

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, at 2:00pm  
in the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

Councillors: Cllr. Andrew Bolger,  
Cllr. Pip Breen,  
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,  
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr. Mary Farrell,  
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,  
Cllr. Donal Kenny,  
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,  
Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician,

Mr. Malcolm Byrne, TD.

Apologies: Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin.

District Manager, Mr. Michael Drea opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Donal Kenny proposed Cllr. Joe Sullivan as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Kenny's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Pip Breen.

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe proposed Cllr. Mary Farrell as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Donohoe'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. A. Bolger	JS
Cllr. P. Breen	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	Absent

Cllr. J. Sullivan	JS
Cllr. O. Walsh	MF
Cllr. Joe Sullivan	5
Cllr. Mary Farrell	4

Cllr. Joe Sullivan, on receiving the vote of the majority, was declared elected as Cathaoirleach.

## 2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Willie Kavanagh proposed Cllr. Pip Breen as Leas-Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Kavanagh's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Andrew Bolger.

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe proposed Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux as Leas-Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Devereux'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. A. Bolger	PB
Cllr. P. Breen	PB
Cllr. D. Devereux	DD
Cllr. A. Donohoe	DD
Cllr. M. Farrell	DD
Cllr. W. Kavanagh	PB
Cllr. D. Kenny	PB
Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin	Absent
Cllr. J. Sullivan	PB
Cllr. O. Walsh	DD

Cllr. Pip Breen	5
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux	4

Cllr. Pip Breen was declared elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Joe Sullivan assumed the Chair and addressed the meeting, thanking his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. He mentioned a number of ongoing projects in the District such as the re-development of the Market House, Gorey Town Park and Esmonde Street, all which will bring huge economic benefit to the town. Cllr. Sullivan paid tribute to former Gorey-Kilmuckridge District Cathaoirleach, Mr. Malcolm Byrne TD., and wished him and all candidates well in the upcoming General Election.

Cllr. J. Sullivan also offered his congratulations to Cllr. P. Breen and his commiserations to Cllr. M. Farrell and Cllr. D. Devereux.

All members joined in welcoming Cllr. Andrew Bolger to the District, congratulating the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach, wishing them well in their new positions and commiserating with Cllrs. Farrell and Devereux.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, 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, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Cllr. Andrew Bolger  
Cllr. Pip Breen, Leas-Chathaoirleach  
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,  
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr. Mary Farrell,  
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,  
Cllr. Donal Kenny,  
Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin  
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,  
Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician,  
Ms. Michelle Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,  
Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising**

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. W. Kavanagh, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 were signed and adopted.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sullivan welcomed Cllr. Andrew Bolger to his first meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.

*1.2 Matters Arising from the December Meeting:*

Cllr. D. Devereux expressed his concern as to whether the countywide bye-laws in relation to the public consumption of intoxicating substances would be prepared in advance of the tourist season and requested that an update be provided in the District Manager's Report each month hereafter. District Manager, Mr. M. Drea, informed the Committee that he had circulated the Gorey Intoxicating Substance bye-laws that are already in existence to the Gardaí. Amanda Byrne, Senior Executive Officer in the Community Department has assumed responsibility for getting the county-wide intoxicating substance bye laws adopted.

Mr. Drea informed the Committee that he would have a first draft of the Courtown bye-laws in the next 14 days. He stated that the preference of the Courtown Gardaí

is to temporarily close off the Burrow Road during the peak summer months. Cllr. D. Devereux expressed strong opposition to such a suggestion as he felt the Council would be preventing access to the only beach in Courtown and asked that representatives from local community groups be communicated with on this if it is to be considered.

Cllr. D. Devereux questioned the District's festivals spend for 2019 and asked was it policy for the Council to overspend on a budget. He stated that he believed budgets were being adopted where the staff had no intention of adhering to them. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Service asked Cllr. Devereux to retract his comment which he duly did.

Mr. M. Drea explained that in addition to the District's annual festivals budget, the District Manager has his own discretionary fund, which was partly used to supplement the festivals budget for 2019. He added that all expenditure within the Council observes national and European procurement standards and that any member's concerns should be brought to his attention. Mr. Drea re-iterated that no overspend had occurred with the District's festivals budget and extended an invitation to Cllr. Devereux and to all Committee members to consider taking up the position of Honorary Treasurer of the Gorey Market House Festival Committee.

## **No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### *2.1 Presentation of the Public Consultation Report for the proposed "Draft County Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020"*

Mr. David Codd outlined to the Committee the results of the Public Consultation Phase of the process. Mr. Codd informed the Committee that 189 Submissions were received and that 2 Submissions resulted in additions to the Draft Amendment that was previously presented to the members. Mr. Codd explained that if this Amendment to the existing Bye-Laws is accepted by all members at District Level, then it will be brought forward for adoption at the Full Council in March with a proposed Implementation Date set for the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

The members agreed to the amendment to the existing Bye-Laws, proposed by Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabhain asked when the rollout of reduced speed limits in housing estates would commence and Mr. Codd advised that signage would be erected shortly.

### *2.2 Planning*

The members noted the Planning Report and Ms. Niamh Lennon responded to member's queries.

### *2.3 Housing*

The members noted the Housing Report and Ms. Michele Carley-Bridges responded to member's queries.

### *2.4 Roads*

The members noted the Roads Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to member's queries. Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following:

- lighting issues in Askamore, Tinnock and The Avenue;
- gritting on the Gorey-Tinahely Road;
- request for traffic calming on Craanford-Carnew Road;
- grit boxes for St. Joseph's Soccer Club carpark and for Gorey Hill;
- replacing the crash barrier at Oulart Crossroads;
- additional signage for exiting The Paddocks, Gorey.

Cllr. A. Donohoe asked that the District write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to request that they look at opening up an area to provide safe car parking for commuters parking at Tinnock on a daily basis.

Cllr. A. Donohoe asked could the old St. Joseph's Site be used as a temporary carpark. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that site works and site investigations were ongoing and that as far as the Department is concerned, this is a Housing Project. Mr. Taaffe added that a Part VIII will need to come before the District for amendment, rejection or acceptance and that if the District rejects it, an alternative Housing Scheme would still be looked at.

Cllr. D. Devereux expressed his concerns over the condition of the Ahare Bridge and the risk to life and suggested opening up a channel as a temporary solution to the problem.

Cllr. D. Devereux referred to the recently published IBAL Report, in particular the Esmonde Street Carpark and Tesco Recycling Facility. Mr. M. Drea informed the Committee that he has been in conversation with the owner of the Esmonde Street Carpark regarding sporadic instances of illegal dumping. He added that the Environment Department have agreed to re-erect CCTV cameras at the Tesco Recycling Facility that hopefully will address the issues presenting at these units.

Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin congratulated the Environment Department on their involvement with the "mattress amnesty" where 2,700 mattresses were collected over four Saturdays throughout the county in September 2019 and hoped that this initiative will continue in 2020.

### *2.5 Water Services*

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

### *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 and upcoming events taking place in the District:

Mr. Drea informed members that works are progressing well in Gorey Town Park and the current date for substantial completion at present is early May 2020.

Members were told that a new Committee has been formed for the Gorey St. Patrick's Day Parade and that plans are well underway.

Mr. Drea informed Committee members that a presentation would be made to the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána on the 10<sup>th</sup> February for sign off of the Courtown/Riverchapel CCTV Scheme.

Members were informed of a new initiative "Invest in Gorey" taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, which will look at ways to attract further investment into Gorey, to ensure that the M11 Business Campus is used to its full capacity and that Stages 2 and 3 are developed.

Mr. Drea informed members that the Esmonde Street Re-generation Project is progressing and that preliminary designs will be brought before the District once available. He added that the Council has entered into a collaboration agreement with Professor Theo Lynn (DCU) who will provide a report on how digital innovation can be incorporated into the street.

Members were informed that an invitation is pending from the Mayor of Pucks for a Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District delegation to attend an event in July 2020.

### *2.11 Discussion on Town Twinning Progression*

Cllr. A. Donohoe proposed postponing this discussion until the February Meeting, to which all Committee members agreed. Mr. M. Drea confirmed to the Committee that the under-spend of €3,093 in the Town Twinning Allocation from 2019 has been carried over and will be available to the District to spend in 2020.

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

None.

## **No. 4 Motion**

### **Consider Motion submitted by Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin**

"This Council notes that we are entering the Design and Construction Phase of a multi-functional space as part of the development of Gorey's historic Market House, as proposed in the Public Consultation Process of 2018. Also, that it has been envisaged for a number of years that such a space would cater for public demand in the areas of Music/Heritage/Arts/Culture.

This Council, further notes that there is a large amount of important historical-related material and artefacts held in private collections in the Gorey Area, which to date have had nowhere to be publicly displayed.

Gorey Municipal Council will therefore do all we can to ensure that the historic Council Chamber area be sensitively developed in a manner that will facilitate the display of such heritage and historical-related pieces from the Gorey Area.

This will complement the larger part of the re-development and cater for the demands of all sections of the public."

Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin asked that the Council make recommendations to the developers that such artefacts be incorporated into the Council Chamber as they need to be preserved and put on public display, approved by all members.

## **No. 5 Correspondence**

None.

## **No. 6 AOB**

Members agreed to hold the March Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March and Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sullivan proposed that the April Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District be held within the Kilmuckridge Electoral Area, to which all members agreed.

Cllr. M. Farrell brought forward a proposal for the District to consider providing financial assistance to Ballycanew/Ballyoughter Community Development Association for upgrading works to the premises at Ballycanew Resource Centre that will facilitate the opening of Phase 2 of the Centre. It was noted that the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District had provided €5,000 in 2019 to assist with the payment of the rent. Cllr. Farrell was told that the District works within their General Municipal Allocation and that it was difficult to see where funding for the upgrade works for Phase 2 could be sourced from. Other Committee members felt it inappropriate to single out funding to any one community group. This discussion led to Cllr. D. Devereux questioning the District's spending practice and requested that an investigation take place at County Council level, to which An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sullivan advised Cllr. Devereux to refer his concerns to the Internal Auditor of Wexford County Council.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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



**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, 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, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Cllr. Andrew Bolger  
Cllr. Pip Breen, Leas-Chathaoirleach  
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,  
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr. Mary Farrell,  
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh,  
Cllr. Donal Kenny,  
Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin  
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,  
Mr. David Minogue, Communications/Broadband Officer,  
Ms. Amanda Byrne, Senior Executive Officer,  
Ms. Michelle Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,  
Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner,  
Ms. Cliona Connolly, Environment Education Officer.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising**

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. A. Bolger, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. D. Devereux, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 were signed and adopted.

*1.2 Matters Arising from the January Meeting:*

Cllr. D. Devereux acknowledged and thanked the District Manager's response to issues which he raised at the January District Meeting. This was followed by a formal apology from Cllr. Devereux regarding comments he made at this meeting in relation to Council budgets and overspending, which he extended to the Cathaoirleach, council staff and fellow members. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, accepted the apology on behalf of staff, as did Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan.

Cllr. M. Farrell proposed that the District allocate €5,000 to Ballycanew-Ballyoughter CDA towards the annual rent of the Ballycanew Resource Centre. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, agreed that whilst there is a willingness from the Council to provide support to Community Groups, that the Centre should also look at other possible avenues of funding available to them by liaising with the Community Department. Members were also in agreement with this suggestion and whilst they had no objection to the proposal in principal, they felt that the Board should submit further information regarding spend and other grants available to them before making a formal request through the District Manager.

Following on from last month's Motion, Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin asked whether the Council had made any recommendations to the developers of the Market House regarding the preservation and public display of historical artefacts being incorporated into the Council Chamber. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that the Expressions of Interest had only closed last week, so it was too early at this stage.

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabhain asked when the rollout of reduced speed limits in housing estates would commence and Mr. N. Shaw advised that the Contractor had been assigned and that signs would be erected from this week on.

## **No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### *2.1 Presentation re Provision of Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) in the Gorey-Kilmuckridge MDA*

Mr. David Minogue informed the Committee that Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) would be installed throughout the country as part of the rollout of the National Broadband Plan. He explained that 12 wifi locations have been identified throughout the county based around blackspots where there is currently little or no coverage and where no commercial broadband provider is in operation. The potential areas mentioned within the Gorey-Kilmuckridge District include Askamore, Ballyfad and Barnadown Showjumping Centre. All locations must be community buildings with public access, lighting and parking. Mr. Minogue explained that these locations will use existing mast infrastructure and will be a wireless operation, where the public can access free wifi. He envisaged that the project would be complete by the year end.

### *2.2 Planning*

The members noted the Planning Report and Ms. Niamh Lennon responded to member's queries.

### *2.3 Community Development Annual Service Delivery Plan Presentation*

Ms. Amanda Byrne provided members with an overview of the work of the Community Department and responded to member's queries. Ms. Byrne informed members of a Community Expo Event taking place in the Riverside Park Hotel on the 12<sup>th</sup> March to highlight services, schemes and supports that Wexford County Council and its partners provide for community, sports and voluntary groups. Ms. Byrne also informed the Committee that she had secured funding for a feasibility study in terms of need assessment and best geographical location for community centres for Gorey and Courtown-Riverchapel.

Cllr. A. Bolger also requested that the Council write to the HSE regarding GP Services for Riverchapel.

#### *2.4 Wexford County Council (Prohibition of consumption of intoxicating liquor on streets and in public places) Draft Bye-laws 2020*

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that draft bye-laws had been sent to the Council Solicitor and An Garda Síochána for further comment and anticipated returning to the March District Meeting with a final draft for consideration.

#### *2.5 Environment*

The members noted the Environment Report and Ms. Cliona Connolly responded to member's queries.

#### *2.6 Housing*

The members noted the Housing Report and Ms. Michele Carley-Bridges responded to member's queries.

#### *2.7 Roads*

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

#### *2.8 Water Services*

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

#### *2.9 Community Development*

The members noted the Community Development Report.

#### *2.10 Library, Archives & Arts*

The members noted the Library, Archives & Arts Report.

#### *2.11 Wexford Fire Service*

The members noted the Wexford Fire Service Report.

#### *2.12 District Manager's Report*

Mr. M. Drea referred to the Wexford County Council (Prohibition of Overnight Camping on Roads and in Public Places in Courtyard) Draft Bye-Laws 2020 which he had circulated to the members and advised that a copy has also been sent to the Council's Solicitor and Sergeant Margo Kennedy. At the member's request, he agreed to amend the Draft Camping Bye-Laws to include 'power of arrest'. Mr. Drea asked that the members revert back to him with their comments prior to the next District Meeting.

Mr. Drea, in his Report, brought to the attention of the Committee, the District's General Municipal Allocation for 2020 and provided members with an update on Gorey Town Park and Town & Village Projects.

Cllr. A. Donohoe highlighted recent complaints of anti-social behaviour at the public convenience on The Avenue and called on the Council to close it or remove it. Mr. Drea advised that the issue had been brought to the attention of the Environment Department but that he would also check out the terms of the contract. Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin felt that the only way to deal with the high level of anti-social activity in the town was by way of an inter-agency approach and forming a Committee involving, Cornmarket, An Garda Síochána, the Council and the HSE to address such problems.

### *2.13 Discussion on Town Twinning Progression*

Cllr. M. Farrell requested a list of all twinings in the county, particularly Gorey and members were asked for their input as to where they wished to progress with the District's twinning.

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

None.

### **No. 4 Motion**

None.

### **No. 5 Correspondence**

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland re Parking at Tinnock.

The Correspondence outlined above was noted by Members. Cllr. A. Donohoe enquired whether any response had been received from the TII, to which Mr. M. Drea confirmed he would follow up on.

### **No. 6 AOB**

None.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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

**March Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions**

**Minutes of Non-Statutory Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held remotely on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020, at 2:30pm  
from the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance (In Chamber):**

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Officials: Ms Amanda Byrne, Acting 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,

**Attendance (Dialled in):**

Councillors: Cllr. Andrew Bolger,  
Cllr. Pip Breen, Leas-Chathaoirleach  
Cllr. Diarmuid Devereux,  
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr. Mary Farrell,  
Cllr. Willie Kavanagh (Apologies),  
Cllr. Donal Kenny,  
Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Cllr. Oliver Walsh,

Officials Ms Michelle Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,  
Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner,  
Ms Cliona Connolly, Environment Education Officer.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan, commenced the meeting by offering his condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives to Covid-19 and also those currently battling the disease. Cllr. Sullivan also congratulated County Wexford with their containment figures and called on the public to continue to take on board the advice of the HSE.

**No. 1 Matters Arising**

***Matters Arising from the February Meeting:***

Cllr. A. Donohoe sought an update on the Public Toilets on The Avenue. District Manager, Mr. M. Drea advised that the Council was committed to a long-term Contract and that the facility was here to stay. He added that recent damage to the facility had been addressed and that the Council would continue to monitor the situation so that the facility causes as little problems as possible for business owners nearby.

Cllr. M. Farrell enquired about the €5,000 proposal to Ballycanew-Ballyoughter CDA towards the annual rent of the Ballycanew Resource Centre and was advised that this request would carry over to the next Statutory Meeting for a decision.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin sought an update on the rollout of reduced speed limit signage for housing estates and Mr. N. Shaw advised that due to the Covid-19 crisis work on this project had ceased.

## **No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### *2.1 Roads*

The members noted the Roads Report. Mr N. Shaw informed the Committee that much of the routine Roads work had come to a halt during the Covid-19 crisis and that some Roads Staff had been assigned to assist with beach patrol duties as well as completing some emergency callout work as it arises.

### *2.2 Water Services*

The members noted the Water Services Report with no queries arising.

### *2.3 Housing*

Ms M. Bridges-Carley dialled into the Meeting to respond to member's queries and provided an update on Covid-19 related matters.

### *2.4 Planning*

Ms N. Lennon dialled into the Meeting to respond to member's queries and provided an update on Covid-19 related matters. Ms Lennon agreed to refer queries on Derelict Sites and CPO progression to the relevant officials.

### *2.5 Environment*

Ms C. Connolly dialled into the Meeting to respond to member's queries and provided an update on Covid-19 related matters.

### *2.6 Library, Archives & Arts*

The members noted the Library, Archives & Arts Report.

### *2.7 District Manager's Report*

Mr M. Drea extended his best wishes to Mr Eddie Taaffe who recently commenced a 3-year secondment to the LGMA and welcomed Ms Amanda Byrne back as acting District Director.

Mr Drea informed the Committee that due to the current crisis there would be an extension on timelines of current projects, in particular the Courtown-Riverchapel CCTV Project, Gorey Town Park Re-development and Courtown Bye-Laws and that once restrictions begin to lift, work will re-commence in line with Government guidelines.

Mr Drea also informed the Committee that the annual North Wexford 2K Clean Competition would not take place in its traditional form this year in the interest of public health but that plans for an online version are currently being finalised.

Cllr. M. Farrell highlighted a substantial increase in dog fouling in the District since the Covid-19 restrictions took hold and asked how good practice around dog fouling could be encouraged. Mr Drea agreed to include information on the promotion of such practice in the local media, online and on social media.

Cllr. D. Devereux enquired whether the District was experiencing an increase in illegal dumping. Mr M. Drea advised that there had been some issues at Bottle Bank Facilities but that increased lifts were now taking place and informed members that the Community Warden had confirmed a noticeable increase in fly tipping in the District.

Acting District Director, Ms Amanda Byrne addressed the Meeting to advise that deadlines for current Town & Villages Schemes would be extended and that some relaxing of protocols after May 5<sup>th</sup> may result in more staff able to return to work within social distancing guidelines. Ms Byrne informed members that the Community Call Service has been very well received and is hopeful that the Council might look to run a call service on a voluntary basis for those vulnerable in our society and continue with some form of community activism once the pandemic is over.

Ms Byrne explained the legality behind Statutory Meetings and informed the members that a meeting must take place in a physical place and as the full Committee wasn't currently sitting in the Council Chamber, this meeting has no statutory basis. Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested exploring an alternative venue within the District where safe social distancing can be adhered to and Mr M. Drea added that Cllr. W. Kavanagh's earlier suggestion of using Community Halls in villages within the District may be an option.

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

#### *3.1 Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020*

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020 had been circulated to members for information purposes prior to the meeting. Members were requested to raise any issues they may have with the District Manager and Roads Area Engineer before the Schedule is brought forward for adoption at the next Statutory Meeting.

#### *3.2 Draft GKMD Festival & Events GMA Proposal 2020*

The Draft GKMD Festival & Events GMA Proposal 2020 had been circulated to members for information purposes prior to the meeting and it was agreed to carryover this draft proposal to the next District Meeting.

#### *3.3 Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grant Allocations 2020*

A full list of the Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grant Allocations 2020 had been circulated to members for information purposes prior to the meeting. It was agreed that once restrictions begin to relax that the District would facilitate the paying out of these Grants to Community Groups.

### **No. 4 Motion**

None.

### **No. 5 Correspondence**

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland re Parking at Tinnock.



The District was informed by the TII that the provision of car parking for commuters falls outside their remit and members agreed to explore what other options were available in the area.

- HSE re GP Service for Riverchapel.

Mr M. Drea advised that he had also spoken to the Public Health Nurse in Riverchapel regarding this matter and that he would follow up further before the next District Meeting.

### **No. 6 AOB**

An Cathaoirleach and all the members of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District paid tribute and gave their thanks to the citizens of the District, whether working on the frontline, in shops, as part of Community Groups volunteering from all over the District and especially to those staying at home, for their tremendous strength and support at this time of crisis.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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

**Minutes of Non-Statutory Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held remotely on Tuesday, 19th May, 2020, at 2:30pm  
from the Council Chamber, Offices of the Municipal District,  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance (In Chamber):**

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Officials: Mr Michael Drea, District Manager,  
Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Mr Frank Burke, Acting IS Project Leader,

**Attendance (Microsoft Teams):**

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

Officials Ms Amanda Byrne, Acting Director of Services,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Ms Michelle Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,  
Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner,  
Ms Cliona Connolly, Environment Education Officer.

**No. 1 Matters Arising**

*Matters Arising from the April Information Meeting:*

Cllr M Farrell enquired whether any progress had been made with a publicity awareness campaign highlighting dog fouling, given its recent increase. Mr M Drea, District Manager advised that he had spoken to Mr E Hore, Director of Services and it had been agreed that a countywide campaign would be co-ordinated to address the issue.

Cllr F O'Súilleabháin asked about signage in housing estates, making particular reference to Creagh Woods and Twin Oaks. Mr N Shaw advised that erection of signage had re-commenced following the lifting of some restrictions but where estates are not public roads, such residents would need to source their own signage. Councillors felt that children's safety was paramount and that these circumstances should be rectified.

**No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

*2.1 Housing*

Members noted the Housing Report and Ms. M Bridges-Carley responded to member's queries. Ms Bridges-Carley advised that the Housing Section is continuing

to provide critical services such as essential repairs and homeless services during the pandemic and that Capital Projects were shortly re-commencing.

## *2.2 Environment*

Members noted the Environment Report. Ms C Connolly informed the Committee that beach inspections are ongoing and that beach car parks will remain closed until the 8th June. She added that the recruitment process for lifeguards & litter control staff has commenced and that they will be in place week-ending 14th June. Ms Connolly confirmed that Civic Amenity Centres, Rapid Response Crews, the Environment Warden & Dog Warden Services are all in operation, respecting social distancing and following HSE guidelines. She also advised that the National Spring Clean has been cancelled and that they will not be registering Groups for clean-ups until after the 8th June, in line with government guidelines, though bags are still being collected from groups with clean up supplies.

Ms Connolly sought the member's views on closing the Burrow Road to traffic to allow pedestrians & cyclists exercise in a safe manner whilst also alleviating some of the anti-social activities in the area. In response, the Committee was mostly in agreement to keeping the road open to all members of the public, particularly the elderly and wheelchair users, but that the area should be strictly policed. Ms Connolly advised that she would bring the members comments back to Mr G Forde, Senior Engineer.

Cllr M Farrell called for beach clean-ups to commence immediately, particularly with the amount of dog fouling occurring. Cllr. Farrell also referred to the amount of cars being abandoned near beaches due to car parks remaining closed. In response, Ms Connolly informed members that recruitment for beach patrol staff was underway and that they were waiting on the LGMA to issue best work practice guidelines. She added that some groups were continuing to do clean-ups where they had supplies. Ms Connolly advised that she would check with Mr G Forde whether there had been any issues with regard to car parks but confirmed that they were being monitored by staff.

Ms Connolly also responded to queries raised in relation to traffic plans for when villages re-open, beach access at Ballyconnigar and cleaning of beach boardwalks. In response to a request for additional bags & dispensers for dog walkers use being made available to villages, Ms Connolly added that a series of images and messages are currently being promoted on social media to encourage all dog owners to act responsibly and that the Green Dog Walker Campaign continues to be promoted.

## *2.3 Planning*

Members noted the Planning Reports and no queries were raised. Ms N. Lennon informed members that all planning applications received after the 21<sup>st</sup> February are halted and that their official timeframe will commence from the 25th May to the 29th June. She added that the five weeks of consideration will also be given to any application received from the 29<sup>th</sup> March and that their official timeframe will also commence from the 25th May to the 29th June, with a Decision Date for all by the 20th July.

Ms Lennon informed the Committee that a Strategic Housing Development consisting of 383 dwellings for Clonattin has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála. She added that the application would be brought before the District Committee for comment and that the Council would be highlighting the lack of a critical distribution road, but that ultimately the decision will rest with the Bord.

Cllr F O'Súilleabháin welcomed the proactive approach to many derelict sites within the District but highlighted the fact that there has been no progress on a site in Hollyfort Village. Ms Lennon advised that she would direct Cllr O'Súilleabháin's query to Mr T Banville who would revert back to the Committee.

Cllr O Walsh sought a full list of requests from Housing Estates for taking-in-charge.

Cllr M Farrell sought confirmation regarding current public consultation procedures and Ms Lennon advised that any application received during lockdown, the public would have the full 5 weeks from the 25th May to make submissions.

Cllr P Breen voiced his concerns over the lack of progress with the 390 dwelling permission on the old Walsh Mushroom Site which was approved at the new high density rates and enquired whether the Clonattin development would have similar density rates. Ms Lennon advised that developments must fall in line with national urban density standards to be sustainable and more economically viable. Ms Lennon added that the Planning Department has no input where a development fails to progress following approval.

#### *2.4 Roads*

The members noted the Roads Report and no queries were raised. Mr N Shaw informed the Committee that Roads Staff have officially returned to work and that an inducting has taken place for a safe system of work.

Cllr A Donohoe questioned why signage on the old N11 was still 80km and was informed that the agreement to put the speed limit back to 100km must be brought before a Statutory Meeting of the Full Council.

Cllr A Donohoe requested that overgrown hedging concealing road signage be cut back and Mr N Shaw advised that where road safety issues arose he would arrange to do so.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the Courtown footpath and bridge. Mr Shaw advised that there had been no recent developments in either but that he would include them as Agenda items for another meeting.

#### *2.5 Water Services*

The members noted the Water Services Report.

#### *2.6 Library, Archives & Arts*

The members noted the Library, Archives & Arts Report.

#### *2.7 Wexford Fire Services*

The members noted the Wexford Fire Services Report.

## **2.8 District Manager's Report**

### *Special Projects:*

Mr Drea provided an update on the status of District Town & Village Projects, Gorey Town Park Re-development and the Feasibility Study for a Multi-User Community Facility following the lifting of some restrictions.

### *Festivals:*

Mr Drea informed the Committee that following the Government's announcement that no licences would be issued for any event up to the 31st August, 2020, attracting crowds in excess of 5,000, the Gorey Market House Festival Committee made the decision to cancel the 2020 festival. He added that a collective decision will need to be made as to where to re-allocate festival funds to.

### *Member's Discretionary Budget:*

Mr Drea informed the Committee that at the next Statutory Meeting of the District the Member's Discretionary Budget would be listed as an Agenda Item for a decision to be made where to allocate funds.

### *NW2K Clean:*

Mr Drea informed the Committee that following the April Meeting the "My 2K Clean Up" was launched through Love Gorey encouraging families to take a bag to pick litter when exercising within 5km of their homes.

Mr Drea informed the Committee that a Statutory Meeting of the District will be held in June at a venue to be decided that will allow social distancing for staff and members. He also added that it is proposed to hold all District AGMs on the same day as the Full Council AGM in County Hall.

Cllr A Bolger suggested designated hours at Ramsfort Park for the elderly and vulnerable people to exercise. Mr Drea agreed to look at promoting 9:00-11:00am or mid-afternoon as a designated time for the over 70s, adding that it is easy to promote such plans but difficult to police when you are relying on the good nature of people.

## **No. 3 COVID-19 Update**

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic Mr Drea suggested forming a Working Group comprising of District Officials, members and other sectoral groups to facilitate the re-opening of the town and to look at ways to facilitate local businesses in meeting restriction guidelines whilst making it sustainable for them to open. Members agreed that huge investment was needed for the business and tourism trade throughout the whole Gorey-Kilmuckridge District. Members put forward suggestions of a one-way system, pedestrianisation of the Main Street and side streets and removal of parking spaces outside businesses and replacing with street furniture to allow sufficient social distancing. Mr. Drea added that the full collaboration of businesses was essential and that they need to lead the dialogue on how best to improve their business and settle on the most practical solutions. Cllr D Devereux suggested investing some of the District's Festival Budget in creating a shopping boom from the end of October to Christmas Eve.

Mr Drea agreed that a plan should be put in place to emphasise the Christmas festivities as it was unsure at this stage whether the 'Switch On' event would proceed.

Cllr W Kavanagh expressed his concerns for local businesses having to compete with on-line shopping with the multi-nationals. Cllr D Devereux said that the Local Enterprise Office are helping Wexford businesses get online and Cllr A Bolger suggested using local resources from the Hatch Lab and Business Park to support local businesses with an on-line presence. Acting District Director, Ms A Byrne said that any campaigns around shopping would need a full county approach. She continued by saying Gorey is a strong shopping town with many businesses already having a good online presence, so any plan needs to be dynamic and adaptable and one that can be changed if it doesn't work so as to ensure a safe shopping experience for our customers.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr J Sullivan asked that those interested in sitting on the Working Group to contact the District Manager.

#### **No. 4 Correspondence**

None.

#### **No. 5 AOB**

Cllr W Kavanagh offered his sympathies to the Somers Family, Glenbrien, Enniscorthy, following the tragic passing of baby Darragh.

Mr M Drea extended his thanks to Mr F Burke for providing Microsoft Teams training and also to the members for their efforts, patience and co-operation in trialling these new forms of Meetings which are meeting short-term needs and HSE Guidelines.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, at 2:30pm  
in Gorey Library, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Ms Amanda Byrne, A/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,

**Attendance (Microsoft Teams):**

Officials Mr Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,  
Mr Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,  
Ms Cliona Connolly, Environment Education Officer,  
Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising**

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr P Breen the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr O Walsh, seconded by Cllr D Kenny the Minutes of the Non-Statutory Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr P Breen, seconded by Cllr F O'Súilleabháin the Minutes of the Non-Statutory Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 were signed and adopted.

*1.2 Matters Arising:*

Cllr O Walsh sought a full list of Housing Estate Requests for taking-in-charge.

## **No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### *2.1 Housing*

Members noted the Housing Report and Mr N McCabe responded to the following queries raised by members:

- housing allocations;
- completion of footpath prior to the allocation of housing in The Ballagh;
- Housing Priority List and the issue of overcrowding.

Cllr A Donohoe enquired about the spend to date on the former St. Joseph's Site to which Mr McCabe confirmed €509,000 has been spent on site costs, legal fees, security, asbestos survey and demolition costs. He further added that Departmental approval had been secured to progress fully with the development which is costing €4.7m. Cllr Donohoe requested a breakdown of the €509,000 costs and Mr. McCabe agreed to forward details to the District Manager for circulation. Cllr Donohoe also enquired whether any progress has been made on the St. Waleran's Site in particular, any application made for the provision of services on the area already zoned residential. Mr McCabe confirmed that an application for funding for services is being prepared.

### *2.2 Environment*

Members noted the Environment Report. Ms C Connolly informed the Committee of the Department's continuation of a Grant Scheme for upgrade/replacement works for septic tanks. She also advised that registration is now open for National Spring Clean, that Planting Grants are available and that the Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition is to open shortly. Ms Connolly added that beaches, carparks and public conveniences are also open, and that Blue Flags have been awarded to Morriscastle Beach and Ballymoney North Beach, though withdrawn from Courtown's North Beach due to lower than normal beach sand levels. Members expressed their concerns that they had not been told directly about the loss of the blue flag to Courtown and had instead found out about it from media sources. Senior Engineer Mr G Forde explained that they had been monitoring the beach closely and had delayed any decision in the hope that the sand would return. He advised that the members would be informed immediately if the beach recovers. Mr Forde added that the long-term solution for Courtown's beach and harbour is the Breakwater Scheme.

Cllr F O'Súilleabháin explained that fishermen were frustrated that they couldn't use Courtown Harbour all winter and were still unable to dock with the swell on a calm day. He called on the Council to look at dredging the harbour and moving this sand to make a beach. Mr Forde explained that 600,000 tonnes of sand would be required for a beach and so dredging would have no impact on this. He added that there are huge costs involved with annual dredging and so it would not be cost effective with only a small amount of boats using the harbour. Mr Forde agreed to come back to the Committee after the summer for further discussion.

Mr Forde also addressed queries raised by members on dumping at Edenvale and the emptying of bottle banks.

### *2.3 Roads*

Members noted the Roads Report and Mr N Shaw responded to the following queries raised by members:



- replacement of inadequate signage in Glenbrien Village;
- greater enforcement of the cycle lane on the Paul Funge Boulevard;
- installation of a disabled parking space on Esmonde Street.

Cllr J Sullivan expressed his concerns over the increase of cyclists on footpaths and called on the Council to work with the Gardaí and the Council's part-time Cycling Officer on an Awareness/Education Programme to highlight the dangers. Ms A Byrne also suggested that the Council re-visit the 'Easy Go Gorey' Cycling Strategy over the next few months as the number of cyclists is continuing to increase.

#### *2.4 Water Services*

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

#### *2.5 Planning*

Members noted the Planning Reports and Ms N Lennon responded to member's queries.

#### *2.6 Wexford Fire Services*

The members noted the Wexford Fire Services Report.

### **No. 3 Re-opening of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District**

Following the formation of a Working Group to help facilitate businesses to re-open District Manager, Mr M Drea provided the Committee with an update on potential changes to be made to encourage footfall and business interaction as restrictions are lifted. Restoring public confidence was the main concern of businesses which they felt could be addressed with the Council's assistance with a "support local" campaign with local/social media with the emphasis on supporting your local businesses.

Mr Drea added that businesses appeared to be against the pedestrianisation of the Main Street and had more of a desire to improve the aesthetics of town centres/villages with planting, provision of additional seating and temporarily relocating bus stops which may pose social distancing issues.

Mr Drea explained that businesses more severely impacted by the 2m social distancing had asked for assistance with seating for additional footfall and so it has been agreed that Wexford County Council will waive the fee for a licence to place tables and chairs in the public domain for the remainder of the year. Businesses will be required to make an application for a licence and provided it can be safely accommodated, the application will be looked upon favourably. He added for businesses that do not have a licence for sandwich boards, they will need to be removed. Mr Drea also mentioned the suggestion of some low-key entertainment to enhance the atmosphere in towns and villages.

Cllr A Bolger added that consideration should be given that outdoor tables and chairs may cause difficulties for those with disabilities or who are visually impaired.

Cllr A Donohoe enquired whether parking had been raised as an issue by businesses and Cllr D Devereux confirmed that the opening-up of the St. Joseph's Site as a

temporary car park had been raised. Cllr Devereux felt it was crucial to provide as much car parking spaces in the town centre to make it easier for the town to operate. Mr Drea informed the members that having spoken to the Housing Department it was not envisaged that short-term parking would be permitted on this site. He added that the site as it currently stands does not have an appropriate surface to let cars go in and park on and that it would require a Part VIII to get permission to use the site as a carpark. He felt that it was not value for money for the District and town to temporarily re-surface and line it out at this time. Ms A Byrne agreed to commission a new traffic study in the coming months as this would be required before any decision on parking can be made.

Cllr M Farrell highlighted the availability of an App for the hospitality service and felt it was something that should be pursued for the whole of the District. Mr Drea agreed to look into this, though informed Cllr Farrell that businesses had not brought this to the Working Groups attention. Mr Drea advised that funds would also need to be made available but that he could put forward a proposal from the District.

#### **No. 4 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members**

##### *Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020*

Members reviewed the Schedule of Municipal District Works Spend and a short discussion took place regarding the Members Discretionary Allocation. The Kilmuckridge members spoke about an even spread of funds while Ms A Byrne advised it would be better to look at funding from a project basis and be able to deliver something substantial.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020 for the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District was adopted, proposed by Cllr W Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr D Devereux.

#### **No. 5 Notice of Motion**

##### **Consider Motion submitted by Cllr Diarmuid Devereux**

*“That 2020 Funding, budgeted for cancelled festivals and public events be diverted into a once-off Community Fund to assist Community Care Service Providers in North Wexford during the current fundraising shutdown”*

Cllr D Devereux addressed the Committee and spoke of the fundraising lost by charities over the last number of months due to Covid-19 restrictions and asked that funds from the District’s Festivals Budget and Member’s Discretionary Budget be donated to some North Wexford Charities.

Cllr F O’Súilleabháin suggested an amendment to the Motion to include a contribution to the mental health services charity ‘Talk to Tom’.

Cllr A Donohoe gave his support for the motion, while Cllr M Farrell suggested the Covid Community Support Scheme as the way to go.

Cllr J Sullivan questioned how the funds would be controlled, how they would be administered, and which charity qualifies. He added that whilst the Council is always fully supportive of local charities, at this time there are no excess funds available.

Ms A Byrne explained to the Committee that the Head of Finance would be issuing a Report on the Council's Finances on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. She added that none of the District's GMA was secure at this stage but that funds from the Covid Support Scheme, available through the Community Section, had not been fully allocated.

Cllr P Breen proposed suspending the motion until after the 29<sup>th</sup> June to see what funds are available for allocation, seconded by Cllr D Kenny.

Following consultation with Cllr A Donohoe, Cllr Diarmuid Devereux withdrew the motion.

### **No. 6 Correspondence**

None.

### **No. 7 AOB**

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the Market House Project. Ms A Byrne advised that the process of assessing submissions has re-commenced and that a Report will be available in the coming months.

Cllr F O'Súilleabháin expressed the frustration of local people who are continually being subjected to drug paraphernalia littering the town and asked about the creation of a new Committee that could meet regularly, involving representatives from pharmacies, the Cornmarket Project and the Gardaí. Ms A Byrne said that a Committee is in place involving the HSE, the Gardaí and FDYS Youth Workers and suggested calling a meeting of this Committee in the first instance.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, at 9:30 am  
in County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan

Councillors: Andrew Bolger  
Pip Breen  
Diarmuid Devereux  
Anthony Donohoe  
Mary Farrell  
Willie Kavanagh  
Donal Kenny  
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin  
Oliver Walsh

Officials: Amanda Byrne, Director of Services  
Michael Drea, District Administrator

Cllr. Joe Sullivan opened the meeting and welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District. He thanked his fellow members and Council officials for their assistance since being elected Cathaoirleach on foot of Cllr. Malcolm Byrne's election to Dáil Éireann.

Cllr. Sullivan invited Michael Drea to Chair the election of the Cathaoirleach.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Pip Breen proposed Cllr. Joe Sullivan as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Sullivan's nomination was seconded by Cllr. Donal Kenny.

Cllr. Joe Sullivan was declared elected as Cathaoirleach and assumed the Chair.

Cllr. Sullivan addressed the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. He outlined a number of projects he wishes to progress and thanked his colleagues for the opportunity. All members congratulated the in-coming Cathaoirleach and wished him well in the role.

**2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach**

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

Cllr. Oliver Walsh was declared elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach and addressed the meeting, thanking his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. Cllr.

Walsh thanked his colleagues and Council officials. All members congratulated the in-coming Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished him well in the role.

### **3. Any Other Business**

It was resolved that the next meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District will be moved to a suitable venue in Gorey capable of meeting social distancing guidelines on the nomination of Cllr. Pip Breen and seconded by Cllr. Andrew Bolger.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

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

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, at 1:45pm  
in Gorey Courthouse Offices, Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Ms Amanda Byrne, A/Director of Services,  
Mr Michael Drea, District Manager,  
Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,

**Attendance (Microsoft Teams):**

Officials Ms Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,  
Mr Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,  
Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner,

Apologies Cllr. Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Leas-Chathaoirleach,

**Sanctuary Ambassadors of Wexford Presentation**

District Manager, Mr M Drea, introduced residents of Wexford's Direct Provision Centres to the Committee and explained how Gorey is aspiring to become a Sanctuary Town. The Sanctuary Ambassadors highlighted their need to feel more integrated into the Community and having recently finalised a manifesto which summarises their desire for changes in the system of International Protection, covering the areas of Direct Provision, Asylum Decision Making Process and Right to Work, this document will now be sent to political leaders and representatives. They each described their reasons for leaving their native countries to seek international protection and about their experiences of living in the county in Direct Provision Centres.

Members thanked the speakers and complimented them on their bravery for escaping their native countries and agreed that integration into society was essential.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising**

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr P Breen, seconded by Cllr A Bolger the Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr D Kenny, seconded by Cllr W Kavanagh the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr D Devereux the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were signed and adopted.

### *1.2 Matters Arising:*

There were no matters arising from the June Monthly Meeting.

## **No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### *2.1 Planning*

Members noted the Planning Report. Ms Lennon advised that all normal planning timeframes have resumed and decisions due on all applications received during the lockdown period were made on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr A Bolger sought an update on the demolition of the former Bayview Hotel Site, Courtown. Mr M Drea read an update from Mr T Banville, Planning Section. Mr Drea added that a new deadline for completion of works of the 31<sup>st</sup> August has now been given with the owner having to ensure that the site is safe and secure in the meantime and that legal action will be taken in the event of failure to comply by this new deadline. Members argued that in the interest of public safety it was unrealistic to expect heavy machinery to go in on site during the height of the tourist season and called for an extension to the end of October.

Cllr D Kenny expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of movement on three derelict sites in prime locations in Gorey town, namely Railway Road, Eire Street and Garden City. Cllr P Breen raised the issue of a dangerous structure, The Macamore Inn, Ballygarrett, and Cllr W Kavanagh, a site in Oylegate. Ms Lennon advised that she would relay all queries raised by members back to Mr T Banville.

Mr M Drea agreed to invite Mr T Banville to the September Meeting to provide an update on all Derelict Sites in the District with priority to the Bayview Site being extended to the end of October 2020.

### *2.2 Roads*

Members noted the Roads Report. Mr N Shaw reminded members to each submit details of their proposed allocation under their Roads Discretionary Fund.

Cllr M Farrell called for a temporary solution to be put in place immediately to the car parking issue at Morriscastle/Kilmuckridge before a more long-term solution could be decided on. Mr G Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment, confirmed that the Council is looking at a more permanent option for next year and is in talks with a landowner. He said that they are currently looking at additional measures to patrol beaches as well as installing overflow car parks. Mr N Shaw added that until there is a place where cars can safely be kept off the road, double yellow lines may be a short-term solution and one which the Gardaí can enforce.

Cllr A Bolger highlighted the need for traffic calming measures on Shammy Lane. Mr Shaw said that measures had been taken, including making it left turn only, but agreed that line markings may need to be refreshed.

Other queries raised by members included, inadequate signage on the Courtown Roundabout and poor lighting on St. Michael's Street.

### *2.3 Water Services*

Members noted the Water Services Report.

Cllr D Devereux highlighted a possible raw sewage issue in the Courtown Area.

### *2.4 Environment*

Members noted the Environment Report and Mr G Forde responded to queries raised by members.

Cllr D Devereux said that the presence of the Community Warden in Courtown has led to improvements with regard to illegal camping this season and asked for this to be extended over the remaining summer weekends.

Cllr M Farrell raised the issue of a landslide caused by the illegal removal of sand close to Ballynamona Beach and that it needs to be addressed for health & safety and coastal erosion reasons. Mr Forde advised that the Council has taken measures to prevent this but that a barrier may be the only solution.

Cllr P Breen called on the Council to provide more camping site facilities particularly with the increase in camper vans. Mr Forde advised that the Council was looking at opportunities to purchase sites.

Cllr J Sullivan sought an update on the Ahare River/Bridge Survey. Mr Forde advised that the Survey was due for completion at the end of August.

### *2.5 Housing*

Members noted the Housing Report and Ms M Bridges-Carley responded to member's queries.

Cllr A Donohoe enquired whether any progress has been made on the St. Waleran's Site. Ms Bridges-Carley advised that she would revert back at the next District Meeting.

Ms Bridges-Carley informed members that an Overview of Housing Support Services will be circulated at the next Full Council Meeting.

### *2.6 Community Development*

The members noted the Community Development Report.

### *2.7 Library Services*

The members noted the Library Services Reports.

### *2.6 Wexford fire Services*

The members noted the Wexford Fire Services Report.



## **2.7 District Manager's Report**

Mr Drea provided an update on the status of various special projects on-going in the District.

Mr Drea informed the Committee that the expected completion date for the Town Park Re-development is now December 2020. Mr Drea also informed the Committee that an area in the park has been identified as suitable for a sensory garden.

Mr Drea updated members on the Esmonde Street Regeneration and explained that Municipal District officials had met with business owners over a ten day period of an informal consultation. Mr Drea explained that the RRDF is the only potential stream of funding for this project and that the Council does not have the funding resources on its own to develop this project. He envisaged that planning permission be in place as soon as possible with an application for funding made before the year end.

Mr Drea provided members with an update on the Feasibility Study for a Multi-User Community Facility in Gorey. Mr Drea also informed the Committee that an agreement has been reached with the Housing Department on a site for Gorey Men's Shed and that a S183 would come before the members at the September District Meeting.

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

### **3.1 Proposed Taking-in-Charge – Twin Oaks**

On the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr P Breen it was agreed to take Twin Oaks in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

### **3.2 Member's Discretionary Spend Proposal 2020**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Member's Discretionary Fund and various proposals were brought to the table on whether it should be spent on a District or Specific Project basis. It was agreed that it was essential that the District be seen to be supporting the completion of projects such as the Gorey-Courtown Footpath and the construction of a bridge at Ballinatray as this may assist with securing additional funding from Central Government. On the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr M Farrell it was agreed to allocate funds as follows:

- €40,000 to extend the Gorey-Courtown Footpath;
- €10,000 to the Sensory Garden in Gorey Town Park, and
- €10,000 to a Project(s) in the Kilmuckridge Electoral Area to be agreed.

With regard to the Gorey-Courtown and Ballinatray Bridge Projects, Ms A Byrne added that a plan would need to be in place before funding could be sought and Mr N Shaw agreed to follow up with a design for the bridge. Cllr D Devereux sought clarification on whether money unspent under GMA Allocations can be carried forward to the following year, to which Mr Drea advised that it is possible to do so if there is a specific reason for it to be capitalised.

## **No. 4 Member's Portal Presentation**

It was agreed to carry forward this presentation to a future Meeting.

## **No. 5 Notice of Motion**

None.

## **No. 6 Correspondence**

None.

## **No. 7 AOB**

Cllr J Sullivan extended his deepest sympathies to the Redmond and Browne families on the recent death of Deirdre and Cllr M Farrell acknowledged all the volunteers who participated in her search. Cllr Sullivan also extended his sympathies to Claire Rochford on the recent death of her brother-in-law, John Foley and District Manager extended his sympathies to Cliona Connolly on the recent death of her father, James.

Cllr M Farrell sought an update on the Hospitality App and Mr M Drea informed her that the App that he had looked at was not suitable as it lacked real-time information and only gave details of normal busy times.

Cllr M Farrell proposed a contribution of €5,000 to Ballycanew-Ballyoughter Development Group towards the annual rent of the Ballycanew Resource Centre. Cllr A Donohoe felt giving the Group this money was setting a precedence for others to come forward and suggested that they look at an alternative stream of funding through the LCDC. Mr M Drea informed the Committee that the Group is actively engaged with WLD and working hard to identify opportunities where they can strengthen as a Committee. He added that this funding would allow the Group to divert €5,000 back into opening up additional room in the building and therefore create funding opportunities that will make them more sustainable. Ms A Byrne referred to the commitment given to the Group for 1-3 years financial assistance but that it was contingent on a bona fide plan being in place. Ms Byrne advised looking at the overall picture at the end of the year and to decide whether it is viable to continue funding or not going forward. Cllr Farrell's proposal was seconded by Cllr P Breen.

Mr M Drea referred to the District's application made under the Covid Accelerated Measures Town & Village Scheme and advised that this particular application was specific to Gorey town but that a second Scheme coming on stream would focus more on the District as a whole.

Cllr A Bolger urged the Council to provide assistance to secure the future of Courtown Adventure & Leisure Centre. Mr M Drea said that no Council Officials or Members are represented on their Board of Directors and as a private entity it was difficult to comment on their financial difficulties. He added that it would be inappropriate for the Council to step in and was not aware of the Board having approached the Council for assistance.

Cllr A Donohoe urged the District Manager to look at the bins on the Main Street and Mr Drea advised that he has earmarked funding for them.

Cllr J Sullivan asked that bins in Courtown be collected on Sundays.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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