

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 17th January, 2017, at 3:30 pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty, Leas Chathaoirleach
Robert Ireton,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Siobhan O'Neill, Tourism Officer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer.

Items Circulated: Photographs of former St. Joseph's CBS School Site.
Garda Síochána Act, 2005 - Local Policing Fora in Local Drugs
Task Force Areas Guidelines.

Matters Arising from December Monthly Meeting:

It was agreed that matters arising from the December meeting could be dealt with under the relevant agenda items.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the minutes of the monthly meeting of the 20th December, 2016 were agreed and adopted.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Gorey & District Tourism Destination Plan

Dr. Yvonne Byrne, Rural Development Consultancy, Mr. Tony Ennis, Ennis & Co. and Ms. Siobhan O'Neill, WCC Tourism Officer, presented the Tourism Destination Plan to Members, which proposes a strategic framework for developing North Wexford as a tourism destination. The Committee welcomed the Plan and expressed their commitment in the implementation of this Plan.

Planning

The members noted the Planning Report and no queries were raised.

Derelict Sites

Cllr. M. Byrne questioned again why the former St. Joseph's School site was recently determined not to be derelict. Ms. D. Kearns informed the Committee that the site has been inspected and secured and recommended not to be derelict. Cllr. M. Byrne understood that the site is owned by the Ferns Diocese and called on the Council to formally ask about their plans for the site. District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, advised that she would refer the matter to the Property Section for follow up.

Ms. Kearns also advised that she would follow up on issues raised by members:

- illegal dumping at the Singing Kettle site in Riverchapel;
- four no. vacant houses in Riverchapel;
- condition of thatched house in Ballyedmond;
- Planning Enforcement Cases.

Cllr. J. Hegarty raised a query regarding a Planning Refusal Case listed and Cllr. R. Ireton left the meeting in order for a response to be given.

Local Policing Fora (LPF) for Courtown Riverchapel

Mr. G. Mackey informed the Committee that he would be seeking 1 to 2 nominations from the Municipal Council to sit on the LPF at the February Meeting and that nominations have already been sought from the PPN for Community Representatives. Cllr. M. Byrne requested that the Council seek at least one young person or a representative working with young people living or working in the Courtown/Riverchapel area for the Committee. Cllr. M. Farrell expressed her concerns over the extension of anti-social behavior to many areas, including the Kilmuckridge Area. District Director, Ms. A. O'Neill, advised that the LPF is a pilot for Courtown/Riverchapel which could be established out to other areas in time.

Ferns and Camolin By-Pass

Mr. Mackey informed the Committee that the Council will be engaging with Communities in both Ferns and Camolin in preparation for the By-pass. It was agreed that this process would be led by the Municipal District in the context of the Village Renewal Programme.

Housing

The members noted the Housing Report and no queries were raised.

Mr. N. McCabe and Ms. N. Cummins addressed queries raised by members regarding the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme.

District Director, Ms. A. O'Neill, addressed queries raised by members regarding the Council's Rent Arrears and advised there will be greater focus on Rent Arrears over the next 12-18 months.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and no queries were raised.

Mr. Shaw also responded to the following issues raised by members:

- update on footpath from the Kilnahue Lane junction to P&H Doyle Garage and supply of litter bins to the area;
- request for extension of Ballytegan Road footpath;
- update on footpath linking Gorey to Courtown;
- extension of 'Left Turn Only' to all traffic at Monageer to Ferns T-junction at Dunbar's.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, highlighted relevant items, including the Proposed Gorey Town Riverwalk, Town & Village Renewal Scheme, N11 Cycleway, Byrne Perry Summer Festival and Norman Way Project.

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that the District will be putting together a programme to build on last year's successful visits to both Hastings and Normandy with a formal invitation to both delegations to the District this year. Members discussed an appropriate event to invite delegates to and it was suggested linking their visit into the planned 2017 Ferns Conference and hosting a banquet in Ferns Castle.

Ms. A. Byrne enquired whether members were experiencing any issues with the Members Query Support System, to which Cllr. M. Byrne advised that not all queries raised through the system were being addressed. Ms. A. Byrne advised that she would follow-up with the County Secretary.

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

Submission for 2015 Wexford County Council Annual Report

Members approved the Gorey MD submission for the 2015 Wexford County Council Annual Report, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence issued and received was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. R. Ireton proposed an earlier start time for Gorey Municipal District Meetings, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan. Following a short discussion, where Cllr. Ó'Súilleabháin and Cllr. Byrne expressed their opposition to an earlier start time, it was agreed that, going forward, monthly meetings would commence at 2:30pm.

Members expressed their sympathies to the O'Leary Family, Ballyduff, and the Boland Family, Pallas, on their recent bereavements.

Cllr. J. Hegarty informed the Committee that following the success of the Gorey Night Run in 2016, the event would be taking place again this year with the date to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

**Pip Breen,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 21st February, 2017, at 3:00pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty, Leas Chathaoirleach
Robert Ireton,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,
Captain Phil Murphy, Marine Officer,
Mr. George Colfer, Executive Engineer,
Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician,
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer.

Apologies: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager.

Matters Arising from January Monthly Meeting:

1. Cllr. J. Hegarty sought clarification on the number of nominations required for the Local Policing Fora for Courtown Riverchapel and was advised at least two nominations were required from this Committee.
2. Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin asked for additional comments to be noted in the Minutes following last month's agreement of an earlier start for Gorey Municipal District Meetings. Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin was advised that only key decisions are recorded in the Minute of a Meeting and that sufficient detail had already been recorded regarding this matter.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, the minutes of the monthly meeting of the 17th January, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Environment

Mr. G. Forde, Senior Engineer, Captain P. Murphy, Marine Officer and Mr. G. Colfer, Executive Engineer, updated the Committee on progress works at Courtown Harbour. Mr. Forde advised that repair works to the piers would be finished by the end of April and that the harbour drainage and removal of silt would not commence until after the summer season. Mr. Forde also addressed queries raised by members on protection works at Kilpatrick and when asked about Killowen Waste Management Centre, Mr. Forde advised that due to imminent court action, he could not make any comment.

Mr. G. Forde paid tribute to recently retired Executive Engineer, John Lambe, on his outstanding work with the Environment Section, which was re-iterated by Cllr. J. Hegarty & Cllr. P. Breen.

Planning

The members noted the Planning Report and Ms. L. Stanley advised that a representative from the Planning department was not available to attend the meeting. However, Members were advised that in the event of any particular queries, she would forward these to the Planning section who would reply directly.

A discussion took place in relation to the recent granting of planning permission for a significant development in the Gorey District during which Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin expressed his concerns on behalf of objectors to the development. A heated discussion took place on views expressed in relation to the integrity of the planning process. The District Director advised that the process was still ongoing and that objectors to this development still had the option to appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanála.

Members agreed to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the Gorey LAP amendments on Tuesday, 21st March, at 11:30am in Gorey Civic Offices.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and no queries were raised.

Cllr. M. Farrell welcomed the commencement of works on the pedestrian crossing in Kilmuckridge and enquired if there were further plans for a crossing at Ballygarrett NS. Mr. N. Shaw advised that there was no footpath for a landing point at the school at present.

Mr. Shaw & Ms. L. Stanley also responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Re-alignment Plan at the junction of The Monument and McCurtain Street;
- Proposed introduction of €2.00 all-day parking charge at top of McCurtain Street;
- Footpath repairs in the District and update on footpaths at Kilnahue, Ballytegan Road & Monaseed;
- Blocked drains on the Brickyard Hill on the Courtown Road;
- Location of Bus Shelter on Main Street;
- Town Lighting Survey;
- Improvement of sight lines at Well's House junction;

Cllr. R. Ireton expressed his annoyance over the large volume of dog fouling in the Town Park and on Main Street, Gorey. Cllr. J. Hegarty proposed that immediate action be taken and that the Council make it a priority to patrol the Town Park over the next couple of weeks and report back with the number of offences, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne. Ms. L. Stanley advised that she would contact the Roads and Environment Departments to discuss how best to monitor this area.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

Housing

The members noted the Housing Report and no queries were raised.

Ms. M. Bridges-Carley gave a presentation on the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme to members and addressed any queries raised.

Mr. N. McCabe reported back to the Committee that the Council had purchased 23 houses in the Gorey District, with sales on 7 closed, and an additional 2 houses in the process of being purchased.

Cllr. M. Byrne asked for details of the Building Programme for North Wexford for 2017/18, to which Mr. McCabe advised that he would report back with a Schedule of Projects at the March Meeting.

District Manager's Report

Ms. L. Stanley provided an update on relevant items, including the Sports Capital Programme 2017, Byrne Perry Summer School, Town Twinning and Town Park Re-development.

Cllr. M. Byrne sought an update on drainage works at the Town Park and asked would works be concluded by summer 2017. District Director, Ms. A. O'Neill, confirmed that drainage issues have featured in the Preliminary Report, are part of the overall Plan and will be discussed in detail at the March Meeting.

Members agreed to postpone a discussion on the Members Query Support System until the March Meeting.

QPR Training was scheduled for members on Tuesday, 21st March, at 10:00am in Gorey Civic Offices.

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

Draft Traffic Calming Policy

Mr. D. Codd presented the Draft Traffic Calming Policy to members and addressed any queries raised.

Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2017

Mr. D. Codd presented the Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2017 to members and addressed any queries raised.

Cllr. J. Hegarty sought a speed limit reduction from 80km to 50km outside Ballythomas NS, to which Mr. Codd advised that the TII doesn't allow such reductions outside rural, stand alone schools. Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin proposed that a 30km speed limit be formally adopted outside all schools, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne. Mr. Codd advised that 30km speed limits only apply in town centres and housing estates, but that he would highlight the reduced 50km proposition with the Senior Engineer and report back.

Nominations for the Local Policing Fora for Courtown Riverchapel

Cllr. M. Farrell, Cllr. J. Sullivan and Cllr. R. Ireton were nominated for the Local Policing Fora for Courtown Riverchapel.

Submission for 2016 Wexford County Council Annual Report

Members approved the Gorey MD submission for the 2016 Wexford County Council Annual Report, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence issued and received was noted.

Members agreed to meet with Residents from Ramsfort to present the proposed river walk project and give them an opportunity to voice their concerns.

No. 5 AOB

Members expressed their sympathies to the Sheil Family, Gorey, and the Richter Family, The Rock, on their recent bereavements.

Cllr. Ireton sought an update on staff-less libraries and was advised that the matter was currently a national IR issue.

Cllr. J. Hegarty informed the Committee that the Gorey Night Run was taking place on 2nd March.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

**Pip Breen,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 21st March, 2017, at 3:30pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty, Leas Chathaoirleach,
Robert Ireton,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,
Ms. Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner,
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,

Apologies: Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.

Votes of Sympathy

The members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

- The family of Martin McGuinness, former deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.
- The family of John Kennedy, Askinch, Coolgreany.
- The families of and the crew of Rescue 116.
- The families of all those recently deceased in the Gorey District.

Congratulations

The members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- Niall Kennedy for his Massachusetts State Title Fight Win.
- Fred Dinsmore for his success at nine ball pool.
- Paul Boyle, who played on the Ireland U-20 Six Nations Team.
- Conradh na Gaeilge Guaire for winning the Provincial Awards in Galway.

It was agreed to send out a Press Release for the Gorey Municipal District Civic Honours Scheme 2017.

Matters Arising from February Monthly Meeting:

1. Cllr. J. Hegarty requested and it was agreed that it be noted in the Minutes the importance of highlighting members support for a marina in Courtown.
2. District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, agreed to confirm the number of District Member nominations permitted to a Local Policing Fora and whether a provision for rotation of membership exists.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the minutes of the monthly meeting of the 21st February, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, presented members with a Report on the Gorey Town & District Park Development. All members were in full support of the development and report. They were also in support of a multi-purpose astro surface that would accommodate a diverse range of uses in the park. Ms. A. O'Neill, District Director, agreed to explore a source of funding for this and provide an update to members at the April meeting. Cllr. M. Byrne also highlighted the importance of parking for bicycles and to consider introducing free Wi-Fi for the Town Park. The plans for the park were proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Planning

Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 and the Preparation of a New Plan for the County

Ms. D. Kearns and Ms. P. Doyle briefed members on the process for preparing a new Development Plan for the county and advised them that the first step was the receipt of written submissions and observations from the public, with a closing date of 11th April, 2017.

The members noted both the Planning Report and Derelict Sites Statement and no queries were raised.

Housing

The members noted the Housing Report and no queries were raised.

Mr. N. McCabe reported back to the Committee with details of the Building Programme for North Wexford for 2017-2019. Mr. McCabe gave members an approximate figure of 119 units for the District by the end of 2019, but added that he would expect that figure to rise.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and no queries were raised.

Cllr. J. Hegarty requested where planned works are delayed, to ensure that such information is communicated to the public.

Mr. T. Quirke advised that he would follow up with Mr. N. Shaw, the following issues raised by members:

- connection of footpath from Ráithín Cúilinn/Hunters Green to the Town;
- re-instate three clearway markings on The Avenue;
- pedestrian lights at Riverchapel School.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, including Byrne Perry Summer School, Sports Capital Programme 2017, Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Gorey Town & District Park Public Art Project, London Wexford Association, Town Twinning, Polska Eire Festival, Trails at Ramsfort, Tourism Scoping Report and Love Gorey.

Members Support System

Members expressed their concerns over some, more complex, queries not being dealt with appropriately through the Members Support System. Ms. A. Byrne advised that she would address these issues with the County Secretary.

Amenity & Arts and Resident Association Grants

The Amenity & Arts and Residents Associations Grant Allocations had been circulated to all Members and were proposed by Cllr. A. Donohoe and seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan.

Cllr. J. Hegarty noted that some Resident Associations were applying and receiving funding each year and enquired could the Council encourage other private housing estates within the District to apply for first time funding. Ms. A. Byrne confirmed that the Scheme would remain open throughout the year until the budget was exhausted and that Resident Association Groups should continue to apply. Ms. Byrne added that she would provide an information meeting on how to set up a Resident Association, so that private housing estates that did not have one, could attend.

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

Submission for 2016 Wexford County Council Annual Report

Members approved the revised Gorey Municipal District submission for the 2016 Wexford County Council Annual Report, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence received was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. J. Hegarty expressed his thanks to all who facilitated the successful running of the Gorey Night Run.

Cllr. J. Hegarty informed the Council that the Gorey 3-Day Cycle race would be celebrating its 50th anniversary over the Easter weekend and proposed holding a Civic Reception on Easter Saturday, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe and Cllr. J. Sullivan. Cllr. J. Hegarty also sought the support of the Council should the organisers hold an event around the race, such as a Family Cycle.

Cllr. M. Farrell expressed her congratulations to all involved with and who took part in the Gorey St. Patrick's Day Parade and to Monamolín on holding their first ever parade.

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin informed the Committee that St. Patrick's Snooker Hall will be celebrating 100 years in 2018 and could this celebration be marked with a civic reception next year.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

**Pip Breen,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 18th April, 2017, at 2:30pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty, Leas Chathaoirleach,
Robert Ireton,
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer,
Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer.

Matters Arising from March Meetings:

There were no matters arising from the March Meetings.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, the minutes of the following meetings were agreed and adopted:

- Special Meeting of 21st March, 2017
- In-Committee Meeting of 21st March, 2017
- Monthly Meeting of 21st March, 2017

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer, gave a Housing Services Presentation to the Committee, covering Housing Maintenance, Energy Efficiency, Voids and Housing Performance and responded to member's questions thereafter.

Members were dismayed at the annual cost of repairs to local authority houses and called on additional staff to conduct inspections to cut down on the cost. Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, confirmed that he would make a case to the Department.

Mr. P. O’Gorman presented the Social Housing Supply Programme 2017-2019 to the Committee and responded to member’s questions. Members re-iterated the serious nature of the current housing crisis in Gorey and called on the Council again to acquire land for the construction of houses. Cllr. M. Byrne insisted that it was not clearly communicated how the Council was going to meet the housing needs of the Gorey District. Ms. A. O’Neill, District Director, clarified that apart from the 19 new builds becoming available during the lifetime of the Programme, 252 additional units would be delivered through Part Vs, Turnkeys, Acquisitions and AHBs. Mr. P. O’Gorman assured members that the Council would deliver a sufficient number of housing units to the District in the 3-year period.

Mr. P. O’Gorman also updated members on the Repair & Lease Scheme and the Local Authority Housing Estate Scheme 2017.

Community

Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer, updated the Committee on the Communities Facilities Scheme 2017, the Draft Playground Strategy 2017-2022 and the Draft Community Funding Scheme 2017-2020 and responded to member’s questions.

District Manager’s Report

Ms. A. Byrne, District Manager, provided an update on relevant items, including the Polska Eire Festival, the Gorey Market House Festival, Byrne Perry Summer School, Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Redevelopment of Gorey Town & District Park, Town Twinning, the Proposed Trails at Ramsfort, Love Gorey, Courtown Policing Fora and the North Wexford Tourism Group.

Cllr. R. Ireton expressed his anger over progress works at Courtown Harbour and referred to a commitment from the Council that repair works to the piers would be completed by the end of April. Members insisted on a Progress Report on Courtown Harbour Refurbishment Works being issued by the end of the week and requested that the Environment Engineers attend the next District Meeting. Members also expressed their frustration over the uncertainty of a completion date for the Contract and Ms. A. O’Neill called for the Contractor to be invited to the next Gorey District Meeting. Cllr. R. Ireton also called for an outright ban on jet skis due to the reckless manner in which they are being used in the harbour.

Town Bio-Diversity Trail

Cllr. M. Byrne left the Chamber prior to this discussion. Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that the Council had recently met with the Chairperson of the Ramsfort Residents Committee in the areas along the trail and that the majority of previous concerns had been allayed. Ms. A. Byrne advised members that a small number of objections still remain about cleaning up laneways and asked members whether they still wanted to proceed with the project. Members agreed that the work commence, proposed by Cllr. J. Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty. Ms. A. O’Neill suggested sending out

a Notice to residents, advising of a start date and to contact the Council if they had any issues.

Cllr. J. Hegarty raised the Data Protection issue again surrounding the publication of the identities of recent litter convictions and called on the names to be made available to members in the Monthly Report. Ms. A. Byrne agreed to discuss this matter again with Mr. Hugh Maguire, Environment Officer.

Cllr. M. Byrne called on the Council to enforce bye-laws to keep dogs on a lease in the Town Park. Ms. A. Byrne advised that the legislation states dogs need to be kept “under control”, but not necessarily on a lease. Ms. A. O’Neill suggested putting up notices in the park for owners to keep their dogs on a lease.

Cllr. M. Byrne suggested that the Council, as a long-term project, look at providing a proper running track in the District due to the number of active running groups and events held.

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

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Gorey District for 2017 was proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan.

GMD Festival & Events GMA 2017

The GMD Festival & Events GMA proposal for 2017 was adopted by the Committee.

Resident Association Grant

The Chairman advised that an application had been received from Chestnut Grove Residents Association, and it was agreed to allocate €500 to this group, proposed by Cllr. A. Donohoe and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

No. 4 Correspondence

None.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. J. Hegarty expressed his thanks to the Cathaoirleach and organisers who provided a reception for the Gorey 3-Day Cycle Race which celebrated its 50th anniversary over the Easter weekend. Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that the Council, going forward, would be recognising significant anniversaries of Groups by way of commissioning a plaque for a tree on The Avenue and that the Gorey 3-Day Cycle event would be the first recipient.

Cllr. M. Farrell congratulated Mr. Philip Cullen and his business promotion website, www.OurTown.ie, which encourages people to shop locally and sought the support of the Council in helping bring his local passport initiative nationwide. Ms. A. Byrne acknowledged Mr. Cullen’s work in establishing his business and promoting Gorey Town.

Ms. A. Byrne advised that the Council's primary focus is Love Gorey, as all income generated, is used to support the development of the website and the promotion of the town and district.

Cllr. M. Farrell also sought the support of the Council for the "*Hand on Heart*" Campaign, calling on the extension of Cardiac Services at Waterford Regional Hospital to a 24-hour service. Cllr. J. Sullivan informed Cllr. M. Farrell that this issue is raised monthly at the HSE Forum.

Cllr. A. Donohoe congratulated the Council on its partnership with Bank of Ireland in the Hatch Lab of the new Innovation Centre, Gorey.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**Pip Breen,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey Municipal District.**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 16th May, 2017, at 3:30pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District,
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Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
John Hegarty, Leas Chathaoirleach,
Robert Ireton,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Mary Farrell.

Matters Arising from April Meeting:

Cllr. J. Hegarty enquired whether there was any update on additional staff to conduct inspections on local authority houses with a view to cutting down on the cost of repairs and Mr. N. McCabe advised he would report back. Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin asked for an update on Dog Signs and Ms. A. Byrne, District Manager, advised signage was in progress.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, the minutes of the monthly meeting of the 18th April, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and no queries were raised.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report. Mr. Niall McCabe addressed member's queries relating to the Housing Needs Assessment Scheme, the Repair & Leasing Scheme and the Buy & Renew Scheme. Cllr. M. Byrne sought a breakdown of the numbers on the

Housing List in the Gorey District by length of time and Mr. McCabe confirmed that he would provide these at the next meeting.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

Members welcomed resurfacing works in Monamolin, the upgrade to a pedestrian controlled crossing in Ballycanew and the commencement of the pedestrian crossing in Kilmuckridge, though stressed the importance, from a safety perspective, of installing a footpath from Kilnahue Lane to P&H Doyle. When Mr. N. Shaw advised that this work is dependent on development levies for planned housing schemes in the area, Cllr. M. Byrne was reluctant to wait for such levies and called on the work to be completed before the schools re-open in September. Mr. N. Shaw agreed that it may be possible to complete a short section of footpath from the top of Kilnahue Lane to P&H Doyle without development money, but would need to speak to residents about acquiring some boundary for footpath width.

Mr. Shaw also responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Trench subsided in the footpath outside the 64;
- Completion of a footpath between Gorey and Courtown;
- Rollout of broadband to rural areas;
- Cycle way on the old N11 outside Gorey;
- Town Lighting Survey.

Members also highlighted additional footpath issues at Middleton and lighting repairs required at the pedestrian crossing and at the graveyard on the Clonattin Road, the Red Row and Ballyvaldon, along with the completion of new lighting in Ardamine.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and raised some general queries.

Cllr. A. Donohoe asked could the pump at Hollyfort be given a full check as it is frequently cutting out and Mr. T. Quirke agreed to get a full review on manganese dosage.

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his concerns over the lack of sewerage treatment capacity in Ferns and Camolin, an issue which was preventing further developments in both villages. Mr. T. Quirke advised that he would request current wastewater loadings for both villages and see where they could be placed on a list as regards development. Cllr. R. Ireton again called on the extension of the sewerage system to Mount Alexander and Millands due to the large number of houses off septic tanks. Mr. T. Quirke advised that a recent sewerage extension had been applied for, but not accepted. Mr. T. Quirke also confirmed that he would address blockages at Seamount, surface water at Pirates Cove and dangerous manholes at Rosemary Heights.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne, District Manager, provided an update on relevant items, including the County Wexford Arts Plan 2018-2022, the PolskaEire Festival, the Gorey Market House Festival, Byrne Perry Summer School, Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Redevelopment of Gorey Town & District Park, the Proposed Trails at Ramsfort, Love Gorey, Courtown

Policing Fora, the North Wexford Tourism Group, the School Visits Programme and the Recreational Trails Funding.

Ms. A. Byrne sought approval from members for a youth delegation to attend the Prix de Bayeux in October, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllr. A. Donohoe called on a substantial amount of CCTV to be installed in the Town Park, with no blind spots, and Cllr. M. Byrne asked for a map of the proposed development works to be posted up in the Town Park.

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

Resident Association Grant

The Chairman advised that Resident Association Grant Applications had been received from Clonattin Residents Association and Clonattin Village Phase 2 Residents Association, and it was agreed to allocate €500 to both groups, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

No. 4 Motion

"Gorey Municipal District Council acknowledges the massive debt of gratitude that we as a local authority owe to Gorey-based organisation TalkToTom. We express our deep appreciation that this voluntary group have provided over 9,000 hours of counselling, helping 640 people, as well as providing training for 2,000 people, mainly in the South East in QPR (free of charge!) and also running programmes in our schools.

This council further acknowledges that TalkToTom have huge financial outlays, especially for a group which is entirely voluntary and has never received any form of funding, from neither the state nor the local authority, with a massive 35,000 euro per year needed to cover rent and other expenses. Also, that new rating regulations will be hugely challenging for this voluntary organisation.

This council notes that TalkToTom recently had to cease using their centre on the Fort Road and now urgently need a long term base if they are to continue providing their services.

TalkToTom have identified a nearby site on the Fort Road which the organisation deem ideal to help them continue providing their services i.e. a small parcel of the sloped land at Gorey Showgrounds, which has lain as a rough piece of waste ground to date.

As the development of Gorey Town Park and The Showgrounds begins, we in Gorey Municipal District Council, as a gesture of our appreciation and support, will commit to donating a small parcel of this land to TalkToTom to allow them to continue providing their life-saving services to the people of North Wexford."

A heated discussion transpired between members. Whilst all members conveyed their concerns about mental health and recognised the work that TalkToTom undertake, members had an issue with the disposal of land to just one Group, when a number of Groups are looking for land.

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed an amendment to the Motion, suggesting a once-off additional 1% increase in the LPT for 2018, the proceeds of which to be used specifically to support positive mental health initiatives in the County.

District Director, Ms. A. O'Neill, said the Council would be opposed to allocating space in the park to anyone and District Manager, Ms. A. Byrne, added that the wider issue is the lack of a Community Centre in Gorey which could accommodate such groups.

As the motion was not seconded, it was deemed failed.

No. 5 Correspondence

None.

No. 6 AOB

None.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

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

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 20th June, 2017, at 2:00 pm
in The Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach.

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty, Leas Chathaoirleach
Robert Ireton,
Fionntan Ó'Súilleabháin,
Joe Sullivan.

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

Apologies: Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT, District Director,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer.

Items Circulated: Gorey Municipal District Presentation.

1. Reports from District Director, District Manager & Cathaoirleach:

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, addressed the Committee and extended apologies on behalf of District Director, Ms. Annette O'Neill, on her unavoidable absence. Ms. A. Byrne, on behalf of Ms. A. O'Neill, extended her appreciation to Cllr. Pip Breen as Chair for the past year noting that during his term he represented the District admirably and always with the development of the District in his focus.

Ms. A. Byrne presented a summary of the District's successful commemorations, celebrations and festivals delivered over the past twelve months and outlined completed projects and those ongoing.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pip Breen, addressed the meeting, highlighting the wide range of achievements from the last year, in particular the completion of The Avenue Works, the disabled access ramp to Gorey Garda Station, the outstanding work achieved by Groups involved in the North Wexford 2K Clean and the success of all festivals and events held in the District. Cllr. P. Breen's only regret was that works at Courtown Harbour were still incomplete, but was confident that his successor would advance this project to its completion. He thanked his Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr. John Hegarty, fellow elected members, District Director, District Manager & Officials, The Press & photographers and extended his best wishes to the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Members and officials joined in congratulating the Cathaoirleach and Leas Chathaoirleach on their positive contributions, achievements and worthy representation of the District throughout the year.

2. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed Cllr. Joe Sullivan as Cathaoirleach.
Cllr. Byrne's nomination was seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin proposed Cllr. Mary Farrell as Cathaoirleach.
Cllr. Ó'Súilleabháin's nomination was seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton.

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

Cllr. Hegarty	JS
Cllr. Ireton	MF
Cllr. Ó'Súilleabháin	MF
Cllr. Donohoe	JS
Cllr. Farrell	MF
Cllr. Sullivan	JS
Cllr. Breen	JS
Cllr. Byrne	JS
Cllr. Joe Sullivan	5
Cllr. Mary Farrell	3

Cllr. Joe Sullivan, on receiving the vote of the majority of the members present, was declared elected as Cathaoirleach and assumed the Chair.

Cllr. M. Farrell thanked the Committee for her nomination for the position of Chair but expressed her disappointment that the positions of Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach were assumed by the main political parties each year. She said that continuing to elect on these terms does not reflect democracy or fairness, a view Cllr. R. Ireton agreed with.

Cllr. Ó'Súilleabháin said there was a culture of entitlement because of party membership and that the procedure for determining these positions was not equitable, or the most democratic.

Cllr. J. Sullivan addressed the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. He briefly outlined his key priorities for the District for the next twelve months, with particular emphasis on Recreation & Amenity, Public Realm, Economic Development, Community & Business and Arts & Culture.

Cllr. J. Sullivan thanked his wife and family and all those that have enabled him to take up this prestigious position.

All members wished Cllr. J. Sullivan well in his new position.

3. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Hegarty proposed Cllr. Anthony Donohoe, as Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr. Hegarty's nomination was seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

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

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

**Mr. Joe Sullivan
Cathaoirleach
Gorey Municipal District**

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 20th June, 2017, at 3:00pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Pip Breen,
Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe, Leas Chathaoirleach,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty,
Robert Ireton,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin.

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner,
Mr. George Colfer, Executive Engineer
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr. Barry Browne, Housing Section,
Ms. Nicola McGrath, Executive Librarian,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer.

Items Circulated: Courtown Harbour Works Update,
Position Statement on Derelict Sites,
List of Approved Housing Applicants for Gorey District,
Repair & Lease Scheme Presentation,
Love Gorey Presentation.

Matters Arising from May Meeting:

Cllr. R. Ireton stressed the importance of installing a footpath from Kilnahue Lane to P&H Doyle following a recent near fatal accident. Mr. N. Shaw advised that designs are being carried out on a proposed footpath and that he would be speaking to residents about acquiring some boundary for footpath width.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the minutes of the monthly meeting of the 16th May, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, introduced Ms. Nicola McGrath to the Committee and welcomed her into her new position as Executive Librarian in Gorey Library.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Environment

Mr. George Colfer circulated an update on Courtown Pier Works to the Committee. He informed members that he is in constant contact with the Contractor who is still waiting on a 'five day window' of calm weather before he starts work on the north pier. When Cllr. M. Byrne asked is there a contingency plan for doing the work another way if the five day window doesn't arise, Mr. Colfer said he was confident that the work would be completed this year.

Members expressed their anger over the length of time the project is taking to complete and the effect this delay is having on local businesses, including the lack of a beach. Cllr. M. Byrne asked that members be notified, within the next week, of the project completion date and when the contract will be signed off.

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and raised some general queries.

Cllr. M. Byrne called for action to be taken with properties at Garden City and Eire Street, both of which have been on the Derelict Sites List for a long period of time. In addition, Cllr. M. Byrne asked to revisit the old St. Joseph's CBS site to see if it should be placed on the Derelict Sites List. Cllr. R. Ireton suggested that as much of the St. Joseph's structure was in a dangerous condition, the school should be demolished and the site used to provide additional town centre parking. Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested that the Council approach the owner seeking a long-term lease or to purchase it, as he too felt the site would be suitable for parking. Ms. A. Byrne informed members that the Council's Property Section is still making enquiries into the ownership of the site and advised once this has been ascertained, will approach them to see what their plans are.

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin raised his concerns over recent blasting at Belcarrig Quarry, Ballycanew, noting that permission has been refused for its continued operation. Mr. Graeme Hunt advised that the Council had, last week, sought an injunction to close down this site, but that the judge had denied this request as operators have sought an appeal to An Bord Pleanála. This appeal is unlikely to be heard until early 2018. Mr. Hunt added that the Council was due to inspect the site where blasting is taking place, and advised that they would pursue this matter as far as possible.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report. Mr. Niall McCabe provided members with a breakdown of the numbers on the Housing List in the Gorey District by length of time. Cllr.

M. Byrne expressed concern over the length of time some people are waiting to be accommodated. He added that up to 450 social housing units were required for the District by 2020 and asked Mr. N. McCabe was this figure attainable. Mr. N. McCabe replied that they would be close to that figure but without private sector involvement, it will be difficult to solve the current housing crisis. Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin stressed the importance of more emphasis on building units.

Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley and Mr. Barry Browne presented the Repair and Lease Scheme to the Committee and responded to queries raised.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

Members raised their concerns over the amount of footpath repairs required throughout the Town and District. Mr. N. Shaw informed the Committee that he was putting together a 3-year Footpath Programme for the District which he hoped would get rolling funding.

Cllr. M. Byrne asked that a Public Consultation Process be undertaken seeking suggested names for the new section of the Inner Relief Road which recently opened. Cllr. J. Hegarty requested that the Place-names Policy Scheme be adhered to for the selection process. Mr. Shaw also responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Town Lighting Review;
- Tennis Court in Riverchapel;
- Drainage work behind a shop in Ferns;
- Speeding at An Bán, Riverchapel;
- Parking at Coolgreany Inn.

On the matter of parking on the bend at the Coolgreany Inn, Ms. A. Byrne advised that she would get photographic evidence and forward onto the Gardaí.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne, District Manager, provided an update on relevant items, in particular the Village Renewal Scheme for Ferns and Camolin and on the status of the 2017 Scheme.

Love Gorey Presentation

Ms. Liz Stanley presented a video to the Committee "Gorey – A Place to Live" and provided members with an update on Love Gorey and its promotion across a wide range of social media profiles.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

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

Resident Association Grant

The Chairman advised that a Residents Association Grant Application had been received from Ardamine Grove Residents Association and it was agreed to allocate €500, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

It was also agreed to review the implementation of the Residents Association Grant Scheme at a later date.

Proposed Taking in Charge

The taking in charge of the following estate:

- ◆ The Paddocks, Mayfield

was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested that an invitation to the Prix de Bayeux also be extended to Coláiste an Átha, Kilmuckridge.

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that a meeting would be scheduled shortly with Oaklee Housing to discuss Station Court, Gorey.

No. 6 AOB

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin congratulated both Creagh College and St. Joseph's CBS schools on receiving their first Green Flag Award.

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin also conveyed his thanks to all involved in the organisation of the recent John West Féile na nGael Club Festival and also to the County Board and Mr. Kevin Geoghegan.

Cllr. M. Farrell enquired whether photographic evidence of a vehicle parked in a disabled bay was sufficient evidence to prosecute. Ms. L. Stanley advised that the Council can issue the fine based on a photograph, but that the person must be willing to go to Court and state they took the photograph.

Cllr. A. Donohoe congratulated Mr. Michael D'Arcy, TD, on his appointment to the post of Minister of State for Financial Services and Insurance.

A discussion took place regarding dog fouling and dangerous dogs off the lease in the Town Park. It was agreed to place 'Dog Policing Initiatives' on the Agenda for discussion at the July Meeting.

Mr. Ray Cullen, CEO of Talk to Tom, a community based suicide prevention, mental health awareness and bereavement support charity, met with the Committee. Mr. Cullen outlined the services and programmes provided by his charity and also informed members of the financial crisis it currently finds itself in, now that they are faced with having to pay rates and look for new premises. Members agreed in making a serious commitment to support Mr. Cullen and agreed to discuss what options are open to them at the next Meeting of the District.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 18th July, 2017, at 3:30pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District,
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Pip Breen,
Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe, Leas Chathaoirleach,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty,
Robert Ireton,
Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin.

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Noirin Cummins, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies: Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.

Matters Arising from the June Meetings:

There were no matters arising from the June Meetings.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the following meetings were agreed and adopted:

- Annual General Meeting of 20th June, 2017
- Monthly Meeting of 20th June, 2017

Votes of Sympathy

The members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

- The family of Martina Balfe, Templescoby, Enniscorthy.
- The family of Tommy Sheehan, New Ross.
- The family Fr. Fintan Morris, Kiltealy, Enniscorthy.

Congratulations

The members expressed their congratulations to County Wexford pool players who recently took home two world titles in the 8 Ball Pool Championships. Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin paid particular tribute to Brandon Murphy, U-18 Team Event Winner.

It was agreed to present the Gorey Municipal District Civic Honours Scheme List 2017 following the September Monthly Meeting and that these achievements be recognised.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report.

Members continued to express their frustration and concerns over the number of social housing units urgently required for the District. Ms. Noirin Cummins informed the Committee that the Council was finding it increasingly difficult to purchase in the Gorey District as houses coming onto the market were being sold so quickly. She informed the Committee that the Department have upped the threshold for house purchases, but only by minimum amounts and that whilst the Council can put a special case to them, when they find a suitable house, the timeframe for a response can be too late to achieve purchase.

Ms. Cummins agreed to report back to the Committee the number of vacant houses owned/controlled by the Council, whether inspections are being carried out on houses during the course of tenancy and progress on six planned houses in Hollyfort.

Ms. Cummins informed the Committee that procurement issues had arisen with regard to the 9 house development at Baile Eoghain. She added that the Council's technical team had made necessary amendments to retender. Members expressed their concern at this decision, as these homes had already been allocated as purpose-built homes. Cllr. M. Byrne formally proposed writing to Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government, outlining the members concerns over this decision and to request a meeting with Public Officials & Representatives.

Burial Ground Bye-Laws

Following a discussion at the last Meeting of the Full Council regarding Burial Ground Bye-Laws, where members raised their concerns in relation to Sunday interments, Ms. Cummins brought before the Committee, for consideration, alternative wording, already agreed by the other Districts. As Gorey District Members had not been issued with the full report, it was agreed to defer a decision until the September Meeting and the report to be made available to members prior to this for their comments.

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and no issues were raised.

Derelict Sites

Members sought an update on an abandoned premise in Garden City, the old St. Joseph's CBS site and a House on Main Street, Coolgreany.

Ms. Deirdre Kearns advised that the Garden City premise had previously been treated as a dangerous structure, but has requested it be looked at as a Derelict Site.

Ms. Amanda Byrne confirmed that she would get a CPO update on the Coolgreany premise and would seek legal advice on the best means of acquiring the St. Joseph's Site.

Cllr. P. Breen highlighted two abandoned houses in Ballycanew and another at Annagh Lane, Killenagh. Ms. D. Kearns advised that she would review them all.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

Mr. Tony Quirke responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Pedestrian Crossing at Riverchapel School;
- Footpath on section of the Ballyfad Road;
- Yellow Box lines in Ferns at the Harrow Junction;
- Re-surface Works at Drummond Lane and Sweeper for Kilmuckridge;
- Access to Morriscastle Beach;

On the matter of access to Morriscastle Beach and to all beaches in the District, Cllr. M. Byrne suggested looking at how the Council could enhance the County's beaches and that a programme be put in place at the start of each summer season, regarding access, parking & other facilities. He added that the District should look for funding towards the 2018 Season, to which Ms. A. Byrne suggested a specific budget be sought from next year's budget.

Cllr. J. Hegarty asked that the Council cut back overgrown vegetation approaching yield signs and to paint a white line in the middle of roads on dangerous bends. Mr. T. Quirke agreed to address these issues once specific locations were forwarded to him. Cllr. M. Byrne called for new signs and road lines at a dangerous crossroads in Mount Alexander.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, the Gorey Market House Festival, Byrne Perry Festival and the revised Ramsfort Trail costings.

Dog Policing Initiatives

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that bins and signage had been erected along the Boulevard route and out the Carnew Road and were in the process of being installed in the Town Park. She added that the Text Alert Scheme would be live shortly and that hopefully all these initiatives will provide some feedback.

Mental Health

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that she had received information regarding Rates Evaluation which she would forward onto Mr. Ray Cullen, CEO of Talk to Tom.

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

Wexford County Council 3-Year Capital Programme 2017-2019

The Members agreed that the District needs to include additional, potential projects in this Programme, such as Courtown Marina, Beach Improvement Scheme, Gorey to Courtown Footpath, extension of the Gorey Inner Relief Road onto the Arklow Road, Gorey Public Realm Plan for Main Street and Market Square and the Ferns Heritage Development Project.

Cllr. R. Ireton sought an update on the re-development of the Market House. Ms. A. Byrne advised that 22 submissions had been received from the general public through the on-Line Survey and that these would be used to shape the next stage of the process, with the tendering stage ready to go in the next few months.

Cllr. M. Byrne asked that the qualifying criteria and assessment criteria come before the District Committee as a matter of courtesy and that the only stipulations are that the Market House remains in public ownership and that the project be viable.

Resident Association Grant

The Chairman advised that Residents Association Grant Applications had been received from:

- (1) Newborough Residents Association. It was agreed to allocate €500, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.
- (2) Grattan Terrace Residents Association. It was agreed to allocate €500, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

No. 4 Motion

None.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for fifteen minutes.

No. 5 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

No. 6 AOB

Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin enquired could Tidy Towns Group's Lawnmower Insurances be considered as a Group Insurance Scheme. Ms. A. Byrne advised that the group should check with BHP Insurances and perhaps seek other quotes.

Election of Sub-committee to promote 3rd Level Education in County Wexford

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, Cllr. Pip Breen was nominated to represent the District on this Committee.

Community Facilities Capital Scheme 2017

As some Community Groups had applied for funding for more than one project, members agreed to allocate only one grant to each group and to share the €16,125 allocation equally amongst them, proposed by Cllr. A. Donohoe and seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell.

Members paid tribute to Mr. Dan Walsh, former Echo Newspapers reporter, wishing him well in his future pursuits and also acknowledged the work of all staff at the Echo Newspaper.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 19th September, 2017, at 03.30 pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty,
Robert Ireton,
Pip Breen,
Fionntán O Súilleabháin

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Ms. Annette O' Neill, Director of Services
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

Matters Arising from the July Meetings:

There were no matters arising from the July Meetings.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the following meetings were agreed and adopted:

- Special in Committee Meeting of 18th July at 2:30pm.
- Monthly Meeting of 18th July, 2017 at 03.30pm.

Votes of Sympathy

The members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

- The family of Richard Hobbs, Killenagh, Gorey;
- The family of Joshua Hughes, Westhill Park, Gorey;
- The family of Terry Redmond, Former Town Commissioner, Gorey;
- The family of Hazel Langrell, Gorey;
- The family of Brigid Donohoe, Monamolin, Gorey.

Congratulations

The members expressed their congratulations to Conor Horan on winning the U-12 Leinster title in Handball and to the Kennedy Family on Niall's recent achievement on winning the New England Boxing Championship title.

The Members also expressed their congratulations to Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer, on the occasion of his recent wedding.

Burial Ground Bye-Laws

Ms. Martina Donoghue attended the meeting and circulated the draft Wexford County Council Bye-Laws for the management of all burial grounds within the jurisdiction of Wexford County Council and the Burial Ground Maintenance and Development Strategy for Council Graveyards.

A general discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the proposals as outlined were adopted.

Market House Redevelopment (In- Committee)

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report.

Members continued to express their frustration and concerns over the number of social housing units urgently required for the District. The Committee noted that the housing supply target for 2017 to 2019 was 1,030 houses and questioned the number of these allocated to Gorey Municipal District.

The Director of Service advised that in cases where RAS tenancies were terminated, the County Council would treat these cases as homeless where no alternative accommodation was available. He also provided a progress report on the current status of the Repair and Leasing Scheme and also the Buy and Renew Housing Scheme.

Cllr. M. Byrne again expressed concern that the proposed construction numbers for Gorey Municipal District, who are operating in a seriously pressurised area, is not reflected in the figures presented in the Monthly Report and Cllr. J. Sullivan concurred with this.

Cllr. J. Hegarty also noted that a number of allocations were awaiting Garda Clearance. Ms. Martina Donoghue, AO Housing, advised that all Garda Vetting applications are sent to Enniscorthy, but agreed to check if this was correct procedure as Cllr. Hegarty was of the opinion that they should be sent directly to the Gorey Gardaí and then forwarded to Templemore for assessment and return.

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and no issues were raised. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was agreed that Members should forward all queries to the Planning Department one week in advance of the meeting and answers could then be provided in relation to particular cases and concerns.

Derelict Sites

Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Service, provided an update to the Members on the current position in relation to Derelict Sites in the Gorey area and the Members noted progress in relation to a number of sites in the area.

However, concern was expressed in relation to the condition of the former site of St. Joseph's Primary School and the Director advised that it will take approximately four to six weeks to assess the future of this area. Cllr. R. Ireton expressed concern regarding the Health and Safety of the current structure and Mr. Tony Nolan agreed to request a Health and Safety audit of the property and report back to the Members at the October Meeting.

Cllr. M. Byrne also expressed disappointment with the progress being made in relation to a property on Eire Street and Garden City and questioned when progress would be made to bring this situation to a conclusion.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

- Current status regarding development of the river behind Eire Street;
- Progress made regarding the proposed lighting review of Gorey Town;
- Update on proposed opening of the Service Station on the M11;
- Concern regarding the maintenance of the underpasses by BAM;
- Possibility of lining the road from Gorey to Tinahely;
- Erecting directional signage on the Main Street to the Train Station;
- Assess signage around Ferns in relation to the development of the Motorway and advertise Ferns as "The Ancient Capital of Ireland".

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, the successful Gorey Market House Festival, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, progress on the Town Park Project and also an update on the Ferns Norman Connection Conference.

She advised the Committee that the construction of the District Park was currently out to tender and closing shortly. She added that when this process was completed and contractors appointed, that an information billboard would be erected communicating to the public the process and timeframe involved.

CCTV

The District Manager advised the Committee that plans were currently in train in relation to an application to the Department of Justice to provide CCTV in Gorey Town Park and the Courtown/Riverchapel area.

The Committee welcomed this initiative and felt it would provide great assistance to An Garda Síochána and would also improve community life in both areas. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Committee recommended that this application be progressed and supported by all involved.

Twining – Trip to Bayeux

The District Manger advised that a visit to Bayeux had been arranged to take place from Monday, 02nd to 04th October and the Council would be represented by the Chairman and the Senior Executive Engineer.

She further advised that students and teachers from Creagh College and Colaíste Athá, Kilmuckrige, were travelling with representatives from Gorey Youth Needs also.

An update on the trip will be provided at the October Meeting.

The District Manager also advised that she was working on a twinning proposal with the Polska Eire Group and the possibility of arranging events such as a “Cycle against Suicide” and photo exhibitions to take place on the same day in Gorey and Umyslawe, North West Poland. She advised that she was visiting the area in a personal capacity and would assess these possibilities.

Proposed Trails at Ramsfort and Willow Park

The District Manager advised that these trails are currently being costed by the Senior Executive Engineer and a report would be presented at the October Meeting.

Christmas Lighting

Ms. L. Stanley advised the Committee that a public meeting had been held on 12th September and that “The Big Switch” on will take place on Saturday, 25th November, 2017.

Retail Promotion

Liz Stanley advised the Committee that Love Gorey was working in conjunction with Visit Wexford to provide an advertising campaign promoting the wonderful fashion outlets, eateries and hotels we have in Gorey. This campaign will be rolled out over the coming weeks with bloggers such as Mei Ling and Lorna Duffy promoting the area.

Naming of the Inner Relief Road

A total of ten submissions was received from members of the public in relation to the naming of the road. A general discussion took place and it was agreed to carry out a secret ballot to agree the name.

Following the voting process, Slí na Scolaíró (Scholars Walk) was the agreed name, with 5 votes in favour of this proposal.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for fifteen minutes.

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

Proposed Taking in Charge

The taking in charge of the following estates:

- An tArdan, Killenagh
- Cluain Oir, Monamolin
- Ballycanew Grove, Ballycanew
- Meadowgate (Phase 3)
- Skuna Bay Donaghmoe
- Woodlands
- * Dunehaven, Ardamine
- * Sean Doire – Cois Doire
- * Barmona Heights, Monamolin
- * Greenacres Donaghmore
- * Skuna Hill, Donaghmore

was proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 17th October, 2017, at 10.00am
in The Taravie Hotel, Courtown, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
Adjournment to Gorey Civic Offices at 2:00pm.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty,
Robert Ireton,
Pip Breen,
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Ms. Annette O' Neill, Director of Services,
Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. George Colfer, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Mr. Adrian Bell, RPS Consulting Engineers,
Mr. Kristopher Calder, RPS Consulting Engineers.

Courtown Harbour Works

Senior Engineer, Gerry Forde, and Coastal Engineer, George Colfer, gave a progress update on the harbour works. Members reviewed the impact of Storm Ophelia and were satisfied that the works completed to-date had not been affected by the storm.

Matters Arising from the September Meetings:

There were no matters arising from the September Meetings.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the minutes of the Meeting with An Garda Síochána of the 19th September, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the minutes of the In-Committee Meeting of the 19th September, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 19th September, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

2018 Draft Budgetary Plan for Gorey Municipal District.

Ms. Annette O'Neill, District Director, presented the 2018 Draft Budgetary Plan for Gorey Municipal District and highlighted the main provisions thereof. Ms. O'Neill drew particular attention to the proposed 2018 total allocation increase of €220,000 over the adopted GMA 2017 Allocation, which was explained by the introduction of the Community Involvement Scheme and the increased activity in the School Meals programme in Enniscorthy and Gorey.

The Chairman welcomed the Budget and the District Director and District Manager responded to queries raised by the members.

Following a short discussion regarding the GMA spend, it was agreed that members submit spend proposals for specific projects/plans for the District for consideration and to place on the Agenda for discussion at the December Meeting.

The members gave due consideration to the Gorey Municipal District 2018 Draft Budgetary Plan and on the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin, the Committee adopted the Plan without amendment.

The Chairman reminded members of their invitation to the Annual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, 12th November.

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, sought the Committee's approval to host a small reception for Mr. Alan Harrison, B.E.M, President of the RAF Veterans for all of Ireland, on the 7th November, which was proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

The Chairman also reminded members of their invitation to the Gorey Gym Club Open Day on the 21st October and Cllr. J. Hegarty suggested hosting a reception at a later date to celebrate the clubs 40th anniversary, which was proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, the recent funding announcement under the 2017 Town & Village Renewal Programme, Gorey Town Park Re-development, Proposed Trails at Ramsfort & Willow Park, Love Gorey and the Programme of Halloween activities.

Cllr. J. Hegarty commended those involved with the recent Town & Village Renewal Applications, noting that Wexford received the third highest allocation in the country.

The Meeting was adjourned until 2:00pm at Gorey Civic Offices.

Courtown North Beach Feasibility Study

Mr. Adrian Bell and Mr. Kristopher Calder, RPS Consulting Engineers, provided members with details of the various studies conducted by them since 2002 on Courtown beach and harbour development. Their recommended course of action outlined in their Feasibility Study is a marina and re-nourished beach with shore-arm. Mr. Bell addressed all questions raised by members. Mr. G. Forde sought the Committee's approval to proceed to the next stage of contacting the Department of Parks & Wildlife Service, which was proposed by Cllr. P. Breen and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

"Gorey 400" Presentation

Mr. Peter O'Connor, Chairman of the North Wexford Historical Society, outlined plans for the publication of a book, detailing the history of Gorey and North Wexford, as part of the Gorey 400 celebrations in two years time. Mr. O'Connor estimated the cost to produce such a publication to be between €20,000 and €40,000, which he hoped to fund through sales, contributions from the NWHS, and the Heritage Council or LEADER. He advised the project would most likely require a contribution of €10,000 from the Council. Members thought the publication to be very timely and appropriate and were fully supportive of the project.

Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, paid tribute to the emergency services and all volunteer organisations for their work during Storm Ophelia and its aftermath and all members wished to be associated with this praise. The Chairman also offered his sympathies and condolences to the O'Neill, Pyke and Goss families who lost loved ones during the storm.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report.

Cllr. M. Byrne again sought reassurance that the housing crisis in Gorey would be solved by the end of 2019. Mr. Niall McCabe informed the Committee that the Housing Department were exploring every avenue to acquire units, were speeding up the turnaround time of vacant homes, speaking to developers who have expressed an interest in providing turnkey developments and have a number of acquisitions in the pipeline, and that all of this was time consuming. Mr. McCabe added that it is very difficult to compete in Gorey as houses are selling so quickly.

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and Cllr. M. Byrne commended the significant progress being made with Derelict Sites.

Members were reminded that at the September Meeting they had agreed to forward all queries to the Planning Department one week in advance of the meeting and answers could then be provided in relation to particular cases and concerns.

Roads & Water Services

Members noted both Reports.

Mr. Neville Shaw joined the Meeting and provided members with a District update in the aftermath of Storm Ophelia, in particular the ongoing difficulties with water supply in the Kilmuckridge and surrounding areas.

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin expressed his concerns over the safety of students crossing at The Monument, to which Mr. Shaw advised that there is a one-way system planned for the area, along with footpath works, which all require funding approval.

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

The Chairman advised that a Residents Association Grant Application had been received from Creagh Woods Residents Association. It was agreed to allocate €500, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

No. 4 Motion

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted and the Chairman signed letters of thanks to the Mayor of Bayeux, Mr. Patrick Gomont, and to Ms. Christine Delecroix, following the recent delegation from the District to Bayeux. The Chairman informed the Committee that an invitation has been extended to the students and teachers who were part of this delegation to attend the next Municipal District Meeting to provide an overview of their trip. A brief discussion took place regarding alternative twinning options and the District Manager agreed to research further links with Poland and Vigo.

No. 6 AOB

The Chairman, on behalf of the members and staff of Gorey Municipal District, paid tribute to Ms. Annette O'Neill, acknowledging the contribution she has made to Gorey during her time as District Director and wished her well in her continued role in Wexford. He also welcomes Mr. Eddie Taaffe, who is replacing Ms. O'Neill as District Director.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 21st November, 2017, at 2:00 pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty,
Robert Ireton,
Pip Breen,
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 17th October, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the October Meeting:

Cllr. J. Hegarty sought confirmation that the member's GMA spend proposals for specific projects/plans for the District would be listed as an agenda item for the December Meeting and this was agreed. Cllr. J. Hegarty also sought confirmation that members had agreed to be fully supportive of the "Gorey 400" Project, but hadn't agreed any financial commitment. Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, advised that the Group would return with a proposal and costing at a later date.

Town & Village Renewal

Mr. Ger Mackey, C&E Officer, provided members with an update on Town & Village Renewal Projects and responded to member's questions. Mr. Mackey also informed the Committee that they propose to go out to the Districts to see what projects are emerging and look at the potential challenges facing groups.

Cllr. A. Donohoe requested that an invitation be sent to Ms. Carolyne Godkin, County Development Officer, to attend the January 2018 Monthly Meeting to provide members with a progress report on broadband for the County.

Bayeux Delegation

The Chairman introduced students and staff from Creagh College, Coláiste an Ātha and Gorey Youth Needs, who were part of a delegation to Bayeux in October. Students gave an overview of the trip and relayed their experiences to the Committee. Members applauded students on their successful visit to Bayeux and expressed their appreciation for representing the District in such an exemplary manner.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report.

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman updated members on recent developments in the District – 9 units in Baile Eoghain commencing in December, 2017, Stage 3 approval for 10 units in Creagh, which would be going to tender shortly and due to commence Q1-2018, and possibly obtaining the former St. Josephs site to develop for social housing. Mr. O’Gorman also confirmed that he was in negotiations with developers for some turn-key projects.

It was agreed to discuss the motion submitted by Cllr. M. Byrne at this point in the meeting.

Motion

"Gorey Municipal District proposes that Wexford County Council commit to inspecting all of our properties at least once every two years and ideally, once annually.

That tenants who leave properties in an appalling condition will be denied social housing by Wexford County Council.

Further, that some scheme be devised, such that tenants are required to pay a deposit or bond on entering a tenancy, or that a financial penalty be suffered if they leave properties in an appalling condition."

Following a short discussion it was agreed by the Committee to amend the wording of the Motion as follows:

"Gorey Municipal District proposes that Wexford County Council target inspection of at least 5% of the Council’s housing stock annually.

Wexford County Council commits to implementing our Scheme of Letting Agreement in a robust manner".

The motion was passed, with all members in agreement.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

- Camolin Village – Condition of Main Street and pedestrian lights out of action;
- Update on bus shelter on Main Street, Gorey;
- Status of the Local Improvement Scheme;
- Extension of Ballytegan footpath, including lighting and lighting on the Coolnagoose footpath.

Mr. Tony Quirke informed the Committee that he would bring all issues raised by members to Mr. Neville Shaw for attention.

Cllr. A. Donohoe sought reassurance that the Winter Ready Programme was in place and that adequate supplies of salt and grit were available for all roads. Members were informed that supplies of salt are in the Machinery Yard, with salt and grit in storage at Knockmullen for town footpaths. Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director, confirmed that Agricultural Contractors are on call for rural roads.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin acknowledged the work completed at the Pallas Intake but expressed his concerns over some damage along the river wall from heavy machinery. Mr. T. Quirke advised that he would seek funding under Capital Maintenance.

Cllr. A. Donohoe expressed his concerns over the lack of sewerage treatment capacity in Hollyfort. Members agreed that many villages throughout the District were running close to capacity, an issue which is preventing further developments in these areas.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Liz Stanley updated members on a new festival, the Freedom Fit Festival, which will take place over the February 2018 mid-term week, and also briefed members on the upcoming Christmas Festivities.

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, a review of hanging baskets in Gorey Town and signage solutions to tackle the problem of increased unauthorised signage around the District.

Planning – Derelict Sites

Cllr. P. Breen requested that the former Macamore Inn site in Ballygarrett and two houses on Puddle Lane, Ballycanew, be considered for the Derelict Sites Register.

Christmas Parking Arrangements

Members approved Ms. A. Byrne's proposal to provide free parking in all Council car parks in Gorey from the 18th to 23rd December, 2017.

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

The Chairman advised that a Residents Association Grant Application had been received from Beachside Residents Association. It was agreed to allocate €500, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Members expressed their frustration with the unsatisfactory responses to queries they raise through the Members Support System. Mr. E. Taaffe informed the Committee that from spring 2018 the CSR Unit will be operational and that a senior member of staff will be monitoring responses sent to members.

Cllr. M. Byrne formally proposed that the Council extend an invitation to students from Bayeux to attend the St. Patrick's Weekend Festivities in Gorey. Some members had reservations over that particular time of year and Cllr. A. Donohoe suggested the May Bank Holiday Weekend. It was agreed to contact the local schools and confirm their support for a visit and get an indication of best times etc. Thereafter the next step is to contact the various parties in Bayeux and find out if they are interested in coming to Gorey in 2018.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin extended his congratulations to the following:

- Forrest Winters, Ballygarrett, in representing Ireland in the International Engineering & Commerce Awards in 2018;
- Adam Hanlon on making the u-18 Irish Pool Team in Malta;
- Ladies Rugby Team in Gorey Community School, National X7s Champions.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2017

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 19th December, 2017, at 2:30 pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach,

Councillors: Malcolm Byrne,
Anthony Donohoe,
Mary Farrell,
John Hegarty,
Robert Ireton,
Pip Breen,
Fionntán O'Súilleabháin,

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 21st November, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the November Meeting:

There were no matters arising from the November Meeting.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report.

Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman updated members on recent developments in the District and advised that he will bring full details of proposals before the Chamber in early 2018. On the matter of the Affordable Mortgage Scheme, Mr. O'Gorman advised that once Departmental approval is obtained, the Scheme will be advertised to ascertain the demand from applicants and he envisaged it being piloted in the urban areas of Gorey and Wexford.

Members expressed their concerns that social houses cannot be developed in certain rural areas due to limitations in the water and sewerage systems. It was agreed to invite a representative from Irish Water to a meeting in the New Year for members to voice their concerns.

When asked how many vacant Council houses are in the Gorey District, Mr. O’Gorman agreed to bring a detailed account of those vacant and under repair to the January meeting.

Sale of “Slievebloom”, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge

It was agreed to discuss the sale of “Slievebloom”, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge at this point in the meeting. Members agreed to the sale of this property, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

Mr. Neville Shaw responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Demand for Pedestrian Crossing at school in Riverchapel;
- Update on Bus Shelter on Main Street, Gorey;
- Camolin Village Repairs & Realignment;
- Status of the Local Improvement Scheme;
- Water-logging at Ramsgate and on Main Street Footpaths;
- Flooding on Ahare Bridge.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no further queries were raised.

District Manager’s Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, the Market House Redevelopment and the Town Park Tender.

Planning – Derelict Sites

Cllr. J. Hegarty and Cllr. M. Byrne commended the significant progress made with Derelict Sites during the year.

Key Capital Project Spend for 2018

Members put forward the following suggestions for projects for 2018:

- Footbridge at Ballintray Bridge in Courtown;
- Completion of footpath from Gorey to Courtown;
- Footpath from Kilmuckridge to Morriscastle Beach.

It was agreed to list Beach Improvements as an Agenda item for the January Meeting and the footbridge at Ballintray for the February Meeting for further discussions.

Lease of Land to Gorey Hockey Club

Following a discussion all members recommended the lease of a five acre site at Creagh to Gorey Hockey Club, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell. It was agreed to increase the Lease Agreement to 25 years, which would facilitate any applications by the Club for funding under Sports Capital. Members also agreed that should an alternative site arise, that the Club could surrender this lease, prior to any development having taken place.

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

Draft Schedule of Charges

It was agreed to increase the Casual Trading Annual Licence Fee for Market Square to €600 p.a., proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Members agreed to the Draft Schedule of Charges, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell.

Proposed Taking in Charge – Branogue Park

The taking in charge of Branogue Park was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

Proposed Taking in Charge – Mill Haven, Ballyedmond

The taking in charge of Mill Haven, Ballyedmond, was proposed by Cllr. P. Breen and seconded by Cllr. F. O’Súilleabháin.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his concern over reducing the size of larger local electoral areas and asked that the Council write to Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Housing, Planning & Local Government, outlining the Committee’s concerns of an additional electoral area in the County.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

**Joe Sullivan,
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