

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023, at 2:30pm**

**Attendance:**





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

Officials: Ms Elizabeth Hore, Director of Services/District Director,  
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Administrator,  
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Mr Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Ms Yvonne Kelly, County Liaison Officer, Rural Water (MS Teams),  
Ms Fionnuala Callery, SEE, Water Services (MS Teams),  
Ms Helen Frayne, Administrative Officer, Housing,  
Ms Paula Shortall, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,  
Mr George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,  
Mr Philip Mansfield, Executive Planner,

Others Attending: Deputy Verona Murphy, TD., (MS Teams).

**Sympathies**

Members proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the following:

-  Bernadette Kavanagh RIP, mother of Geraldine Kavanagh, GKMD,
-  Darren Murphy RIP, former employee of WCC (GKMD),
-  Catherine Walsh RIP, mother of Dan Walsh and
-  Michael Reck RIP, Oylegate.

**No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising**

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr W Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr A Bolger the Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were signed, and adopted.

### *1.2 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr W Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr A Bolger the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were signed, and adopted.

### *1.3 Matters Arising:*

It was agreed to deal with Matters Arising under each relevant Report.

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

### *2.1 Rural Water Presentation (Lead Remediation Grant Revised)*

Ms. Y Kelly presented details of the revised Lead Remediation Grant, outlining the purpose of the Grant, the Application & Appeals Process and responded to queries from the elected members.

### *2.2 Housing*

The District Director and Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms P Shortall to her new position as Housing Official to the District.

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

Cllr J Sullivan referred to the March 31<sup>st</sup> moratorium expiry on rental evictions, expressing concerns over the potential influx of people coming onto the market from that date and called on WCC to have all properties back on the market by this date. Ms Frayne advised that the Council is actively seeking to acquire properties and confirmed several properties are earmarked for inspection.

Cllr J Sullivan referred to the projected tendering date of Q4-2023 for the Ramsfort Park Affordable Housing Development and called on WCC to prioritise this Scheme. Ms. Frayne informed the Committee that Consultants will be appointed to prepare initial Tender Docs which will form a framework of suitable Contractors who have experience in this specific design and build. She said once this framework is decided, it will open-up Tenders for Construction, but because the tender process takes time, it does appear it will be the end of 2023 before this process is completed.

Cllrs Bolger and Donohoe also expressed their dissatisfaction with the pace of progress with this Scheme and Cllr Sullivan proposed inviting the CE and Housing DoS to the next District Meeting, seconded by Cllr Bolger. Ms. L Hore reminded the members that they have access to the entire WCC Management Team every month at the County Council Meeting and encouraged them to bring their questions there. Ms. Frayne suggested that the County Architect be invited to an upcoming District Meeting to explain the timeline and process for this Tender.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin asked that Mr P Knight write to the Minister for Housing requesting the 20-Unit Affordable Housing Development be set aside for local applicants only. Cllr Ó'Súilleabháin raised concerns over the 70-30 split, with only 30% of properties reserved for applicants residing in the Municipal District. Ms Frayne reminded the Committee that

the 70-30 split had been adopted by them in line with Regulations but also of the CE's commitment to review this prior to any allocation.

Cllr J Sullivan sought a commencement date for the 30 Units at Wexford Street and Ms Frayne advised she would revert with a specific start date.

Cllr A Bolger sought confirmation that the St. Waleran's Part VIII Presentation will come before the Committee in February and Ms Frayne agreed to follow up.

Ms Frayne also agreed to follow-up on allocations for the 16-Unit turnkey acquisition at Ballynaglogh, Blackwater and expressions of interest for land in the Oylegate/Ballymurn Area.

### *2.3 Environment*

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

Mr. G Colfer presented findings and recommendations from the Ahare River Report and responded to queries from the elected members.

Cllr D Devereux paid tribute to the speed in which Clean-up Crews deal with callouts, particularly over the Christmas period.

Cllr M Farrell asked that the public convenience in Morriscastle remain open all year round.

### *2.4 Planning*

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

Members again asked for an update on derelict houses on Railway Road, Garden City and in particular Eire Street which is currently with An Bord Pleanála. Ms L Hore agreed to bring a full Report to the next District Meeting.

A discussion took place on "local need" and what specific guidelines determine this. Ms L Hore agreed to extract a table from the County Development Plan which outlines specific timelines on this and to circulate to the members.

### *2.5 Roads*

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

Ms J Kehoe informed the Committee that as there are no Grant Allocations for 2023 yet the Roads Programme for this year cannot be finalised. She added that she is seeking additional funding for road failures.

Cllr A Bolger highlighted lighting issues at Clonattin and the Courtown Road footpath, adding that additional lighting will increase visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

## *2.6 Water Services*

The Water Services Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

Mr B Hammel informed the Committee that a Press Release on Creagh Water Treatment Plant from Irish Water is imminent.

## *2.7 Additional Departmental Reports*

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

## *2.8 District Administrator's Report*

The District Administrator's Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

Mr P Knight agreed to follow up with funding approved for Courtown playground repairs and to source alternative funding for the Old Tennis Court.

Cllr D Devereux paid tribute to all involved in the recent IBAL survey and complimented the litter improvements in the last few years.

Mr P Knight informed the Committee that a Civic Reception is being held for the Slovakian Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Andrej Droba, who will be visiting Gorey on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, at which time members will have an opportunity to discuss links between Ireland and Slovakia. He said it is also the Ambassador's intention to form a partnership between the Educate Together School and a Slovakian School located near Bratislava.

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

None.

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

None.

## **No. 5 Correspondence**

### *5.1 Correspondence to Road Safety Authority – Driver Testing Waiting Times.*

The Correspondence outlined above was noted by Members.

## **No. 6 AOB**

### *Nominations for Civic Awards*

Mr P Knight referred to the Civic Awards List for 2023, a copy of which had previously been circulated, proposed by Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin, seconded by Cllr A Bolger.

*Gorey District Park Dog Park*

Mr P Knight informed the Committee that a designated area within Gorey District Park has been selected where the public can let their dogs off the lead as permitted under Dog Control Regulations. He said he will be seeking fencing quotes in the coming week.

Cllr A Donohoe again asked for a full breakdown of Capital Projects for all the Districts from 2014 to date. Ms L Hore advised that Special Projects are currently working on this and asked Mr P Knight to follow-up.

Cllr A Donohoe referred to the unspent Town Twinning allocation for 2022 and previous years and Mr P Knight asked that the members revert with suggestions for him to investigate.

Mr P Knight reminded Committee members that the Closing Date for the Gorey District Park Coffee Shop Tender is 27<sup>th</sup> January.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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