

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 16th January, 2018, 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,
Ms. Carolyne Godkin, County Development/Broadband Officer,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,

Items Circulated: National Broadband Plan – Report to Elected Members,
Alternative Broadband Packages for Amber Area Premises,
Housing Maintenance Report,
Rapid Programme 2017 – Report to Elected Members,
Local Improvement Schemes – Gorey District Applications 2018.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 19th December, 2017 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the December Meeting:

There were no matters arising from the December Meeting.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Broadband Progress Report

Ms. Carolyne Godkin provided members with a progress report on broadband for the Gorey District and responded to member's questions.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report.

Mr. Padraig O’Gorman updated members on recent developments in the District, in particular, the 10 house development in Creagh. Members were informed that an Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team has been set up within the Housing Section to tackle all such instances. Information Sessions on the Scheme of Letting Priorities will be taking place in February for members and a County Vacant Home & Strategy Action Plan is being prepared to go before the Housing SPC, which will be presented to members at the February Meeting.

Members sought an update on the former St. Joseph’s Site and Mr. O’Gorman advised that the Property Section is currently liaising with the Department of Education on this matter.

Recast RAPID Programme 2017

Members recommended the allocation of the RAPID funding towards the development of a FAB Lab at Enniscorthy Enterprise Centre, proposed by Cllr. P. Breen and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Environment

Mr. George Colfer provided members with an update on the following and responded to member’s questions on:

- Courtown Pier Refurbishment;
- Courtown Harbour Dredging & Masonry Re-pointing;
- Courtown North Beach & Marina Feasibility Study;
- Kilgorman River at Ahare Bridge.

Members strongly expressed health and safety concerns for the public with continued flooding at the Ahare Bridge. Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director, assured members that a case would be made to the relevant State Agencies outlining the genuine health and safety risk in this area.

Cllr. M. Farrell expressed her concerns over the lack of access, parking and WC facilities at Morriscastle Beach and Mr. G. Colfer advised that all beaches are under review/inspection.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

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

- Footpath Repairs on Esmonde Street and Main Street;
- Footpath Works at Kilnahue Lane;
- Parking on DYs at John Street/Pearse Street Junction;
- Line-marking in the District;
- Local Improvement Scheme Applications;
- Update on the Lighting Review.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. T. Quirke responded to any queries raised.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, Freedom Fit North Wexford, completion of the N11 Cycle Lane, Town & Village Renewal 2016/17, Ramsfort Trails, the Town Park Tender Report, Installation Plan for the Performance Pavilion for Civic Square and the Call the Saints Proposal.

Cllr. M. Byrne sought reassurance that there will be a defined period of time for work to be completed in the Town Park and that penalties will apply if work is not completed within the specified timeframe. Mr. E. Taaffe assured members that appropriate measures will be put in place to oversee the completion of this project.

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

None.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. M. Byrne called for the initial costing of a footbridge beside Ballinatray Bridge in Courtown to be prepared, to which Mr. E. Taaffe and Mr. N. Shaw agreed to provide for the next meeting. Members were also asked to submit other proposals for capital works in advance of the next meeting.

Cllr. M. Byrne asked for the Council to renew links with young people in the District by inviting students from Gorey Youth Needs to the March Meeting.

Cllr. R. Ireton extended his sympathy to Ms. Betty Redmond following the recent death of her husband, Martin.

Members paid tribute to Ms. Tina O'Sullivan following her recent retirement from Wexford County Council with over 40 years of service.

Cllr. J. Hegarty paid tribute to Mr. Fintan Lambe, People Newspapers, who was reporting at his last Council Meeting, and all members wished him well in his future endeavours.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**Joe Sullivan,
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**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 20th February, 2018, at 2:30 pm
in Council Chamber, Offices of Gorey Municipal District
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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. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,

Apologies: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 16th January, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the January Meeting:

There were no matters arising from the January Meeting.

Cllr. M. Farrell requested a Broadband Update Report from Ms. Carolyn Godkin for the next meeting.

Gorey Men's Shed Presentation

The Chairman invited Mr. Bob McCausland, Chairman of Gorey Men's Shed, to address the Committee. Mr. McCausland outlined the importance of this organisation in helping with men's physical and mental health. He further explained that the Group didn't have security of tenure in their current premises and needed to find a new one. He sought the full support from members to promote Gorey Men's Shed and to help them establish at a new location. Members gave their full support.

District Manager, Ms. Amanda Byrne, informed the Committee that she was aware of the site referred to by Mr. McCausland. She added that she was developing a proposal to secure the site for development as a multi-purpose social/community centre.

Ferns Village Design Statement Presentation

Mr. Brian O'Driscoll, O'Driscoll Lynn Architects, presented the Ferns Village Design Statement to the members, outlining possible projects such as the construction of recreational walking trails, a pedestrian plaza space at Ferns Castle, removal (or not) of the roundabout, sculptures near the plaza place, public art and murals on empty buildings, refurbishment of the Community Hall and additional signage.

Members welcomed the plans for Ferns and adopted the Plan, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report. Cllr. M. Byrne sought an update on the new County Development Plan. Mr. Diarmuid Houston informed members that the Forward Planning Team are working on the preparation of the pre-draft Wexford County Development Plan 2019-2025 and future proofing it to avoid any delays.

Derelict Sites

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his concerns over the lack of action taken by the Council with the Bayview Hotel, Courtown, since September 2017. Mr. D. Houston advised that he would review the file.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested that regular checks be made on the former St. Joseph's NS Site as it is continuing to attract a lot of anti-social behaviour. Mr. D. Houston advised that he would look at securing the site and possibly fence off any area where such activity is taking place.

Cllr. P. Breen sought an update on derelict sites in Ballycanew and Mr. D. Houston advised that they were currently going through the Enforcement Process.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report. Mr. Pádraig O'Gorman updated members on recent developments, in particular, the new Affordable Mortgage Scheme for first-time buyers and the commencement of the Refugee Resettlement Programme in Gorey. Mr. P. O'Gorman informed members that six families would be relocating to Gorey shortly, assisted by two Refugee Resettlement Support Workers and translators. Cllr. M. Byrne proposed that the District host a civic event to welcome the families to Gorey once they have settled. Mr. P. O'Gorman agreed to bring the Resettlement Support Officer to the April Meeting and would circulate information on the "BeFriendly" Programme to members. Cllr. A. Donohoe commended Mr. P. O'Gorman and his staff on their work with the Refugee Families.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report. Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin welcomed the addition of a pedestrian crossing in Riverchapel, but requested rumble strips to be put in to slow down traffic. He also added that lights on both sides of the NS are out-of-order.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin requested that the Kilnahue Lane be included in the Roads Programme of Works as a matter of urgency, in particular the addition of a footpath from

the top of the lane to P&H Doyle. Mr. Tony Quirke advised that the Council was currently working with landowners and working on a design.

Cllr. M. Farrell asked that adequate signage be put in place at the crossing in Boolavogue.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and Mr. T. Quirke responded to any queries raised.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, Freedom Fit North Wexford, completion of the N11 Cycle Lane, Town & Village Renewal 2016/17, Ramsfort Woodland Trails, Willow Park Trail and the 'Call the Saints' Proposal.

Esmonde Street Draft Improvement Works

Ms. Elisa Woods circulated a draft of proposed works to Esmonde Street, Gorey. Members welcomed the draft plan and Ms. Byrne anticipated having full plans and prices by the end of 2018, with work to commence in early 2019.

Cllr. M. Byrne formally proposed the taking-in-charge of Esmonde Lane, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

Loading Bays

The Chairman invited comment on the allocation of loading bays in Gorey Town. It was agreed that businesses should make a public submission if interested in a loading bay as the Draft Wexford County Council (Gorey Municipal District) Traffic and Car Parking Bye Laws 2018 were currently on display.

Programme of Schools Visit

It was agreed to continue with the District's Programme of Schools Visit in 2018 and to invite two primary schools before the summer recess and another two once schools resume in September.

Bayeux Return Visit

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that the Mayor of Bayeux, Patrick Gomont, and Ms. Christine Delecroix has offered to come to Gorey at the end of March. Members welcomed the opportunity to meet the group during their visit, and added that they envisaged a return visit from the French students later in the year to reciprocate the hospitality shown to the District's Study Group last year.

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

None.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin proposed erecting a plaque in remembrance of the late Philip Casey, at the bridge, Grove Mill, Hollyfort, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne. Ms. A. Byrne advised that the group apply for support for this initiative under the Arts and Amenity Grants Scheme.

Cllr. A. Donohoe enquired whether any progress had been made with hanging baskets and banners for Gorey Town. Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that the project was proceeding but that Fáilte Ireland had changed their policy on support.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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