

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, at 2:30 pm  
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Pip Breen,  
Malcolm Byrne, Leas-Chathaoirleach  
Anthony Donohoe,  
Mary Farrell,  
Robert Ireton,  
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,  
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,  
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,,  
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,  
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer.

***Home For Life Mortgage to Rent Scheme Presentation***

The Chairman invited Representatives from Home For Life, a Government Approved Mortgage to Rent Scheme Provider to address the meeting. Mr. Stephen Curtis explained that the scheme is available to distressed mortgage holders eligible for social housing, where the property is sold to Home For Life and then leased back to the local authority, enabling the borrower to remain living in their home as a social housing tenant, paying an affordable rent to their local authority. Mr. Curtis responded to queries raised by members and the Committee welcomed the initiative.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting and Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were signed and adopted.

***Matters Arising from the December Meeting:***

It was agreed to deal with Matters Arising under the relevant Agenda Items.

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

***Housing***

Mr. N. McCabe and Ms. M. Bridges Carley presented the Housing Report and responded to all matters raised, in particular, a proposed development in Ramstown, an update on Hunter's Hill and a discussion took place on homelessness.

### **Roads**

Members noted the Roads Report. Mr. N. Shaw responded to matters raised, in particular, works at Coolatore Bridge, safety measure works at The Monument and improvement works in Ballymoney.

Cllr. Donohoe also sought an update on works at Ballinabarney Hill and requested that Blackwater Bridge and Stewart's Bridge be examined with a view to improvement works being carried out to alleviate ongoing problems.

Mr. N. Shaw also confirmed that the District was prepared for extreme weather conditions with salt supplies in stock.

### **Water Services**

Mr. T. Quirke presented the Water Services Report and responded to all matters arising.

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

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village Schemes, Gorey 400 Expo Evening, Circe Pavillion, Town Bio-Diversity Trail and the Percent for Art Scheme.

Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested that the District aspire to bringing '*Titania's Palace*', the world-famous 'doll's house', previously displayed at Ballynastragh House, back to Gorey for the 400 year celebrations. The doll's house, which was bought by Legoland, currently resides at Egeskov Castle, Denmark. Ms. A. Byrne advised that she would contact the Danish Embassy to explore further.

### **Derelict Sites**

Cllr. M. Byrne acknowledged the progress that has been made, but expressed his concerns that some buildings have been on the Derelict Sites List well in excess of 5 years. Cllr. M. Byrne requested that a Planning Official attend the next Monthly Meeting in view of the fact that some properties have levies being applied. It was agreed to an earlier start for the February Monthly Meeting and for it to be held In-Committee.

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

### **Proposed Taking in Charge – Clonattin Village (Phase 2)**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, it was agreed to take Clonattin Village (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** - None.

## **No. 6 AOB**

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed concern over the condition of the lane adjacent to Eire Street which is attracting anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping and is a cause of growing concern for elderly residents in Eire Street. Members called for CCTV cameras, surface works and additional lighting in the area. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that the condition of the lane would be looked at, along with some improvement measures in the interim.

Cllr. M. Farrell called on the District to put a development plan in place for road safety and parking at Morriscastle ahead of the summer season. Cllr. J. Hegarty felt that solutions are more likely to come from locals which the Council could then evaluate and support.

Cllr. P. Breen expressed concern regarding the condition of the structure of the former Macamore Inn, Ballygarrett. Mr. N. Shaw advised that he would make a recommendation for the structure to be inspected and if deemed dangerous, will be addressed.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin called for repairs to lighting in the Town Park following extensive damage last year. Ms. A Byrne advised that it was not feasible to put in new or temporary lighting at this time as the Contractor was due to take over shortly.

Cllr. M. Farrell sought an update on the new ParkByText App, to which Ms. A. Byrne advised that the App only went live this week and no feedback was available yet.

Mr. E. Taaffe responded to queries raised by Cllr. J. Hegarty on the Market House Development, Courtown Hotel, Courtown Bridge and Esmonde Street Development Works.

Cllr. J. Hegarty enquired about a petition submitted by the residents of McCurtain Street and Ms. A. Byrne advised that the Council was looking at stricter enforcement in the area and was logging the pattern of parking.

Cllr. J. Hegarty congratulated all involved in the recent 'Aladdin' pantomime production in Gorey.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin expressed a vote of sympathy to the Farrell, Spencer and Kenny families on their recent bereavements.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**John Hegarty,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at 2:30pm  
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Malcolm Byrne, Leas-Chathaoirleach,

Councillors: Pip Breen,  
Anthony Donohoe,  
Mary Farrell,  
Robert Ireton,  
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,  
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,  
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Mick McCormack, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,  
Captain Phil Murphy, Marine Officer,  
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer,  
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer,

Apologies: Cllr. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach  
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 were signed and adopted.

***Matters Arising from the January Meeting:***

There were no matters arising.

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

***E-Parking Presentation***

Mr. M. McCormack provided the Committee with a report on the new E-Parking initiative which enables the public to pay for parking by electronic means. Mr. McCormack responded to questions raised by members and advised the Committee that usage of this initiative has so far exceeded expectation and feedback has been extremely positive. Members welcomed the new initiative.

### ***Environment***

Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer, and Captain Phil Murphy, Marine Officer, attended the meeting and provided an update on the following:

- Courtown North Beach & Marina Feasibility Study;
- Coastline Inspections;
- DAFM Works;
- Courtown & Cahore Slipways.

Captain P. Murphy sought the member's approval to proceed with placing electronic barriers and CCTV at Courtown Harbour and Cahore slipways following numerous complaints in relation to jet-ski incidents which occurred at both locations last summer. Members were in agreement to proceed with this initiative to minimise such anti-social behaviour. Cllr. M. Byrne asked that the barriers be erected in time for this summer season.

### ***Housing***

Members noted the Housing Report and Ms. M. Bridges-Carley responded to all matters arising.

### ***Roads***

Members noted the Roads Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to member's queries. Cllr. A. Donohoe advised that road markings and rumble strips on corners of the Craanford-Carnew Road require attention and also sought an update on improvement works for Blackwater Bridge and Stewart's Bridge.

Cllr. M. Farrell asked of any plans to extend the footpath at Kilnahue Lane out past P&H Doyle's garage. Mr. N. Shaw advised that the footpath that had recently been installed was due to a safety issue for Creagh College students, but that there were no immediate plans to further extend the footpath in the next year or two.

Cllr. R. Ireton called for designated parking areas for privately hired buses within the town centre for those who travel to shop. Mr. N. Shaw advised that there are two designated parking areas on The Boulevard and that buses also park in Tesco carpark.

Mr. Shaw also responded to other queries, including:

- ❖ Local Improvement Scheme Applications;
- ❖ Road Works at Ballygullen, Askamore and Ballyduff;
- ❖ Provision of footpaths from Ballytegan-College Rd and down to Ramsfort Park-Willow Park;

### ***Water Services***

Mr. T. Quirke presented the Water Services Report and responded to member's queries. Cllr. A. Donohoe expressed concerns that Camolin Waste Water Treatment Plan is at capacity and overflowing. Mr. T. Quirke reassured Cllr. Donohoe that the treatment system is always monitored and that he would seek an update from Irish Water regarding their investment plan for the treatment plant there.

### **McCurtain Street Parking Presentation**

Following a complaint raised by residents of McCurtain Street that they were unable to park in the area following the introduction of a €2.00 all day parking fee for non-residents, Ms. L. Stanley informed the Committee that an assessment on parking availability had recently been carried out. The survey was carried out over a two week period with a warden checking availability of spaces in the morning and afternoon and results showed that on average 35-50% of spaces were available for residents. Ms. Stanley informed members that the Council will continue to monitor and review the situation and provide additional pay parking signage where required. Members were in agreement that regular, ongoing enforcement of the area must take place and that the priority should be given to residents who live in the area.

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

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village Schemes, the Gorey 400 Expo Evening & Awards Ceremony, the "Call the Saints" project and Town Bio-Diversity Trail.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin welcomed the recent announcement of Regeneration Funding for Esmonde Street and called on the Council to factor in appropriate lighting for the area.

Cllr. M. Byrne complimented staff involved in the recent Gorey 400 event and suggested a similar style event taking place each year enabling local groups and their achievements to be recognised. Ms. A. Byrne agreed that such an event could also be used to incorporate the annual Community Group Presentations.

**No. 3 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members** - None.

**No. 4 Motion** - None.

**No. 5 Correspondence** - All correspondence was noted.

### **No. 6 AOB**

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin expressed his concerns over the amount of mature trees being felled following the felling of a 100 year old tree at St. Michael's Church. Cllr. O' Súilleabháin also expressed his disappointment to see a Wexford County Council advertisement in the local newspaper that he understood to read landowners are permitted to fell trees. Cllr. A. Donohoe welcomed this advertisement and said that people are cutting down trees if they pose a threat. District Manager, Mr. E. Taaffe, said that the Council is not encouraging people to fell trees, but rather reminding people of their duty of care.

Cllr. A. Donohoe also suggested that the Council place an advertisement reminding people to clean their chimneys.

Cllr. M. Byrne asked that the Council write to Minister Joe McHugh expressing their concerns over the shortage of secondary school places in the Gorey District. Cllr. Byrne also asked that the Council write to Minister John Paul Phelan supporting the new local electoral boundary areas combining Gorey and Kilmuckridge.

Cllr. A. Donohoe sought an update on The Hatch Lab and whether additional buildings were under consideration. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that no decision has been made yet and Ms. A. Byrne agreed to request an update for the March Meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**John Hegarty,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at 2:00pm  
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: John Hegarty,

Councillors: Pip Breen,  
Anthony Donohoe,  
Malcolm Byrne, Leas-Chathaoirleach,  
Mary Farrell,  
Robert Ireton,  
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,  
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,  
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Tony Nolan, Administrative Officer, Planning,  
Mr. Paul O'Rourke, Assistant Staff Officer, Planning,  
Ms. Eileen Morrissey, County Librarian,  
Ms. Hazel Percival, Senior Executive Librarian,  
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing,  
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer,

Apologies: Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.

Circulated: Derelict Site Register for the Gorey District,  
Position Statement on Derelict Sites in the Gorey District,  
My Open Library Leaflet.

**Derelict Sites Update (In Committee)**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Mr. Tony Nolan and invited him to address the Committee. Mr. T. Nolan updated members on the responsibilities and various actions taken by the local authority regarding derelict sites, vacant sites and dangerous structures. Mr. T. Nolan responded to queries raised by members on specific derelict sites in the District and agreed to inspect additional sites highlighted by members.

**My Open Library Presentation**

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Eileen Morrissey and Ms. Hazel Percival and invited them to address the Committee. Ms. E. Morrissey informed the Committee of the new "My Open Library" service being piloted in Gorey, which offers extended opening hours, providing library access to My Open Library members from 8:00am to 10:00pm each day. Ms. E. Morrissey explained how the system will operate and the Terms & Conditions of the

service. Members welcomed the new service to the town and invited everyone to become a My Open Library member.

### **No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 were signed and adopted.

The Committee congratulated Cllr. M. Byrne on securing the Fianna Fáil nomination to contest the Ireland South Constituency in the May European Elections.

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

Cllr. R. Ireton called on the Council to extend CCTV cameras to the Pier Area when installing cameras at the Courtown slipway.

Cllr. P. Breen informed the Committee that Cahore Inshore Rescue Service was opposed to putting a barrier at the Cahore slipway due to the width of the area and the difficulties that could arise to maintain it. As an alternative, Cllr. P. Breen suggested the Council employ a part-time Harbour Master for the summer season. District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, advised that she would contact Captain Phil Murphy with these recommendations.

Cllr. R. Ireton asked that a Planning Official attend the April Meeting due to recent staffing changes in the Planning Department and also called on Pre-Planning Meetings to be held in the various Districts, rather than just Wexford Town.

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

#### ***Housing***

Members noted the Housing Report and Ms. M. Bridges-Carley responded to all matters arising. Ms. Bridges-Carley informed the Committee that a presentation on Housing Voids and Stock would be given by Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer, at the April Meeting.

#### ***Roads***

Members noted the Roads Report and raised the following queries:

- ❖ Loose manhole cover on Main Street, Camolin;
- ❖ Improved signage for Camolin required when coming off the Motorway;
- ❖ Re-naming of Clough Roundabout to be looked at in conjunction with new roundabouts;
- ❖ Patching work required at Ballygullen and Kilnahue Lane, and
- ❖ Clarification on how Districts operate the Local Improvement Scheme.

#### ***Water Services***

Mr. T. Quirke presented the Water Services Report and responded to member's queries. Cllr. A. Donohoe sought an update on the investment plan for the Camolin Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. T. Quirke advised that he was awaiting a response from the Operations Manager, Irish Water, but confirmed that the Treatment Plant was on the

Consideration List for 2024. Cllr. M. Farrell queried the capacity in Kilmuckridge to meet with demand and Mr. T. Quirke advised he would confirm at the next meeting.

Members expressed their concerns that some North Wexford villages are under pressure and cannot expand their community due to lack of waste water capacity in the area. Cllr. M. Byrne added that the only scope for significant growth is in Gorey Town and that is not in the best interests of sustainable growth for the wider North Wexford area. District Director, Mr. E. Taaffe, suggested identifying population projections for villages and incorporating into the County Development Plan, to which Irish Water should take consideration of when developing their own plans.

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

#### ***Schedule of Municipal District Works and Work Plan for 2019***

Ms. A. Byrne presented the Schedule of Municipal District Works and Work Plan for the District for 2019 to the Committee. Ms. Byrne informed the Committee that the Members Discretionary Allocation had again been increased by an additional €30,000 and proposed using the €60,000 allocation as follows:

- €10,000 to increase the existing €140,000 festival allocation to €150,000;
- €30,000 to extend the Courtown footpath, and
- €20,000 project to be agreed by members.

Following a short discussion, members agreed to use the remaining €20,000 for lighting along the extended Courtown footpath, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Gorey District for 2019 was proposed by Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

Cllr. R. Ireton called for Town & Village funding allocated to Courtown be used towards providing a Community Centre for Riverchapel. Ms. A. Byrne again explained that this was not possible for a number of reasons and Mr. E. Taaffe agreed that the District would be progressing with the plan funded for. Ms. A. Byrne suggested that the Development Association work towards having an application ready for the 2019 round of Town & Village funding.

#### ***GMD Festival & Events GMA 2019***

The Festival & Events GMA for the Gorey District for 2019 was presented to the Committee, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin.

#### ***Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grants 2019***

The Amenity & Arts Grant Allocations had been circulated to all members and were proposed by Cllr. M. Farrell and seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan. Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested a cap on applications where projects exceed €10,000 for future Amenity & Arts Grant Schemes.

The Residents Associations Grant Allocations had been circulated to all members and were proposed by Cllr. F. O’Súilleabháin and seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell.

***Gorey District Submission for the 2018 Annual Report***

A draft of the Gorey District submission for the 2018 Annual Report had been circulated to all members. Ms. A. Byrne pointed out the new design of the District’s submission for 2018 and sought the approval of the Committee based on its current content. The draft submission was proposed by Cllr. M. Farrell and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

***Proposed Taking in Charge – Abbey Court, Ferns***

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, it was agreed to take Abbey Court, Ferns, in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The Chairman Suspended Standing Orders and it was proposed that the meeting would proceed until 6:00pm, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

**No. 4 Motion** - None.

**No. 5 Correspondence** - All correspondence was noted.

**No. 6 AOB**

Cllr. J. Hegarty informed the Committee that the Wexford Association of New York had extended an invitation to him, as Cathaoirleach, to participate in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in conjunction with the Gorey 400 Celebrations.

Cllr. R. Ireton sought an update on premises for the Gorey Men’s Shed Group. Ms. A. Byrne advised that she had been unable to secure any long-term premises for the Group and that she was not aware of any developments from a recent advertisement placed seeking premises.

Cllr. M. Farrell proposed a vote of sympathy for victims of recent tragedies, including attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand and Utrecht, Holland, and to the families of Lauren Bullock, Morgan Barnard and Connor Currie who tragically lost their lives in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone on St. Patrick’s night. Members joined in this expression of sympathy.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**John Hegarty,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, at 2:30pm  
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: John Hegarty,

Councillors: Pip Breen,  
Anthony Donohoe,  
Malcolm Byrne, Leas-Chathaoirleach,  
Mary Farrell,  
Robert Ireton,  
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,  
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,  
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr. David Minogue, Senior Executive Officer, Communications,  
Mr. Jim Owens, Energy Officer,  
Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner,  
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing,  
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing,  
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment,  
Captain Phil Murphy, Senior Marine Officer,  
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer.

Circulated: Strategic Housing Development Plan

Prior to the start of the meeting the commencement of re-development works at Gorey Town Park was announced, starting the week of April 29<sup>th</sup>. The District Manager also introduced the recently appointed "*Re-discovering Ancient Connection – The Saints*" Project Officer, Ms. Siobhan Geoghegan, to the Committee.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting of Gorey Municipal District with An Gardaí held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 were signed and adopted.

### ***Matters Arising from the March Meeting:***

Cllr. R. Ireton called on the Council to invite HSE Officials to an In-Committee Meeting next month to discuss a specific homelessness issue in the town. District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, as an alternative, suggested inviting staff from Tara House, the ETB and any other body within the Civic Centre complex to a meeting of the new District Council to find out about the full range of services and training available. Members agreed with this suggestion.

### ***'Broadband Delivery in Wexford' Presentation***

The Chairman welcomed Mr. David Minogue, Mr. Jim Owens and members of SIRO, who are due to commence fibre broadband installation works in Courtown and Gorey shortly as part of their 'lights up' project. Mr. D. Minogue provided a detailed presentation on the current broadband situation in Wexford and Ms. Aisling Burke, SIRO, presented a heat map of North Wexford identifying the level of access that homes and businesses have to fibre or high speed broadband. In response to this, Cllr. M. Farrell highlighted certain 'black-spots' in rural North Wexford, where there is no phone signal and a lack of access to broadband. It was agreed that members would identify key black-spots within the District, highlight this to the Council, who will collect submissions and collate a map of such areas. Cllr. M. Byrne asked that the map be made available on the Council's website or put in the public domain, whilst acknowledging that the Council does not have a direct role in provision. To conclude, both the Council and SIRO agreed to keep dialogue open throughout the process.

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

### ***Planning***

Members noted the Planning Report and Mr. J. Lavin responded to members queries. The Chairman suggested that the newest staff members to the Planning Technical Team be introduced to the new District Council at the July Meeting. Mr. Lavin agreed to arrange and welcomed this opportunity.

### ***Housing***

Members noted the Housing Report. Mr. P. O'Gorman updated members on recent progress, incl. the number of social housing units expected to be delivered between now and 2020, and responded to all queries raised. The Chairman recognised the progress made in the last 18 months and expressed his congratulations to all Housing Staff.

### ***Environment***

Mr. G. Forde updated members on the Courtown North Beach & Marina Feasibility Study and advised that the Council is currently reviewing RPS's Final Report, in particular the sourcing of the 300,000 tonnes of sand required. Mr. Forde advised that the preferred option is marine sand dredged off the Wexford Coast, but that further environmental assessments are required. He advised he would update members on the next steps at the May Meeting.

Captain P. Murphy updated the Committee on the Courtown and Cahore Slipways and advised that consultations with local interests are ongoing. He added that indicative prices obtained are €50,000 for barriers and associated CCTV.

Mr. G. Forde informed members that a full review of the coastline is being undertaken with initial areas of concern in the Gorey District being Kilpatrick, Dodds Rock to Courtown and Cahore.

Captain P. Murphy provided members with some statistics relating to Courtown Harbour, the 7<sup>th</sup> largest harbour in the county regarding value of fish landings and ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Kilmore Quay in terms of expenditure, revenue and capital in the period 2012 – 2018. He added that in terms of Maintenance Dredge Spending, of the two harbours that require regular dredging, Courtown costs twice as much as Carne.

Mr. G. Forde also responded to other queries raised by members. With the imminent closing of Gorey Town Park for re-development works and the likelihood of increased usage of Ramsfort Woods by the public, members expressed their concerns that the woods may be subjected to increased dog fouling. Mr. G. Forde advised that he would look at hidden cameras for the trails.

Cllr. M. Farrell asked that the Council ensure that bottle banks are emptied more regularly coming into the summer months and also drew attention to part of an eroded cliff, hanging dangerously at Ballynamona Beach. Mr. G. Forde advised that this had been observed during inspections and is being addressed.

Finally, Mr. G. Forde provided an update on the contaminated water supply at Creagh Domain and advised the Committee that inspectors were going back to survey and call to houses.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and it was proposed that the meeting would proceed until 6:30pm, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

### ***Roads***

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

Mr. N. Shaw informed the Committee that Mr. Tony Quirke was taking up a new position with Wicklow County Council and wished him well in his new post. These good wishes were re-iterated by all members and the Chairman asked that the District write to Mr. Quirke in recognition of his dedication and conscientiousness to the organisation.

### ***Water Services***

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. N. Shaw responded to member's queries. Cllr. M. Byrne expressed concerns over the number of Essential Repair Notices that issue for Ardmore, Gorey Hill, and felt that a reliable water supply does not exist for the area. Mr. N. Shaw advised that he would gather information on pipe burst history and bring it to the attention of Irish Water as a priority.

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

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village Schemes, the "Call the Saints" project, Circe Pavilion, a recent visiting delegation from the Yongtan Province, China, upcoming festivals and the Gorey Pollinator Friendly Town Campaign, which aims to increase biodiversity within the town's landscape.

### ***Revised CCTV System Application for Courtown/Riverchapel***

Ms. A. Byrne referred to the permission granted in December 2017 to install a CCTV System consisting of 8 PTZ (Pan-Tilt & Zoom) cameras in Courtown/Riverchapel and explained that following further consideration and suggestion from local Gardaí and interested parties, the Council proposed to resubmit the applications, replacing the PTZ cameras with 3 fixed cameras at each of the original camera locations, thereby providing permanent CCTV coverage on approaches. Ms. A. Byrne advised that the camera system, as now proposed, provides for more effective coverage of Courtown Town Centre and the 2 locations at Riverchapel on a 24/7 basis and will be of huge benefit to policing in these areas.

Ms. A. Byrne sought the Committee's support for the new application to be submitted to the Department of Justice for authorisation to install a CCTV System consisting of 21 fixed cameras, i.e., 18 in Courtown and 3 in Riverchapel, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan.

### ***Report on Design for Restoration of the Market House Building***

District Director, Mr. E. Taaffe, informed members that Wexford County Council received a single submission to its call for a Services Concession Contract (Expression of Interest) for the re-development and operation of the Market House as a multi-functional performance and exhibition space and that this had subsequently been withdrawn. He recommended the Council progress to a detailed design for the restoration of the Market House Building and the adjoining vacant lands to the rear, in accordance with the Gorey Public Realm Plan. Members discussed this at length and agreed that the best course of action was as recommended by the Director, to re-develop the Market House based on the approved public realm plan, utilising the funds available from Wexford County Council for the project. This course of action was proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne. Cllr. A. Donohoe asked what would happen to the €429,145 funding awarded from the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund and Mr. E. Taaffe advised that he would be seeking the Department's approval to re-direct the funding to this project. Mr. A. Donohoe expressed his opposition to this Plan and the matter was put to a vote, 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

#### ***Strategic Housing Development - Application for 297 Dwellings @ Fort Road, Gorey***

Mr. J. Lavin circulated plans of a Strategic Housing Development consisting of 297 dwellings and a crèche, at the former Walsh Mushroom site and adjoining lands, at Fort Road, Gorey. Overall, members welcomed the development, but raised a number of concerns they felt will need addressing; such as the level of density involved with the plan,

the significant increase of traffic to the area, the need to protect the natural landscape, the need for a playground, the pressure this development will put on school places and the need for a Community Centre. Cllr. M. Byrne added that any levies collected from the properties be set aside and spent on roads, footpaths and facilities in the area. Mr. J. Lavin advised that he would compile a Report to the Chief Executive outlining views and concerns raised by the members.

### **Residents Association Grants 2019**

The Chairman advised that Residents Association Grant Applications had been received from Brooklyn Court, Newhaven and Chestnut Grove Residents Associations and on the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500 to each of these Groups.

### **No. 4 Motion**

#### **Consider Motion submitted by Cllr. Robert Ireton**

*“Gorey Municipal District Council requests that Wexford County Council reassign the €200,000 received under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme to the development of a much needed Community Hall facility to be located at the Riverchapel Sports Complex”*

Motion seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, explained that the criteria for the 2018 Town & Village Scheme were for projects with a clear and economic focus and so they came up with the concept of re-furbishing the existing wooden model boat on the pier to include a café space, performance space and seating and that they were ready to go to tender. Ms. A. Byrne added that the Council is working with WLD and a team of people to plan for a Community Centre but that they haven't reached the planning stage yet. Cllr. R. Ireton's motion was put to a vote:

For:	2
Against:	4
Abstain:	2

Cllr. R. Ireton's motion was defeated.

#### **Consider Motion submitted by Cllr. Fionntán O'Suilleabháin**

*“That this Council will review the recently updated Parking Bye Laws for Gorey over the coming month, in view of some difficulties that have arisen for residents in Éire St./Cluainin”*

Motion seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan.

Following a lengthy discussion, District Director, Mr. E. Taaffe, asked that the Committee agree to allow the Bye-Laws operate in these areas for the next couple of months, to re-convene with the residents at that time and review the situation. Ms. L. Stanley also

added that calls are regularly received from residents in these areas regarding vehicles blocking entrances and as they were not included in the Bye-Laws, the Council could not intervene until now.

#### **No. 5 Correspondence**

All correspondence was noted.

Cllr. J. Hegarty noted the sad decision of the current Gorey St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee to disband. Members commended the Committee of their many years of dedication to the Parade.

Cllr. J. Hegarty expressed his concerns regarding correspondence from Gorey Active Retirement and was informed that work is underway to set up a meeting with the Group.

#### **No. 6 AOB**

Members called on the District to write to Mr. Michael Ring, TD, Minister for Rural & Community Development, regarding the lack of access for CE Scheme Supervisors to any Occupational Pension Scheme and that this matter be addressed immediately.

Cllr. A. Donohoe proposed the demolition of a derelict house on Railway Road, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllr. P. Breen enquired whether the site of the former Macamore Inn, Ballygarrett, had been deemed dangerous, to which Mr. N. Shaw confirmed it had been.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**John Hegarty,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District  
held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019, at 2:30pm  
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District  
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: John Hegarty,

Councillors: Pip Breen,  
Anthony Donohoe,  
Mary Farrell,  
Robert Ireton,  
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,  
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,  
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,  
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,  
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment,  
Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,  
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing,  
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Malcolm Byrne.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrell, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were signed and adopted.

***Matters Arising from the April Meeting:***

Cllr. M. Farrell sought an update on whether an over-hanging piece of cliff at Ballynamona Beach had been removed. Mr. G. Forde advised that this would be addressed before the start of the summer season.

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

***Environment***

Mr. G. Forde & Mr. G. Colfer updated members on the Courtown North Beach & Marina Feasibility Study. Mr. G. Colfer informed the Committee that they were likely to go to Public Consultation Stage over the coming months and secure various permissions by the year end. With regard to funding, Mr. G. Forde advised that securing funding for the Beach Nourishment was most likely and that an application would be made to Management in the coming weeks. Members commended the Environment Team with moving this project forward as it is a vital programme for the area.

### ***Gorey Municipal District Presentation – 5 Years in Images***

A series of visuals portraying Capital Projects, District Commemorations, Celebrations & Festivals, visiting Dignitaries and the hard work & achievements of Community Groups over the last five years were presented to the Committee.

### ***Housing***

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

### ***Roads***

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

### ***Water Services***

Members welcomed Mr. B. Hammel to his new position as the District's Water Services Engineer. Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. B. Hammel responded to member's queries.

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

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village Schemes, the "Call the Saints" project, the Circe Pavilion, recent and upcoming festivals & celebrations and a visiting delegation from the Puck District in June.

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

### ***Residents Association Grants 2019***

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

## **No. 4 Motion**

None.

## **No. 5 Correspondence**

All correspondence was noted.

## **No. 6 AOB**

Chairman, Cllr. J. Hegarty, wished all members well in the upcoming Local and European elections and expressed his gratitude to all staff of the Municipal District Council for an exceptionally productive five years. This was re-iterated by all the members.

District Manager, Mr. E. Taaffe, also recognised the efforts of the Committee over the past five years and wished all members well in the upcoming elections.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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