

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday 15th July 2025, at 2:30pm**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr Donal Kenny, Cathaoirleach,

Cllr Nicky Boland,
Cllr Pip Breen,
Cllr Anthony Donohoe, Leas-Cathaoirleach,
Cllr Craig Doyle,
Cllr Mary Farrell,
Cllr Paddy Kavanagh,
Cllr Darragh McDonald,
Cllr Joe Sullivan,
Cllr Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, Director of Services & District Director,
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Manager,
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr Michael Drea, County Secretary,
Ms Anita McLoughlin, Administrative Officer,
Ms Adrienne Larkin, Senior Staff Officer, Franchise,
Ms Rachel Jordan, Administrative Officer, Housing,
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,
Mr Eoghan Nolan, Executive Planner,
Ms Margaret Kelly, Clerical Officer.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Donal Kenny opened the Meeting apologising for the brief delay.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr C Doyle, seconded by Cllr O Walsh, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on June 17th, 2025, were signed, and adopted.

1.2 Matters Arising from the June Statutory GKMD Meeting:

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the Ballyloughlan roundabout.

Cllr D McDonald sought an update on the St. Walerans project, specifically a timeline for the project.

In response, Ms L Hore, District Director told the meeting that a 2-year Working Plan is currently being prepared which she hopes to bring to the September District Meeting.

Sympathies:

The members proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the families of the late Arthur Quinn, Peter O'Rafferty, Ger Bennett and Michael Warren on their recent bereavements.

Congratulations:

Cllr N Boland congratulated Cllr J Sullivan on his appointment as Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

2.1 Draft Polling Scheme 2025

Mr M Drea County Secretary provided a brief outline of the National Polling Scheme, explaining how the system works and that there is a legal obligation to update the Scheme every ten years. Considering the newly established electoral boundaries, Wexford County Council decided to take this opportunity to update the Scheme. Mr Drea and Ms A Larkin, Franchise Section addressed any queries raised by the members.

Mr Drea advised once all Municipal Districts have been presented to, and the consultation and submission periods have passed; the Scheme will be brought before the members for adoption. He said it is an ongoing project involving data cleansing and quality assurance and that additional staff have been provided for this project.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny thanked Mr Drea and Ms Larkin for their presentation.

2.2 Housing:

The Housing Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Ms R Jordan provided further updates on the Housing Report and responded to queries raised by the members relating to the St. Walerans development.

2.3 Environment:

The Environment Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Cllr D McDonald thanked the Environment Section regarding the opening of Courtown Beach, particularly, the water safety measures.

2.4 Planning

The Members noted the Planning Reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting and Mr E Nolan Executive Planner responded to queries raised.

In response to Cllr A Donohoe's query regarding Ballyloughlan Roundabout, Mr Nolan informed the meeting that An Coimisiún Pleanála had deferred their decision to a later date, and he agreed to follow up on it.

2.5 Roads

The Members noted the Roads Reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Ms Kehoe either responded to or agreed to follow up on several issues raised including:

- + Specific Works to be carried out on Mill Road,
- + Upgrade of Signage in the town,
- + ESB Connection for traffic lights on the Arklow Road,
- + Playgrounds & Play areas when taken-in-charge falls under the remit of the Risk Management Section,
- + Damaged metal fencing at Boggans of Kilmuckridge,
- + Increased enforcement of double yellow lines at various junctions in the town,
- + Out of hours emergency contact,
- + Request for white lines at Ballymotey Crossroads, speed ramps at Monageer NS and a footpath from Oylegate NS to the GAA pitch,
- + Update on lights at Clonattin, removal of two lanes at The Monument and electronic sign to Ardamine not working,
- + Request for road markings to be extended past The Kitchen, considering the high volume of traffic on the Hollyfort Road.

2.6 Additional Departmental Reports

The Community Development, Library Services and Wexford Fire Services Reports, copies of which had previously been circulated were noted.

2.7 District Manager's Report

The District Managers Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

District Manager, Mr P Knight, referred to recent events held in the district and informed the Committee that preparations are well under way for Culture Night and the Gorey Yellow Belly Comedy Festival to be held in the autumn.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update of the St. Waleran's Activity Hub. District Director Ms L Hore told the meeting that this project is at a decision gate stage and awaiting approval before moving onto Tender Stage.

Cllr D McDonald asked had any plans been put in place to hold a festival type event in Courtown as promised. Ms L Hore said that the Draft Town Centre Plan is in place and that a good partnership with the various stakeholders is being developed. Mr Knight also added that the district recently supported the Diversity Day and the Sea Sunday Family event in Courtown.

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

None.

No. 4 Notice of Motion from Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

30.06.2025 – Correspondence from Gorey Pedestrian & Cycling Association

The above correspondence was noted, and it was agreed District Manager Mr. P Knight would reply.

Cllr J Sullivan highlighted the large mortality rate on Gorey's Main Street and suggested that the Council consult with the Road Safety Authority to discuss more effective road safety measures. Cllr A Donohoe added that pedestrian lights/crossings do not prevent pedestrians crossing the street illegally.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny asked if the junction at the Loch Garman Arms Hotel could be reviewed, considering the recent serious accident involving a pedestrian at this junction. Cllr P Breen suggested that the right-turn option be removed, though Cllr A Donohoe felt this would leave a greater round journey for motorists heading south.

Cllr D McDonald also told the meeting that it is unacceptable to share videos of accidents.

No. 6 AOB

Cllr N Boland sought an update on permits for Saunas. District Director Ms. L Hore said they are still awaiting legal advice and investigating using beach byelaws. She agreed to speak with Director of Services, Mr. Eamonn Hore.

Cllr M Farrell asked when public consultation for the proposed playground in Kilmuckridge will take place.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr D Kenny formerly welcomed Ms. Anita McLoughlin, Administrative Officer, to the meeting and congratulated her on her upcoming appointment as Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Manager. Ms. McLoughlin told the meeting that she was excited at her appointment with Gorey particularly as she had started her career in New Ross working with the community.

District Manager Mr. P Knight thanked the elected members for all their assistance and co-operation over the last four years and said he had made many friends in Gorey and the wider district.

All the members wished Mr. Knight success in his new position and thanked him for his generosity of time and advice. It was noted during his time in Gorey that many projects had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and that many were still in progress. Director of Service Ms. L Hore echoed the members' sentiments and good wishes and also wished Ms. L Stanley, Senior Staff Officer, success in her new role in County Hall in September.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Daingnithe ar an _____ lá de _____ 2025

**Donal Kenny,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**