Members discussed various options regarding engagement with young people and agreed to invite representatives from the three Secondary School Student Councils in the District and from Gorey Youth Needs to the November District Meeting and to ask in advance for specific agenda items from them.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report and no queries were raised. Members expressed their concerns over the level of anti-social behaviour occurring in Local Authority Housing Estates which is leading to some tenants choosing to relocate. Members also felt that people were afraid of repercussions resulting from reporting such occurrences. Ms. M. Bridges-Carley assured Committee members that all reports of anti-social behaviour are taken seriously and investigated immediately in confidence. In extreme cases, Ms. Bridges-Carley advised that the Council must be satisfied enough before going through the legal process of eviction, which is a lengthy process, but that the Council will try to resolve such issues through engagement. Mr. E. Taaffe agreed that these are extreme cases and that the majority are resolved through intervention from the Tenant Liaison Officer.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. B. Hammel responded to member's queries. Members expressed their frustration about rural waste water delaying the development of towns and villages. Cllr. D. Devereux added that there is no point in developers applying for planning permission if there are no waste water services. Cllr. M. Byrne requested that an Irish Water Representative attend an MD Meeting to discuss capacity of water and wastewater in villages in the District.

District Report

Mr. M. Drea provided members with an update on Specific Projects, in particular the Courtown T&V Project, the recent success of Gorey Tidy Towns at the Tidy Towns National Awards and the National Enterprise Town Awards judging which took place in Gorey on the 24th September. Mr. Drea also informed the Committee of an upcoming visit by the Moroccan Ambassador, H.E. Lahcen Mahraoui, on the 23rd October and of the ongoing plans for the North Wexford History & Heritage Festival, Halloween & Christmas 'Big Switch On' festivities.

Mr. Drea announced that the Council, in conjunction with Gorey Tidy Towns, is installing three bottle filling stations in the town to be located on the Paul Funge Boulevard (near Ramstown Road), at Gorey Civic Square and outside the Ulster Bank. An additional filling station is included as part of the re-development of Gorey District Park. Members welcomed this development which should result in the reduction of plastic bottle use and allow for greater use of reusable bottles and also acknowledged the significant work that all Tidy Towns Groups have contributed throughout the District.

No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members (Cont'd)

Proposed Taking in Charge

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was agreed to take the following Estates in Charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000:

- Gleann an Ghairdín (Phase 1)
- Oakhill, Ramstown Lower

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin called on The Taking-in-Charge of The Heath be prioritised.

Section 183 Notice – Extension to lease of lands at Seamount, Ardamine to Courtown Sailing Club

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. D. Devereux, the Section 183 Notice – Extension to lease of lands at Seamount, Ardamine, Gorey, Co. Wexford, was agreed.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations (Cont'd)

Environment - Courtown North Beach & Marina Feasibility Study

Mr. G. Colfer informed the Committee that the Final Report from RPS Consulting Engineers was almost complete and that the Public Consultation Stage would begin in Courtown on the 12th November, where both RPS and Coastal Engineers will be in attendance to answer questions on Launch Day. He added that drawings and project information will be on display for a period of one month and that Submissions received will then be considered at the next stage of the project. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that Consulting Engineers could be in place by end Q1 2020 to prepare a detailed design but stressed that the volume of work involved in this project is so significant, that it could be the end of 2020 before planning and foreshore applications are complete, including a detailed environmental assessment, in particular for sourcing the 300,000 tonnes of sand required.

Mr. G. Forde reminded the Committee that this project was subject to funding but the Council could start applying for funding on foot of RPS's Final Report.

Ahare Bridge Flooding

Mr. G. Colfer informed the Committee that following a Public Meeting in Castletown on the 28th September, it was agreed to set up a small Working Group of stakeholders to progress matters. This Committee would include an elected member from the District, a member of the Council's Roads & Environment Departments and other stakeholders, and administered by GKMD. Cllr. J. Sullivan was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

No. 6 AOB

Members requested additional dog fouling bins around Creagh and Ramsfort Woods and replacement rubbish bins for the Main Street.

Following the District's boundary realignment, which now includes the villages of Oilgate and Blackwater, Mr. M. Drea confirmed that the Gorey Guardian will carry both sets of notes for the Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2019

**Malcolm Byrne,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 19th November, 2019, at 2:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Malcolm Byrne,

Councillors: Cllr. Pip Breen,
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,
Cllr. Donal Kenny,
Cllr. Fiontán O'Súilleabháin,
Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Leas-Chathaoirleach,
Cllr. Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Michael Drea, District Manager,
Mr. Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Ms. Helena Browne, Executive Technician, Roads,

Apologies: Mr. Neville Shaw.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Byrne, opened the Meeting and noted the passing of the late Kevin Swords, extending his sympathies to the family.

Cllr. M. Byrne also congratulated those involved with the St. Aidan's Day Care Centre Oscars Fundraiser where to date over €130,000 has been raised.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. W. Kavanagh, the Minutes of the In-Committee Meetings and Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 15th October, 2019 were signed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the October Meeting:

Cllr. D. Devereux sought an update on revised Intoxicating Substance Bye-Laws. District Manager, Mr. M. Drea, confirmed that the Countywide Bye-Laws would be discussed at the JPC meeting in December.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin enquired whether a Notice of Demolition had been served on the owner of the former Bayview Hotel Site, to which District Director, Mr. E. Taaffe, agreed to report back on at the next District Meeting.

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin again called for additional dog fouling bins around Creagh and Ramsfort Woods and Mr. M. Drea advised that these would be made available nearer the end of Q1 2020.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit (Amendment) Bye-Laws 2020

Ms. H. Browne, Roads Technician, informed the Committee that a Draft Amendment to the existing County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 is being prepared following the opening of the Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme. Ms. Browne explained that this Amendment will allow the increase of the default speed limit from 80km/h to 100km/h on sections of the R722 (the old N11 Enniscorthy and Gorey-Kilmuckridge District). Ms. Browne also informed the Committee that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has notified the Council that they wish to review the current 120km/h speed limit on the M11 from Clough Roundabout to the Frankfort Interchange. She added that the Council is currently awaiting a formal request from the TII to include this section of Motorway in the review and that this will be included in the proposed Draft Amendment before it goes on Public Consultation.

Cllr. M. Byrne called for the agreement of the full District Council to proceed to Public Consultation, proposed by Cllr. J. Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and Mr. B. Hammel responded to member's queries.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. B. Hammel responded to member's queries. Members complimented the work of Mr. Hammel and his Department for quick responses to recent leaks, bursts and in particular water outages.

Cllr. A. Donohoe welcomed the €17m investment into the Gorey Regional Water Supply Scheme which will provide for a new Water Treatment Plant and reservoir at Ballyminaun Hill, upgrade works to an existing reservoir at Ballyminaun Hill and associated interconnecting infrastructure.

District Manager's Report

Mr. M. Drea outlined to members recent events which took place in the District.

CCTV – Application for Authorisation of CCTV System Under Section 38(3)(c) of The Garda Síochána Act 2005 for Courtown / Riverchapel

Mr. M. Drea informed the Committee that there had been a setback with the Courtown/Riverchapel CCTV Application previously approved by members of Gorey Municipal District last April. Mr. Drea explained that following a Data Protection Commission Audit, it was deemed inappropriate for An Garda Síochána to have monitors providing live feeds to Garda Stations for Schemes to be authorised under Section 38(3)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

It was agreed by members to resubmit the CCTV Application and omit the reference to a live feed to the Gorey Garda Station, proposed by Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh.

Overview of Halloween Festivities

Ms. L. Stanley presented a summary of events and festivities which took place throughout the District over the Halloween Period.

Other Business

Mr. M. Drea informed the Committee that a Planning Official would be present at the December Meeting and that a presentation on the St. Waleran's Site would be given.

Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested that the Council revisit plans for the former St. Joseph's CBS Site with a view to having a car park on the site to address the serious lack of parking in Gorey Town. Whilst members agreed that more parking facilities are required in the town, they were reluctant not to proceed with the housing scheme already agreed for the site. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that the project and designs are well advanced with the site to be demolished and cleared in the next month and that the next stage is to initiate Part VIII on the site. Mr. Taaffe suggested conducting a Parking Utilisation Study in the spring or autumn and members suggested holding a specific meeting on parking and transport facilities in the town next spring.

No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

Residents Association Grants Scheme 2019

The Chairman advised that a Residents Association Grant Application had been received from Ard Lios Residents Associations and on the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

- Invitation to Irish Water Representative to attend a District Meeting;
- Invitation to Secondary Schools & Gorey Youth Needs Group to attend a Special Meeting to discuss Youth Engagement Proposals;
- Acknowledgement from Piotr Neubauer, Deputy Mayor of Puck Commune.

The Correspondence outlined above was noted by Members.

Cllr. M. Farrell enquired would the unspent Twinning Allocation be carried over into 2020 to which Mr. M. Drea advised that an application would be made to do so. Members felt that more engagement from the community was required and it was suggested by the Committee that schools and youth groups be invited to get involved.

No. 6 AOB

Christmas Parking Arrangements - The Committee agreed to free Off-Street Parking from 11:00am onwards on 21st 22nd 23rd and 24th December.

Cllr. J. Sullivan suggested that the Council look at leasing Esmonde Street Carpark for the month of December, but Mr. E. Taaffe expressed concern over the high insurance costs that would be associated with that car park.

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin reminded Officials that it was agreed earlier in the year to review the Wexford County Council (Gorey Municipal District) Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws 2018 in view of difficulties that had arisen for residents of Eire Street/Cluainin.

Taking-in-Charge - Cllr. M. Byrne highlighted that a number of Estates remain outstanding, in particular, Glen Aoibhinn, Riverchapel, Twin Oaks and The Heath. Cllr. M. Farrell also included The Race Course, Kilmuckridge. Mr. E. Taaffe agreed to report back at the December Meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2019

**Joe Sullivan,
Leas-Chathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019, at 2:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Leas-Chathaoirleach,

Councillors: Cllr. Pip Breen,
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,
Cllr. Donal Kenny,
Cllr. Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Michael Drea, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner,
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,

Apologies: Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,
Mr. Barry Hammel,
Ms. Michelle Bridges-Carley.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 On the proposal of Cllr. W. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 19th November, 2019 were signed and adopted.

1.2 *Matters Arising from the November Meeting:*

Cllr. D. Devereux sought an update on revised Intoxicating Substance Bye-Laws, adding that it was a priority that these Bye-Laws be enacted immediately, particularly for the community of Courtown. District Manager, Mr. M. Drea, explained to the Committee that the draft Bye-Laws had been listed for the December JPC Meeting but as some final amendments were required, they would now go before the next JPC Meeting in the New Year for recommendation.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

2.1 *St. Waleran's Site Presentation*

Following the Council's acquisition of St. Waleran's House and the 75 acres of adjoining zoned lands at Ballytegan earlier in the year, Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner met with the Committee to provide an update. Mr. Houston explained that the 75 acres, contained in

five different land folios have a range of land zoning uses including residential, community & education, open space, leisure & amenity and strategic reserve. Mr. Houston spoke of the capacity for future growth which the site provided. Mr. Houston advised that the Council would commence the Tender Process for appointing Consultants in the New Year to prepare an overall master plan for the site which would include various surveys, studies and consultations. The master plan should be available by the 3rd quarter of 2020 with more detailed designs to follow for the first phases of the development of the lands.

Cllr. A. Donohoe felt that the Council should expedite the 10 acres already zoned residential, a view also held by Cllr. M. Farrell. Cllr. M. Farrell added that the community aspect must also be taken into consideration as part of the plan and Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested that a third secondary school, another primary school and municipal pitches which can be accessed by all individuals and groups should be facilitated.

Mr. Houston informed the Committee that the member's input to the master plan for the site would be asked for and suggested holding a Workshop once Consultants have been appointed, to which members were in agreement with.

2.2 Planning

The members noted the Planning Report and no queries were made. Mr. Houston confirmed that a Planning Official will be in attendance at all future District Meetings to respond to queries raised.

2.3 Roads

The members noted the Roads Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to member's queries.

Cllr. D. Devereux commended the work of those involved with the town's Christmas trees and dressings, but called for Christmas lights funding to be reviewed next year following the repeated damage to some lights on the Main Street. Ms. L. Stanley informed the Committee that businesses have already indicated that they are willing to contribute to the town's Christmas lights, and District Director, Mr. E. Taaffe, added that where any intentional damage is done to Council property, including Christmas lights, that the Council will seek to recover those costs.

Cllr. A. Donohoe felt that the new street lighting around the town is not as bright and needs addressing. The Committee suggested that a full review of all lighting take place in the New Year.

Cllr. A. Donohoe urged the Council to sandblast the footpaths on Main Street to rejuvenate the stone paving. Mr. E. Taaffe suggested later in the spring to be a more appropriate time.

2.4 Water Services

The members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to member's queries.

2.5 Housing

The members noted the Housing Report.

2.6 Environment

The members noted the Environment Report.

2.7 Community Development

The members noted the Community Development Report.

2.8 Library, Archives & Arts

The members noted the Library, Archives & Arts Report.

2.9 Wexford Fire Service

The members noted the Wexford Fire Service Report.

2.10 District Manager's Report

Mr. M. Drea provided members with an update on specific projects/recent events which took place in the District and in particular Gorey Town's recent award of "Regional Category Winner 2019" in the National Enterprise Awards.

Cllr. M. Farrell enquired whether unspent Twinning Money would transfer into 2020, to which Mr. Drea confirmed it would.

Cllr. D. Devereux requested a breakdown of spend on Festivals and Civic Functions during the year be circulated to Committee members.

Cllr. J. Sullivan extended his congratulations to all involved with the National Enterprise Awards.

No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

3.1 Extension of Duration of the Courtown & Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2015

Ms. D. Kearns, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of extending the lifetime of the Courtown & Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2015 in line with the provisions of Section 19(1) (e) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). Ms. Kearns advised the meeting that the plan would expire on 2nd Feb 2021 and that if a decision is to be made to extend the plan that it must be taken on or before 1st Feb 2020.

Ms. Kearns advised that having carried out a review of the plan it would be appropriate to extend the duration of the plan for a period of 5 years as the extension of the plan would provide additional time to achieve the strategic objectives of the plan at a time when appropriate additional funding was available under a number of Government programmes and that it would provide certainty for the plan area for the extended period. Ms. Kearns advised that the statutory procedure required the Members to advise the Chief Executive of their proposal to extend the duration of the Local Area Plan. Before such a decision is taken the Members must request and have received from the Chief Executive:

- an opinion that the Local Area Plan remains consistent with the objectives and core strategy of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019, and
- an opinion that the objectives of this Local Area Plan have not been substantially secured, and
- Confirmation that the sending and publishing of the notices may be deferred and the period for which they may be deferred.

Ms. Kearns advised that if the Members formally seek such a report from the Chief Executive at the January Council meeting of the Wexford County Council, it would be presented at that meeting and the decision to defer could also be made at that meeting.

Having considered the matter, Committee members, on the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh, agreed to request the appropriate Report from the Chief Executive at the January Meeting of the County Council with a view to taking the decision to extend the LAP for an additional 5 years also at the January Meeting of the County Council to allow for the achievement of the objectives of the plan and to provide certainty in land use planning for the extended period of the plan.

3.2 Proposed Taking in Charge – The Paddocks, Gorey (Phase 2)

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. D. Kenny, it was agreed to take The Paddocks, Gorey (Phase 2), in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

Mr. M. Drea informed the Committee that he had received correspondence from Mr. Ulf Brix, German Student Exchange Organiser, who in 2020 will celebrate 30 years of German students being hosted by families in Gorey and has asked that this anniversary be recognised.

Mr. Drea also sought feedback from the Committee on how they wished their relationship with The Puck Municipal District in Poland to progress, including the impending visit to Poland in spring 2020.

No. 6 AOB

Cllr. D. Devereux raised the topic of rising insurance costs in relation to the potential impact this may have to traditional activities in rural communities, with particular reference to the Annual New Year's Day Swim from the slipway at Cahore. Cllr. Devereux felt that as councillors, they should have some power to intervene. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that the Council has no intention to stop people from taking part in these activities, but that the

reality is that they are regularly sued by people who have an accident in a public place. Cllr. P. Breen informed Committee members that the swim would now go ahead at Cahore Pier.

Cllr. M. Farrell highlighted the increasing number of illegal dumping cases, particularly roadside dumping in rural areas by unlicensed waste removers. Mr. E. Taaffe reminded the Committee that licensed waste removers must have a registration number on the side of their vehicle.

Cllr. J. Sullivan expressed his gratitude to everyone for their hard work during the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Cllr. Sullivan also conveyed the Committee's thanks and best wishes to Mr. Robbie Ireton, Mr. Malcolm Byrne, T.D., Cllr. John Hegarty & Ms. Amanda Byrne. He also extended best wishes to those who retired from the Council during 2019.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2020

**Joe Sullivan,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**