

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday, 20th December 2022, at 2:30pm**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr Donal Kenny, Cathaoirleach,
Cllr Diarmuid Devereux, Leas-Chathaoirleach,
Cllr Andrew Bolger,
Cllr Pip Breen,
Cllr Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr Mary Farrell,
Cllr Willie Kavanagh,
Cllr Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Cllr Joe Sullivan,
Cllr Oliver Walsh (via MS Teams),

Officials: Mr Tom Enright, Chief Executive,
Ms Elizabeth Hore, Director of Services/District Director,
Mr Sean Meyler, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Administrator,
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Mr Philip Mansfield, Executive Planner,

Apologies: Ms Helen Frayne, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,
Mr George Colfer, Coastal Engineer.

Sympathies

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny opened the meeting with a Minute Silence in respect of the recent passing of Private Seán Rooney and Ms Geraldine McLoughlin, sister of Tom McLoughlin, Gorey District Office.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr, A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr A Bolger the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on November 15th, 2022, were signed, and adopted.

1.2 Matters Arising:

There were no Matters Arising outstanding.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

2.1 Gorey Market House Discussion

Cllr A Donohoe proposed that this Agenda Item be held In-Committee due to the commercially sensitive issues to be discussed, seconded by Cllr A Bolger.

Cllr J Sullivan counter proposed that this Agenda Item be discussed in an open and transparent manner, seconded by Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin.

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

Cllr A Bolger	In-Committee
Cllr P Breen	In-Committee
Cllr D Devereux	Abstain
Cllr A Donohoe	In-Committee
Cllr M Farrell	In-Committee
Cllr W Kavanagh	In-Committee
Cllr D Kenny	In-Committee
Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin	Public
Cllr J Sullivan	Public
Cllr O Walsh	In-Committee
In-Committee	7
Public	2
Abstain	1

Members of The Press were asked to excuse themselves from the Council Chamber and the Meeting went into In-Committee.

2.2 Esmonde Street Redevelopment

Mr. T Enright, CE, referred to the unsuccessful RRDF application for the Esmonde Street Regeneration Plan but confirmed the €2m previously committed by WCC will still be available and advised further funding sources are also being examined. Mr. S Meyler confirmed they have sought funding through the Active Travel Scheme of about €400-€500,000 and with additional funding from the Insurance Risk Programme Fund and the Road Works Programme, the final budget should be nearer to €3m. Ms. L Hore added that this project would also be recommended under the Streetscape Scheme should it come online again.

Mr. Meyler said it was necessary to agree on the principal of traffic flow initially as it will dictate footpaths, underground cabling, parking, and cycle lanes.

Members agreed that Esmonde Street did need to be reinvented by improving footpaths and putting cabling underground and Cllr P Breen agreed the soon to be complete traffic survey needs to be considered when forming the Plan for Esmonde Street.

Cllr A Donohoe questioned what had happened to the one-way traffic system previously agreed. Mr. Meyler explained that things had changed since the original plan was agreed and that when that plan was presented, it was with a particular budget in mind. Those funds

were not secured, and Mr. Meyler also said he had been made aware of concerns from businesses over going one-way after the Part 8 was granted. He said that as Gorey was very close to having a traffic plan carried out it would be unwise to proceed with a one-way system until that body of work is carried out. Mr. Meyler added that it was possible another Part 8 Planning Application could need to be submitted should plans for the one-way system be abandoned.

Concerns were also raised about the implementation of cycle lanes which won't join up to others. Mr. Meyler advised that if the cycle lanes are not part of the project now then the Active Travel Funding will not come through. He added that cycle lanes can be started in one project and picked up with another.

Mr. Meyler clarified that he was not proposing having parking on both sides on Esmonde Street and recommended that it be taken out from the business side and left on the residential side.

Mr. Meyler agreed to return to the February Meeting with a design involving a two-way system, with cycle lanes and parking on the residential side of the street.

2.3 Housing

Mr P Knight passed on apologies for Ms H Frayne's absence at this Meeting and informed the members that any specific queries could be submitted directly to her for response.

2.4 Environment

Members noted the Environment Report and Mr P Knight agreed to forward any specific queries onto Mr G Colfer for response.

Cllr D Devereux again sought an update on whether plans to offer a recycling facility for paint tin disposal had moved on since they were discussed at the November Meeting. Cllr M Farrell confirmed that a decision had been made at a recent SPC Meeting to offer an amnesty on paint cans at specific times in the year, thus allowing people to bring their paint cans to a specific location in Gorey before they are taken away to a specialised facility where they can be responsibly disposed of.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin asked whether plans are in place for a full-time beach warden for Courtown, Ballymoney and Cahore. Mr Knight advised that currently these beaches do not hold Blue Flag status and so does not fall under this remit.

Cllr O Walsh acknowledged the access works completed at Ballyconnigar Beach.

2.5 Planning

The District Director and Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr P Mansfield to his new position as Planner to the District.

Members noted the Planning Report. Cllr A Donohoe asked that an update be provided at the January Meeting on derelict houses on Railway Road, Eire Street and Garden City and Eire Street.

2.6 Roads

Members noted the Roads Report. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny commended District Roads Engineer, Ms J Kehoe, and her Roads Crew on the current Gritting Programme. Ms Kehoe said the gritter which had been purchased for regional and local roads in November is addressing a 110km route of roads in Gorey Town and problem areas on higher ground and has made a huge difference.

All members acknowledged the Roads Programme Works completed during 2022.

2.7 Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr B Hammel responded to members questions.

Members referred to the recent increased number of water outages and Mr B Hammel advised that many resulted from ESB outages, which are beyond the control of the Council.

2.8 Additional Departmental Reports

Members noted the Community Development, Library Services Report and Wexford Fire Services Reports.

2.9 District Administrator's Report

Members noted the District Report. Mr P Knight paid tribute to the staff and members for their work during the past year and An Cathaoirleach commended how well Gorey's Christmas Lights looked this year.

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

GKMD Resident Association Grant Scheme 2022

The Chairman advised that a Resident Association Grant Application had been received from Tinteskin Resident Association and on the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr M Farrell, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500.

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

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

- 6.1 Correspondence to Minister Heather Humphreys, T.D., re Additional Garda Resources.
- 6.2 Letter of Congratulations to Mr Sean Hehir.
- 6.3 Letter of Congratulations to Blackwater Tidy Towns.

The Correspondence outlined above was noted by Members.

No. 6 AOB

The members expressed their best wishes to the Gardaí involved in an incident in Gorey on the 19th of December.

Cllr A Donohoe asked for a full breakdown of Capital Projects for all the Districts from 2014 to date.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny wished all staff and members a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ lá de _____ 2022

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