

**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.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 20th February, 2018, at 2:30 pm
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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.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 20th March, 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: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,

Apologies: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 20th February, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the minutes of the Meeting with the Gardaí of the 20th February, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the February Meeting:

There were no matters arising from the February Meeting.

Youth Participation Programme for Courtown/Riverchapel Area

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, invited Ms. Mandi Tighe, Gorey Youth Needs, and Mr. Peter Hayden, Local Training Initiative Manager, Courtown, to address the Committee. Mr. P. Hayden informed members that they are looking to expand the LTI Programme in Courtown, which currently consists of Level 4 Modules that take part in three modules for three months. He added that they have reached full capacity in their current premises and cannot take on anymore students. Members acknowledged the benefits this programme has brought to the area and agreed to give their full support.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report and Mr. Niall McCabe updated members on recent developments in the District. Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his frustration surrounding the Housing Allocations List and sought clarity around how the Council was going to progress with new housing allocations for the District, bearing in mind some local families have been on the list for a long time. Mr. N. McCabe advised that he would highlight member's concerns with the Housing SEO and Director and arrange a meeting about Housing Allocations.

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, called for an increase in HAP Payments and Rent Supplement Rates to allow more individuals to compete for private housing. Mr. N. McCabe advised that the Council has approached the Department for a fairer system of banding and that this is currently under consideration.

Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and no issues were raised. Following a general discussion on the interpretation of local need, members requested a representative from the Planning Department attend the April Meeting to provide clarity.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report. Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin expressed his concerns over the condition of roads in the aftermath of Storm Emma. Mr. N. Shaw informed the Committee that Road Crews would be commencing patching this week and that the roads with the highest level of usage being repaired as a priority.

Cllr. M. Byrne sought an update on the Esmonde Street Improvement Works and Mr. N. Shaw advised that following consultation stage, final design, costings and funding sourcing, he hoped to tender by end of 2018.

Mr. N. Shaw informed the Committee that €90,000 had been allocated to each District under the Local Improvement Scheme and it was agreed with members that existing applications would continue to progress in the order on the LIS List.

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, sought an update on Kilhanue Lane and Mr. N. Shaw advised that Contractors would be sought on e-Tenders within the next two weeks. Mr. Shaw also updated members on crossings for both Kilmuckridge and Riverchapel NS.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report and no queries were raised. Cllr. R. Ireton paid tribute to Mr. Tony Quirke and all Water Services Staff for their efforts during Storm Emma.

District Manager's Report

Ms. L. Stanley informed the Committee that CCTV Grant Applications had been successful for Gorey Town Park and Courtown/Riverchapel in the amounts of €25,000 and €29,000 respectively. Ms. Stanley was confident both Schemes would now go ahead and tendered for shortly. She added that the Council would also take on board the new Data Protection Laws coming into effect on the 25th May.

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

Gorey to Courtown Footpath Extension & Bridge

Mr. N. Shaw provided members with an estimated cost for the final section of footpath connecting Gorey with Courtown and also various bridge design possibilities at Ballintray Bridge.

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Gorey District for 2018 was proposed by Cllr. P. Breen and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

GMD Festival & Events GMA 2018

The GMD Festival & Events GMA proposal for 2018 was presented to the Committee. Ms. L. Stanley informed the Committee that the Members Discretionary Allocation had been increased by an additional €30,000 for 2018 and proposed to increase the existing €100,000 festival allocation to €130,000. Following a short discussion, members agreed to defer the adoption of the Festival Allocation until the April Meeting and to send in proposals for alternative projects/festivals that this money could be used for.

Work Plan 2018

Ms. L. Stanley brought member's attention to the Work Plan for the District for 2018 which was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grants 2018

The Amenity & Arts and Residents Associations Grant Allocations had been circulated to all members and were proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

Cllr. J. Hegarty noted again that some Residents Associations were applying and receiving funding each year and asked could the Council encourage other private housing estates within the District to apply for first time funding. Mr. E. Taaffe confirmed that the Scheme would remain open throughout the year until the budget was exhausted and that Residents Association Groups should continue to apply.

No. 4 Correspondence

All Correspondence was noted.

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed welcoming the Bayeux Delegation to Gorey in May and that arrangements should be put in place to do so.

No. 5 AOB

None.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 17th April, 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. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,

Apologies: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the minutes of the In-Committee Meeting of the 20th March, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrell, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 20th March, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the March Meetings:

There were no matters arising from the March Meetings.

Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws

Mr. David Codd, Road Safety Officer, briefed members on the Public Consultation Submissions Report of the Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws. Mr. D. Codd advised that the draft bye-laws had been prepared based on all submissions received since the adoption of the last bye-laws in 2008. Following discussion and a commitment from Mr. D. Codd to members that all speed limits in housing estates in the county be reduced to 30km within the next 12-18 months, it was agreed to adopt the draft bye-laws, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Environment

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, provided members with details on litter statistics for 2017 and updated them on the expansion of the Rapid Response Crew and responded to member's queries.

Cllr. J. Hegarty congratulated Mr. G. Forde and all the environment staff involved with ongoing proceedings at Killowen.

Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer, provided members with an update on Courtown Projects, flooding at Ahare Bridge and responded to member's questions. Mr. G. Colfer informed the Committee that following the severe flooding earlier in the year, a report will be presented at the June District Meeting which will look at preventative measures at the Ahare Bridge. He also informed members that RPS Consultants would make a presentation on the Courtown North Beach & Marina Project that month, ahead of public consultation.

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, introduced Ms. Dearbhla Ní Laighin to the Committee and wished her every success in her new role as Executive Librarian, Gorey Library.

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report and Mr. Padraig O'Gorman updated members on recent developments in the District. Whilst members welcomed the progress being made with housing allocations, Cllr. M. Byrne sought a guarantee that local families who have been on the housing list for a long time, will get priority. Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin enquired whether any progress had been made in increasing the HAP payment limits and Mr. P. O'Gorman advised that the Council's request was still under review by the Department. The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, asked for a fairer system of banding for the north of the county.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 Proposed Amendment

Following a discussion regarding the proposed amendment of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018, to provide traveller specific accommodation for 3 traveller families at a Wexford County Council owned site at Ballyhine, Barntown, the proposal was put to a vote:

For	1
Against	6
Abstaining	1

The proposed amendment was rejected.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries. Mr. Neville Shaw responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Lighting Columns on The Avenue;
- Trial one-way traffic flow system at The Monument;

- School Warden vacancies in the District;
- Local Improvement Scheme Applications;
- Repairs to Camolin Pedestrian Lights and connection of Kilmuckridge Pedestrian Lights;
- Road Repairs in the District – Craanford, Hollyfort & Monamolin;
- Lighting in Riverchapel, Ardamine and Courtown Pier;
- Completion of footpath on Middletown Road and update on Kilnahue Lane.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and it was agreed that the meeting would proceed until 6.00pm.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report. Mr. Tony Quirke responded to some queries raised on Ferns and Cahore Wastewater Treatment Plants.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, informed the Committee of the proposed Gorey Commuter Service and called on members to encourage people to complete the associated on-line survey.

Ms. A. Byrne provided an update on relevant items, in particular, the N11 Cycle Lane, Town & Village Renewal Schemes, Ramsfort Woodland Trails, Willow Park Trail, the 'Call the Saints' Proposal, Gorey Town Park Tender and the Polska Eire Festival.

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

GMD Festival & Events GMA 2018

Ms. A. Byrne informed members of an amendment to the 2018 Festival Allocation, as circulated, to that of a €10,000 Contribution to the Gorey 400 Book over the next two years. Members were in agreement of the 2018 Festival Allocation, proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grants 2018

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, advised that Residents Association Grant Applications had been received from Charlotte Grove, Riverchapel Close and Killenagh Residents Associations. It was agreed to allocate €500 to each, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

No. 4 Correspondence

None.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. M. Byrne requested that a monthly update be made available to the Committee on Unfinished Estates. Ms. A. Byrne advised members that she would request same from Building Control for the next District Meeting.

Cllr. J. Hegarty congratulated Gorey Musical Society on their recent 'Wizard of Oz' production in Gorey.

Cllr. J. Hegarty sought an update on the works carried out at Grattan Court in the days after Storm Emma. Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that a meeting would be organised with Contractor as soon as possible.

Members requested a meeting with the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin said that the Talk to Tom charity had been in contact with him regarding rates. Ms. A. Byrne advised that she had been in contact with the charity and had advised them of the Council's policy on the matter.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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Attendance:

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

Officials: Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner,
Ms. Michele Bridges Carley, SSO Housing,
Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer, Housing,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer.

Prior to the general meeting, Mr. Ray Cullen, Talk to Tom, attended the meeting and outlined the services provided by Talk to Tom and advised the Members that the expense relating to rates for the three premises operated by the charity was a cause for concern going forward.

Mr. Cullen withdrew from the meeting and the Members agreed that Mr. Cullen be requested to send a letter to the Chairman outlining his concerns and attach all relevant documentation for assessment.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 17th April, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the April Meeting:

Cllr. Hegarty requested an update on proposed works at Killowen and the District Manager agreed to request an update from the Senior Engineer, Environment, for the June Meeting.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Planning

Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner, attended the meeting and a general discussion took place regarding “Local Need and Housing Need”. The Senior Planner outlined the policy within the current County Development Plan.

The Senior Planner advised that the County Development Plan would be reviewed over the next twelve months where policies regarding speculative development, local need, housing need, downsizing of dwellings for the elderly, returning immigrants and numerous other issues would be addressed.

Housing Maintenance

Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer, presented a comprehensive report outlining the work carried out within the Housing Maintenance Department. The report outlined the different categories of work carried out and demonstrated details of the successful Energy Programme delivered in County Wexford. Mr. Doyle responded to queries raised.

Housing General

Ms. Michele Bridges Carley updated the Members on progress made since the last Committee Meeting. The Members noted the Housing Report and the Senior Staff Officer responded to all queries.

Wexford County Council (Gorey Municipal District) Draft Traffic and Car Parking Bye Laws 2018:

Mr. Michael McCormack, Administrative Officer, Roads Department, attended the meeting and presented a report on the Draft Traffic and Car Parking Bye Laws 2018.

Members were advised that an area in front of Ferns Castle was also part of these Draft Bye Laws where it is proposed that parking is only available for a maximum of four hours within the area outlined on the circulated map.

The Members were advised that these Draft Bye Laws were on public display for the statutorily required time and that no submissions were received from the public during this timeframe.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the implementation of a barrier system to Gorey Showground's where users would be charged a minimum fee to enter and monies collected used for general maintenance and provision of an Activities Programme in the park.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was recommended that Wexford County Council (Gorey Municipal District) Draft Traffic and Car Parking Bye Laws 2018 be adopted as presented, with the complete omission of any reference to Pay Parking in Gorey Town Park/Showground's.

Those voting in favour of this proposal were 4 and those voting against the proposal were 4.

As the result was a tie the Chairman had the casting vote. The proposal to adopt the Bye Laws as presented, with the complete omission of any reference to Gorey Town Park was adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin, it was agreed to rescind the Wexford County Council (Gorey) (Parking Places) Bye Laws 2013 and the Wexford County Council (Gorey) (Parking Places) Bye Laws 2010.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and it was agreed that the meeting would proceed until 6:00pm.

Roads:

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries. Mr. Neville Shaw responded to issues raised by members. It was agreed that a full report on Taking in Charge of Estates within the Gorey District would be presented at the June Meeting.

The members also requested an update on the proposed works on Esmonde Street, with particular emphasis on cleaning up the back lane. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to meet the residents and progress this matter prior to the June Meeting.

He further advised that as it is proposed to take this area in charge that public consultation will also be a statutory requirement of this process.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, advised the Committee that it was not possible to bring the current tender process for development works in Gorey Town Park to a satisfactory conclusion and that the retendering process would commence as soon as possible.

The members were also updated on the recent Bayeux Delegation visit which proved very successful and advised that the possibility of a three way exchange between both countries and Poland was being examined.

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

Annual Report 2017

The 2017 Annual Report submission was circulated and on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, was agreed and adopted.

Residents Association Grants 2018

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, advised that Residents Association Grant Applications had been received from Oakwood Residents Association, Ardamine Grove Residents Association and Village Gate Residents Association and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500.00 to each of these Resident Groups.

Proposed Taking in Charge

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, it was agreed to take Woodside, Courtown, in Charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

No. 4 Correspondence

None.

No. 5 AOB

The Members requested a full presentation outlining the current status of all the unfinished housing estates within the Gorey District for the June Meeting of the Committee.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 19th June, 2018, 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. Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach.

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

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,

Apologies: Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer.

District Manager, Ms. Amanda 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. Joe Sullivan, addressed the meeting, drawing particular attention to the wide range of achievements over the last year, in particular the completion of the North Pier, the opening of Ramsfort Woodland Trail, the completion of Scholar's Way and additional Housing Units to the District at Creagh and Baile Eoghain. He thanked his Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Anthony Donohoe, fellow elected members, District Director, District Manager and officials and he 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.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed Cllr. Anthony Donohoe as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. A. Donohoe thanked Cllr. M. Byrne for his nomination, but regrettably declined, due to work commitments.

Cllr. A. Donohoe proposed Cllr. John Hegarty as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Donohoe's nomination was seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

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

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

Cllr. Hegarty	JH
Cllr. Ireton	F.O'S
Cllr. Ó'Súilleabháin	F.O'S
Cllr. Donohoe	JH
Cllr. Sullivan	JH
Cllr. Breen	JH
Cllr. Byrne	JH

Cllr. John Hegarty	5
Cllr. Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin	2

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

Cllr. J. Hegarty addressed the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder for their nomination and support. All members wished Cllr. J. Hegarty well in his position.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllr. R. Ireton proposed Cllr. Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin as Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr. Ireton's nomination was seconded by Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin.

Cllr. A. Donohoe proposed Cllr. Malcolm Byrne as Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr. Donohoe's nomination was seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

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

Cllr. Hegarty	MB
Cllr. Ireton	F.O'S
Cllr. Ó'Súilleabháin	F.O'S
Cllr. Donohoe	MB
Cllr. Sullivan	MB
Cllr. Breen	MB
Cllr. Byrne	MB

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne	5
Cllr. Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin	2

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne 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 _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 19th June, 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. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. John Maher, Senior Asst. Chief Fire Officer,
Mr. Neal O'Grady, Asst. Chief Fire Officer,
Mr. Niall McCabe, AO Housing,
Mr. Anthony Bailey, AO Property,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer,

Apologies: Cllr. Mary Farrell,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer.

Courtown North Beach & Harbour Development

Prior to the Monthly Meeting Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Mr. George Colfer, Coastal Engineer and Mr. Kristopher Calder & Ms. Grace Glasgow, RPS Consultant Engineers, met with members in The Ashdown Park Hotel. RPS Group provided a summary of the various studies conducted by them on Courtown beach and harbour development and addressed all questions raised by members. Mr. K. Calder put forward their recommended course of action of a marina and re-nourished beach with shore-arm and Mr. G. Forde sought the Committee's approval, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen. Mr. G. Forde suggested forming a Working Group for the continued advancement of this project.

Mr. G. Forde provided members with a brief update on developments at Killowen and acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Rory O'Mahony and his team.

The Meeting was adjourned until 2:30pm at Gorey Civic Offices.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 15th May, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the May Meeting:

Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin sought an update on the Gorey Town Park re-Tender. District Manager, Ms. A Byrne, informed the Committee that the playground tender would be complete by the end of June with the main contract process complete by the beginning of Q4 2018. Ms. A. Byrne envisaged the park would be open by the beginning of summer 2019, though it may not be fully completed.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Community Fire Safety

Mr. Neal O'Grady, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, presented comprehensive reports outlining the Community Fire Safety Plan and the Fire Safety Initiatives of Wexford County Fire Service. Members welcomed the policies, data and information presented in the reports and questions raised by members were addressed by Mr. O'Grady and Mr. Maher.

Mr. O'Grady also informed the Committee that Wexford County Council is offering to install free smoke alarms in homes of the elderly. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, added that anyone availing of this service should know that the Fire Department will only call to their house after making a prior arrangement with the house owner.

Housing

Mr. Niall McCabe updated the Members on progress made since the last Committee Meeting. The Members noted the Housing Report and Mr. McCabe responded to all queries.

Sale of Property to HSE

Mr. Anthony Bailey sought the Committee's approval for the sale of a site at McCurtain Street, Gorey, to the HSE, which will facilitate further development to Gorey District Hospital, proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin.

Roads:

Members noted the Roads Report. Mr. Neville Shaw responded to the following issues raised by members:

- Repairs to Camolin Pedestrian Lights;
- Pedestrian Crossing in Riverchapel;
- Killenagh Works.

Cllr. J. Hegarty requested a list of Local Improvement Scheme Applications and Mr. N. Shaw agreed to provide a full list at the next District Meeting.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report. Cllr. F. O'Suilleabháin highlighted ongoing problems in Chestnut Grove, Hollyfort, and asked could the Council expedite a resolution.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, provided members with an update on relevant items, in particular, Town & Village Renewal Schemes, Ramsfort Woodland Trails, Courtown LPF, 'Call the Saints' Proposal, PolskaEire Festival, Byrne Perry Summer School and Camolin Parish Homecoming.

Cllr. M. Byrne sought an update on the Esmonde Street development. Mr. Eddie Taaffe, District Director, informed the Committee that the Scheme was dependant on funding and that capital levies funding has been requested.

Members sought updates on the old St. Joseph's Site, the pedestrian bridge in Ballinatray and Kilmurray Cross works.

Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin expressed his concern over the danger of Courtown Pier, in particular the positioning of a ladder near rocks and in shallow water, which may encourage people to jump off the pier and use the ladder as a means to get out. Cllr. R. Ireton confirmed people have been jumping in off the Pier and also expressed his concern over the reckless manner in which jet skies are being used in the harbour. Cllr. P. Breen informed the Committee that Captain Philip Murphy, Marine Officer, is currently drawing up a protocol for harbours. Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin felt that a Harbour Master was required for Courtown Harbour.

Unfinished Estates

A list of Unfinished Housing Estates within the Gorey District was circulated to members. Cllr. M. Byrne questioned the length of time some estates have been on the list and it was noted that a number of estates were not included on the list. Ms. A. Byrne informed members that she was awaiting further information and that a number of estates were almost complete.

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

Proposed Taking in Charge of Esmonde Lane, Gorey

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, it was agreed to take Esmonde Street Lane, Gorey, in charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

Proposed Taking in Charge of Ocean Point, Courtown

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, it was agreed to take Ocean Point, Courtown, in charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Residents Association Grants 2018

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Sullivan, advised that Residents Association Grant Applications had been received from Beachside Residents Association and Newborough Residents Association and on the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500.00 to each of these Residents Groups.

No. 4 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Members noted the Letter of Intent signed between Gorey Municipal District and the Centre of Culture, Sport and Tourism in Gmina Puck, Poland, to explore and develop partnership and cooperation between the two regions.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 17th July, 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. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Pádraig O' Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,

Apologies: Malcolm Byrne, Leas-Chathaoirleach
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.

Housing Development – Wexford Street (In Committee)

Prior to the commencement of the Monthly Meeting the Senior Executive Officer, Housing, presented a Draft Plan for the development of the site of the former St. Joseph's National School. The members agreed with the proposal in principle and Mr. O' Gorman agreed to keep the Committee updated on any progress being made.

Wexford Local Development Presentation:

Mr. Brian Kehoe, CEO, Mr. Michael Wall, Chairman, and Ms. Claire Ryan, Programmes Manager, provided a detailed presentation outlining the work carried out by Wexford Local Development in the County.

Mr. Wall outlined the background to WLD, the funding streams and provided detailed information around the supports provided to the following groups:-

- Support for individuals
- Support for communities
- Support for business
- Support for children and families
- Support for Householders

Mr. Kehoe provided a brief overview of the Programmes delivered by Wexford Local Development and in particular:-

- Sicap
- Cornmarket Project
- Meitheal
- Traveller Community Programmes
- Obair
- Leader
- Tus
- Little Jobs Service
- The Warm Project

The members complemented the WLD Team on the excellent and far reaching work delivered and stressed the importance of addressing social inclusion, poverty and rural development at this time.

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 19th June, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, the Minutes of the AGM held on 19th June, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton the members expressed a Vote of Sympathy to Cllr. Mary Farrell and her family on the recent passing of her mother.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Mr. Pádraig O' Gorman updated members on progress made since the last Committee Meeting. The members welcomed the news that there was a 15% reduction on the waiting list for Housing and noted the Housing Report. The Committee was also advised that legislation had been passed to allow RAS tenants apply for the Housing Assistance Payment in the case where a Termination Notice had been served.

Mr. O'Gorman responded to all queries and then withdrew from the meeting.

Roads:

Members noted the Roads Report which was presented by Mr. Tony Quirke and the following issues were highlighted:

- Delay in repairs to Camolin Pedestrian Lights;
- Request to provide lighting and clean up the laneway adjacent to Charlotte Row.

Cllr. J. Hegarty queried the Council's policy in relation to the provision of ramps and requested that a clear policy be provided at the September Meeting, as conflicting advice and variations in the provision of ramps throughout the area are apparent. The Chairman also requested the full list of applications for the Local Improvement Scheme, as applicants should be reassured that they are still on the list even if their application was made a number of years ago.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report.

Cllr. M. Farrell highlighted concerns regarding visible lime scale in the water in the Kilmuckridge Area over the past few weeks and the Mr. Quirke agreed to arrange for a sample to be taken and investigated.

Planning Report

The Members noted the Planning Report.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, provided members with an update on relevant items, in particular the progress made on the Village Renewal Projects in Camolin and Ferns. An update was also provided on Courtown Policing Fora, Ramsfort Woodland Trail and the current status of the tender process for Gorey Town Park.

The Members noted the success of "A Day for Philip" which was held on Sunday, 24th June, in Hollyfort, and also noted the success of the Junior Achievement Programme.

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 advised that the French Ambassador is visiting Gorey on the 4th October and recommended that a photo call be arranged in Ferns to launch the Ferns Heritage Conference. The Committee unanimously agreed with the request.

The District Manager advised that the PolskaEire Committee had extended an invitation to members and officials of Gorey Municipal District to visit their native district of Gmina, Pucks, from the 12th to 15th October and approval has been requested from the Corporate Policy Group to attend this Centre of Culture, Sport and Tourism event.

Cllr. R. Ireton expressed concern regarding overcrowding in Riverchapel National School and advised that the current site had no capacity for an extension. He recommended that the Committee contact the Department of Education outlining these concerns and ask that this school receive attention, with the possibility of providing a second Primary School in the area to be investigated. He further recommended that “Deis” status be investigated as part of this process.

Cllr. J. Hegarty outlined continuing concerns regarding the site of the former Bayview Hotel and the Director of Services advised that he would meet the owner of the site prior to the September Meeting.

Cllr. J. Hegarty also requested that a meeting be scheduled with the business owners on Esmonde Street advising them of plans to develop the back lanes in the area with a view to getting approval from the landowners to proceed with these plans.

The Chairman also discussed the proposal of sourcing a sash for members to use when attending Civic Receptions, local or national events. Following a discussion on the proposal, a vote took place with Cllrs. J. Sullivan, F. O’Súilleabháin, P. Breen and M. Farrell recommending the proposal. Cllr. A. Donohoe was not in favour of this proposal, with Cllr. R. Ireton recommending that a ceremonial robe similar to the one used by the members of Wexford Borough Council be examined. Following on from this vote, the District Manager agreed to request some samples for the September Meeting, where the item would be discussed in greater detail.

A further discussion took place regarding the requirement for a second Chain and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was agreed to examine the possibility of sourcing a second Chain for the Vice-Chairperson, as a number of events have coincided recently with the Chairman and Vice–Chairman attending different events on the same night. The District Manager also agreed to investigate this proposal further.

A general discussion took place regarding the District’s boundary realignment and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, it was agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government outlining the concerns of Gorey Municipal District regarding this new proposal.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 18th September, 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. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

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

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

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 17th July, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the July Meeting:

Cllr. M. Farrell sought an update on the former St. Joseph's Site and District Manager, Ms. Amanda Byrne, advised that she would report back at the October Meeting.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin enquired about the Council's policy on the provision of ramps and District Engineer, Mr. Neville Shaw, advised that the policy is almost finalised and would be brought to the District once completed.

Cllr. Farrell had highlighted concerns regarding visible lime scale in water in the Kilmuckridge Area earlier in the summer. Mr. Tony Quirke confirmed that material had become disturbed resulting from a leak at Ballyminaun, but following repairs, a full audit sample had been completed and that water was now clear. He added that he would provide Cllr. Farrell with a copy report.

Cllr. R. Ireton expressed serious concerns for the health & safety of children being dropped off and collected from Riverchapel NS and called on the Council's Traffic Warden to police the area at these times. Cllr. J. Sullivan informed the Committee that similar

issues occur at the Loretto School, Gorey, which also needed addressing. Ms. A. Byrne stated it was essential that schools adopt a policy in the first instance, before any enforcement can be introduced. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, informed the Committee that he would co-ordinate a meeting with the Council, the Riverchapel School Board of Management and the local Gardaí. It was agreed to firstly address the problem at Riverchapel NS and then look at the Loretto School.

A discussion took place about future plans for the former St. Joseph's NS site. Members were in agreement that a balanced plan, combining housing units and car parking was essential for this prime, town centre location. Mr. E. Taaffe informed the Committee that the County Architect is currently drawing up plans for the site which will be brought before the members for consideration.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Mr. Niall McCabe updated members on progress made since the last Committee Meeting. Cllr. M. Byrne welcomed this progress but again sought reassurance that priority be given to those families and individuals from the area that have been on the Housing List for a long number of years. Cllr. M. Byrne requested that the new housing development, Hunters Hill, be allocated to those on the social housing list longer than others, regardless of some priorities. Mr. N. McCabe explained it is a priority based list, not time based.

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed a Motion be put forward to the Full Council to "*Review the System of Housing Allocation Policy and that greater priority be given to families on the Housing List in excess of 7 years*", seconded by Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin. Cllr. A. Donohoe called on the Council to sort out the families living in emergency accommodation first, before people who have a home.

Mr. McCabe responded to all other queries and then withdrew from the meeting.

Planning:

Members noted the Planning Report. Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin outlined continuing concerns regarding the site of the former Bayview Hotel and called for a higher levy to be placed on the owners. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that a meeting with the owners would be called before the October District Meeting.

Roads:

Members noted the Roads Report and raised some general queries.

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his concerns over the condition of footpaths in the Town. Mr. Shaw informed the Committee that following a survey carried out earlier in the year on potential trips that a number of footpath repairs were due to commence shortly.

Cllr. M. Byrne asked why was there a delay with the introduction of a one-way system at The Monument. Mr. Shaw informed members that he had acquired prices, but that there was a significant cost involved and that he would speak to the Senior Engineer.

Members called for basic CCTV cameras to be placed in Gorey Town Park following extensive damage earlier this month, particularly to lighting. Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that the Contractor will be commencing shortly and as a new lighting design was incorporated in the Town Park development plans, lights will not be replaced, but would look into temporary repair measures.

Mr. Shaw also responded to other queries raised by members.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report.

Mr. T. Quirke responded to queries raised by members on recent sewage problems in Camolin and at Kilmuckridge Family Resource Centre, water disruptions at Pallas & Fort Road, a leak at The Monument and water quality in Oakwood/The Heath.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, reminded members of the various events taking place on Culture Night, later that week, and advised that work was progressing on Halloween and Christmas festivities.

Ms. A. Byrne also reminded members of 'Make Way Day' taking place on the 26th September and that Gorey has been chosen as Ireland's first 'Digital Town' for the location of Ireland's Internet Day 2018 events on Thursday, 25th October.

Cllr. M. Farrell expressed her dissatisfaction with responses to queries raised through the Members Support System, to which other members agreed. Mr. E. Taaffe advised that the priority has been piloting Environment through the CSR Unit, to be followed by Housing and Planning. He added that additional staff and IT resources have been introduced and whilst the system is taking time to get up and running, it is continuously improving. The focus will then be switched on the Member's System.

Pay Parking

Cllr. J. Sullivan called for the Pay Parking Bye-Laws to be amended to exclude Eire Street and Cluainin as they are essentially residential areas. Mr. E. Taaffe informed the Committee that as the members had only passed the resolution in July they could not revoke or amend this within six months of the date of its adoption. Members expressed their concerns that family carers in these areas would find it difficult to access parking. Cllr. J. Hegarty asked for assurance that carers would not be affected by this decision. Ms. A. Byrne said that residents and carers will continue to get permits and that they just need to apply to the office. Cllr. J. Hegarty recommended complying with the Bye-Laws for a 12 month period and to re-visit at that stage, if necessary.

Community Enhancement Programme 2018

A discussion took place with regard to the Community Enhancement Programme and members requested that the District write to the Community & Development Section to amend future application forms to include a section seeking additional information on how proposals will address disadvantaged areas. Members agreed to defer their recommendation.

Community Signage

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee of a new community event advertising initiative which will designate 3 areas, namely Knockmullen, Courtown Road and the Clough Road, as areas where the community can advertise upcoming events. All members were in agreement to this proposal, though Cllr. J. Sullivan requested that the Carnew Road and Arklow Road be considered so as to include all approach roads to the town.

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

Proposed Taking in Charge

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was agreed to take the following estates in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - An Bruach, Kilanerin; Annesley Court, Camolin; Beachside, Courtown; Brooklyn Court, Tara Hill; Oakwood, Ramstown Lower (Water Services only) and The Paddocks, Phase 1 (Water Services only).

Cllr. M. Farrell requested that The Racecourse, Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge, and Tobair Meara, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge, be considered for the Taking-in Charge process.

Cllr. M. Byrne sought an update on The Heath and Mr. N. Shaw advised that a major issue with a sewer line was currently being investigated.

Residents Association Grants 2018

The Chairman advised that Residents Association Grant Applications had been received from Newhaven Residents Association and Millbrook Residents Association and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500.00 to each of these Residents Groups.

No. 4 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin expressed his concerns over the continued felling of mature trees across North Wexford. Cllr. J. Hegarty suggested raising this issue under the Review of the Development Plan.

Cllr. R. Ireton asked why a Community Centre had not been included as part of the Town & Village Scheme 2018 application for Courtown. Ms. A. Byrne explained that projects that had a clear economic focus had been chosen, namely harbour projects.

Cllr. R. Ireton informed the Committee that illegal encampment in Courtown over the summer months led to serious litter, tree cutting, fires and damage to the area, with little involvement from the Gardaí. Cllr. P. Breen agreed that the problem was escalating and as the traveller population is becoming more transient, that each District will have to

provide a halting site. Ms. A. Byrne agreed to invite the Superintendent to the District's October meeting.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested that the Committee renew links with young people in the District. Ms. A. Byrne advised that she would get an update from the current Youth Participation Programme in Courtown in the first instance.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested a letter of support from Gorey Municipal District be sent to An Post calling for the retention of the Post Office in Coolgreany.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin requested Letters of Congratulations to the following:

- Mia Robbins, 5th Year student in Creagh College, who was chosen to be part of the Irish Boxing Team for the Ireland Vs England match at an international competition held in Edenderry, Offaly, recently.
- Leanne Boland, Coolgreany Handball Club, for winning the County under-17 Singles Final in Ballymitty.
- Gorey Artist, Paul McCloskey, who was awarded 2nd prize in the prestigious 'London Contemporary Art Prize' where he was presented with the 'materials bursary award' at the Store Street Gallery in London in July.
- Archaeologist, Dr. Clíodhna Ní Lionáin, and her Team on their monumental discovery at Dowth Hall, Co. Meath, for what has been called the 'archaeological find of the century'.
- The many members of Tuaisceart Loch Garman who were successful in various categories in the Leinster and All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

Cllr. J. Hegarty expressed his congratulations to Conor Moore on receiving first place in the over 18s category of Céilí Drums at the 2018 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 16th October, 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. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Michelle Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer.

Items Circulated: 2019 Draft Budgetary Plan for Gorey Municipal District.
Report on Vacant Homes Project.

2019 Draft Budgetary Plan for Gorey Municipal District.

Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT, presented the 2019 Draft Budgetary Plan for Gorey Municipal District and highlighted the main provisions thereof. Ms. O'Neill informed the Committee that the 2019 total allocation is currently proposed at a minimum of the same level as 2018. Ms. A. O'Neill responded to queries raised by the members.

Cllr. M. Byrne expressed concern that the proposed allocation to the Gorey District is close to the lowest in the county with Cllr. R. Ireton adding that it is far below that of Enniscorthy. Cllr. F. O'Súilleabháin questioned the disparity between school meals funding in the four Districts. Ms. O'Neill advised that the allocation is activity based and that it is a programme based mainly in urban or Deis designated areas and that by taking into account the greater number of schools with disadvantaged status in the Enniscorthy District, there is little difference between Districts.

Cllr. A. Donohoe proposed increasing the Casual Trading Licence Fee at Market Square from €600 to €2,000 per annum. Cllr. M. Byrne seconded this proposal and added that this market was not a traditional craft market, but rather a commercial market competing with rate paying businesses in town.

Cllr. R. Ireton put forward a counter-proposal of increasing the licence fee to €1,000 per annum, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell. Both proposals were put to a vote.

Proposed increase to €2,000 p.a.	For (3)	Against (5)
Proposed increase to €1,000 p.a.	For (8)	Against (0)

The Committee agreed unanimously to increase the Casual Trading Licence Fee at Market Square, Gorey, from €600 p.a. to €1,000 p.a.

The members gave due consideration to the Gorey Municipal District 2019 Draft Budgetary Plan and on the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Committee adopted the Plan without amendment.

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 18th September, 2018 were agreed and adopted.

Matters Arising from the September Meeting:

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin sought an update on the parking situation at Riverchapel NS. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, advised the Committee that he and the Area Engineer had observed the area and were looking at various options for improving the existing layout, but would have to speak to the school in the first instance.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin sought an update on the Bayview Hotel. District Manager, Ms. Amanda Byrne, explained that discussions were ongoing between the owner and the Planning Department, to develop a scheme compatible with planning guidelines.

Mr. E. Taaffe provided members with an update on the District Town Park Tender and the Market House Re-development.

Cllr. J. Hegarty sought an update on the former St. Joseph's Site and was advised that the Housing Department would be presenting a draft plan for the site at the November Meeting.

Cllr. Hegarty expressed the view that the Motion submitted by Gorey Municipal District to "*Review the System of Housing Allocation Policy and that greater priority be given to families on the Housing List in excess of 7 years*" did not receive due attention because of firstly a query as to whether or not it was permissible and once this was established, failure on the part of the Gorey members to cohesively advocate for it. Cllr. Hegarty suggested that when similar motions are put forward in the future, a more strategic approach should be taken to ensure they are properly discussed at full Council.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Housing

Members noted the Housing Report. Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his frustration that Wexford County Council is not committed to providing houses in the Gorey District and calculated that less than 7% of total housing units being constructed were in the District. Mr. E.

Taaffe suggested completing an analysis of total housing delivery units for Gorey, rather than just construction, and to continue with this discussion once the figures are available to members.

Cllr. J. Sullivan called on the Council to request that Rent Supplement and HAP Rates for Gorey to be brought in line with rural Wicklow. Ms. M. Bridges-Carley informed the Committee that the Council is in regular contact with the Department for a fairer system of banding, but that levels can only be increased on a countywide basis. Cllr. M. Byrne called for a meeting with Minister Eoghan Murphy to discuss differentials and requested that the rates be made available to the District Committee in advance.

Ms. Bridges-Carley responded to other queries raised by members:

Planning – Derelict Sites

Cllr. M. Farrell enquired why a derelict premise at Ballyedmond was not listed and Ms. A. Byrne advised that she would report back.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report. Cllr. M. Byrne proposed moving ahead with temporary safety measure works at The Monument. Mr. Shaw informed the Committee that all remaining funding was already allocated, but that he had included an application for funding for these works under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme.

Mr. Shaw also responded to other queries raised by members, including:

- ❖ Pedestrian Crossing Lights at Kilmuckridge & Riverchapel;
- ❖ Traffic Lights on Main Street;
- ❖ Low Cost Safety Measures in Ballymoney Village;
- ❖ Safety Rail at Riverchapel NS;
- ❖ Signage at Willow Park / Creagh Domain Crossroads;
- ❖ The Heath Sewerage.

Water Services

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

District Manager's Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village and Rural Recreation Schemes. Ms. A. Byrne also updated members on events which took place and visiting dignitaries to the District since the last meeting, along with all upcoming events.

Cllr. R. Ireton expressed the view that Town & Village Scheme funding should be used to provide a Community Centre for Courtown. Ms. A. Byrne explained this was not possible and re-iterated that only projects with a clear economic focus had been chosen. She added that the LPF and FDYS had assisted in sourcing a premises which would be available for public meetings and that this could be the beginning of building up an application for funding for a full scale community centre.

Cllr. M. Byrne commended the work of those involved in organising Culture Night and called on the District to continue developing links with cultural organisations. He asked that this be made a specific agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin commended the work of those involved in bringing the IE Domains Internet Day to Gorey.

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

Proposed Taking in Charge

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, it was agreed to take Millfield, Ballycanew, in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

No. 4 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

No. 5 AOB

Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that a letter of congratulations would be sent to Gorey Rangers following their success during the summer winning the Volkswagen Cup after a 54 year gap.

Members expressed best wishes to Naomh Eanna GAA in the Senior County Hurling Final on Sunday and to Kilanerin Ballyfad GAA in the Senior County Football Final Replay on Saturday.

Members also expressed congratulations to Buffers Alley Intermediate Camogie Team on their County Final win and to Catherine Barnes, Kilanerin, on being awarded FCI Wexford Family Carer of the Year.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 20th November, 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. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr. Shay Howell, County Architect,
Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms. Debbie Stanley, Asst. Staff Officer,

Apologies: Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,

Items Circulated: Report on proposed development for Wexford Street Site,
Report outlining Provision of Social Housing Units 2017 – 2019,
Report outlining Rent and HAP Payments.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the following Minutes were agreed and adopted:

- Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District of the 16th October, 2018.
- Meeting with Gardaí of the 16th October, 2018.

Matters Arising from the October Meeting:

Cllr. R. Ireton called on the Council to ensure more is done to prevent illegal encampment in Courtown following the level of disruption and damage to the area last summer. Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager, confirmed that the Council had already met with Gardaí and the Environment Section in preparation for the next summer season.

Cllr. M. Farrell sought an update on the derelict cottage in Ballyedmond. Cllr. P. Breen informed the Committee that as the owners have refused to engage with the Council, that this matter is now being dealt with by the Council's Legal Department.

Cllr. M. Farrell questioned why the pedestrian crossing at Kilmuckridge NS is still not lighting, to which Mr. N. Shaw replied that he was waiting for energisation by the ESB. District Director, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, advised that he would make contact with the appropriate ESB management to resolve this matter.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin sought an update on the parking situation at Riverchapel NS. Mr. Neville Shaw informed the Committee that the Council would be meeting with the school to discuss options for parking.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report. Cllr. M. Byrne expressed his concerns over infrastructure problems with roads and footpaths in the Gorey District and insufficient funds to resolve all these issues, particularly if the country is hit by another bad winter this year. Mr. N. Shaw agreed that it is a struggle to complete the Roads Work Programme each year as he also has to consider other jobs that need to be done outside the Programme. Mr. N. Shaw also confirmed that the Roads Budget for 2019 will still be managed in full through the District, bearing in mind the proposed electoral boundary changes next year.

Mr. Shaw also responded to other queries raised by members, including:

- ❖ Local Improvement Scheme Applications;
- ❖ Members Small Local Road Works Spend;
- ❖ Pedestrian Crossing and extension of reduced speed zone in Ballymoney Village;
- ❖ Water issues at The Monument;
- ❖ Leak at Garden City.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report. Cllr. M. Byrne sought an update on the sewerage issue in The Heath. Mr. N. Shaw advised that the Contractor had conducted a preliminary survey on the pipe, that quotations had been sought for realignment works, which should be completed before the year end. He also confirmed that the bond should be sufficient to complete repairs and that the estate would be ready for taking-in-charge in early 2019.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested that public consultation commence for the taking-in-charge of Twin Oaks, Gorey, in December. Mr. E. Taaffe informed the Committee that this would be dependent on an infrastructure assessment, but once confirmed, arrangements can be made for advertising. Cllr. M. Byrne asked that a Report be made available to the Committee at the next District Meeting in the event of this not progressing.

Housing

Mr. Shay Howell, County Architect, presented a proposed housing and apartment scheme development, including 40 public car park spaces and a communal refuse and recycling

area for the former St. Joseph's CBS site on Wexford Street. Cllr. R. Ireton advised that he would be rejecting the proposed development as he felt the site would be better used as a car park and was concerned about the underlying soil structure on the site. Cllr. A. Donohoe was not in favour of the overall design, but did not oppose the plan. The remaining members welcomed and supported the development, proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. P. Breen. Members took a vote on the proposed development - For (7); Against (1). Mr. Padraig O'Gorman, Housing SEO, advised that Stage 1 of the proposed development will be submitted to the Department before Christmas with expected completion in 2022.

Mr. P. O'Gorman presented members with a report outlining Rent and HAP payment figures which highlighted that the average rent across the Gorey District is the highest in the county. Members expressed their concerns over this and Cllr. J. Sullivan again called for an increase in bands, while Cllr. M. Byrne called for an Affordable Housing Scheme.

Mr. N. McCabe presented a countywide report on the direct and indirect provision of new social housing units for the years 2017 to 2019 and advised that the focus of the Housing Capital Section since 2017 has been to increase the number of units to meet both social housing demand and correct historical deficit. Members welcomed the report and acknowledged that of the four districts, Gorey would receive the highest amount of social housing units in the 2017-2019 period. Cllr. M. Byrne said the report highlighted the lack of construction and called on the Council to acquire more land. Cllr. J. Hegarty thanked the Housing Department and stated that it was evident they were responding to the housing crisis, but that the focus must switch to direct build once the current crisis has been addressed.

Members called for a review of the priority based Scheme of Letting and asked Mr. P. O'Gorman to consider how to give greater priority to those who have been on the Social Housing List for a long time. Mr. O'Gorman informed the Committee that it is a countywide Scheme and that any amendments would need to go before all Districts.

Mr. P. O'Gorman also updated members on the Vacant Homes Pilot Project for Ferns and Camolin. The Committee was also informed that the final Refugee Family was being re-located to the District next week and Mr. O'Gorman acknowledged the assistance received from members in integrating these vulnerable people into the Community. Cllr. J. Hegarty reminded members that the New Communities Welcome & Awards Event is taking place in the Civic Offices on the 11th December.

Report on Delegation Visit to Puck, Poland

Cllr. A. Donohoe gave members a brief overview on a recent Gorey MD delegation who visited Puck, in Poland. Cllr. Donohoe explained that Puck has many similar attractions as Gorey, with it being a seaside village with a marina, and similar cultural heritage practices. He proposed inviting a delegation back to Gorey in 2019, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell, with all members in favour.

Cllr. M. Byrne urged that the District continue developing links with Normandy, with next year being the 850 year anniversary of the first Norman landings. Ms. A. Byrne informed the Committee that a Tourism Officer has recently been appointed and subject to funding

being made available and the support of the trade, a programme will be put in place for 2019.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village and Rural Recreation Schemes, the Christmas Planting Scheme, Tidy Towns Network Night, Halloween and Christmas Festivities.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin commended businesses in Gorey for their window dressings and for their staff participating in the Halloween festivities.

Cllr. A. Donohoe expressed congratulations to Bunclody on their recent success in the Pride of Place Awards.

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

No. 4 Motion

(1) Consider Motion submitted by Cllr. Malcolm Byrne:

"Gorey Municipal District Council recognises the excellent work done by St. Aidan's Services, Gorey, and expresses serious concern at the failure of the HSE to make outstanding payments to St. Aidan's. That we write to the HSE expressing this view and seek to meet with them to resolve the issue"

Motion seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty and all members in favour.

Cllr. M. Byrne requested that the Council write to the HSE expressing their concerns about the failure of the HSE to honour payment of service level agreements.

(2) Consider Motion submitted by Cllr. Fiontán Ó Súilleabháin:

"I call on this council to further enhance Gorey Town Centre by the installation of a mains water dispenser, providing easily accessible mains line tap water, as is provided in some Irish towns and as is common across Europe"

Motion seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and all members in favour.

No. 5 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

With regard to correspondence to the Minister for Education & Skills re overcrowding in Riverchapel NS, Ms. A. Byrne advised that she had contacted the principal and offered to assist to compile more detailed information to make a joint submission from the school and the Municipal District.

No. 6 AOB

Members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- Irish Rugby Team on their recent win over New Zealand in the Autumn Internationals;
- Naomh Éanna GAA Club on their Senior County Hurling Final Win;
- Courtown Golf Club on the Ladies All-Ireland AIG Junior Foursomes Win.

Cllr. J. Hegarty informed the Committee that the Council was sourcing a suitable Visitor's Book for Civic Events and a presentation piece to mark milestone anniversaries and celebrations of local clubs and groups.

Cllr. J. Hegarty brought forward a proposal to assist Ballycanew in securing a prospective building in the village for use as a community facility, by way of funding one-third of the annual rent, with the remaining two-thirds funded by Ballycanew and the Council's Community Department. Cllr. P. Breen suggested meeting with stakeholders bearing in mind the proposed electoral boundary changes next year, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Cllr. J. Hegarty asked that a Programme of Events be compiled to celebrate Gorey's 400 years of formal town status next year. Ms. A. Byrne advised that two projects have featured so far; Gorey 400 book and a commemorative planting project to be led by Gorey Tidy Towns.

Ms. A. Byrne reminded members of the opening of an Art Exhibition in Askamore Community Hall on 23rd November, displaying the works of local artists in a variety of mediums.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ la de _____ 2018

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Gorey Municipal District
held on Tuesday, 18th December, 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. John Hegarty, Cathaoirleach,

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

Officials: Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services,
Ms. Amanda Byrne, District Manager,
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr. Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer,
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer,
Mr. Brendan Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist,
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment,
Mr. Peter Byrne, Waste Disposal Officer, Environment,
Mr. Leonard Poole, Executive Engineer, Environment,
Mr. Noel Byrne, Holmestown Recycling Facility ,
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Housing.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey Municipal District held on the 20th November, 2018 were signed and adopted with no matters arising.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

Environment:

Mr. Brendan Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist attended the meeting and circulated a comprehensive report on Air Pollution with particular emphasis on County Wexford and Gorey town.

The report outlined details of Air Quality Monitoring in County Wexford where monitoring commenced in Gorey in September 2018 and demonstrated that PM10 and PM2.5 readings are elevated, but below present WHO limits.

The members were advised that at present there is only one designated smokeless zone in County Wexford, which is Wexford town. Cllr. Byrne expressed his desire to designate Gorey town as a smokeless zone and was advised by Mr. Cooney that National Guidelines are due to be issued in the coming months. Cllr. Byrne expressed concern as these guidelines have been expected to issue for the past twelve months and strongly recommended that this matter be revisited at the January Meeting and consideration be given to issuing a County Bye Law if no progress has been made regarding the National Guidelines.

Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment, presented a comprehensive report outlining the current legislation in relation to enforcement of litter offences, the relevant fines and the impact of WCC Litter Management Plan 2017 – 2019.

Mr. Maguire advised that a four strand approach was taken in the Environment Department concerning Litter Management, including education & awareness, prevention & control, enforcement and partnership projects with community groups, businesses & schools.

Details of Enforcement Activity and Litter Management priorities for 2019 were also presented and Mr. Maguire was thanked for a very comprehensive report.

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, provided a detailed report outlining the number of staff employed in the Cleanup Crews and Recycling Centres throughout the County. Mr. Noel Byrne advised that progress was being made and that the Customer Service Department had provided invaluable assistance by logging and recording all illegal dumping complaints and queries. He stressed that the Department were striving to move towards a more proactive rather than reactive approach and felt that this is now possible as there is a Team working in the North and South of the County where the visible presence of staff is proving effective.

Mr. Peter Byrne also updated the members on the progress being made in the Recycling Centres and the members commended the facilities and management at the Recycling Centre in Gorey Town.

The members congratulated the Environment Team on the work to date, but requested that the following issues in GMD be addressed in 2019:

- Illegal encampments in beach areas during the summer period.
- Deep clean of “Chuckies River”
- Ensure that collections at bottle banks are as scheduled and not missed.

Serious concern was expressed regarding access from the pier in Courtown, particularly in relation to the RNLi boat, and the Councillors unanimously agreed that this issue was extremely urgent and required immediate attention.

The Senior Engineer agreed to report back to the members at the January Meeting and stated that a final report was awaited from the Consultants, which should be available for discussion in January 2019.

Roads

Members noted the Roads Report and welcomed progress made on the pedestrian crossing in Kilmuckridge. Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin expressed concern regarding site lines at the junction at the triangle in Ballymoney and requested the Engineer to examine same.

Members also requested an update on works carried out on Ballydarragh Lane under the Discretionary Grant Scheme and were advised that some difficulties had arisen which would be addressed.

Cllr. Donohoe also expressed concern regarding flooding at Ballinabarney Hill and Stewarts Hill, near Hollyfort, and requested that the areas be examined with a view to improvement works being carried out to alleviate the ongoing problems.

Water Services

Members noted the Water Services Report.

Housing

Ms. M. Bridges Carley presented the Housing Report and responded to all matters arising.

District Manager's Report

Ms. A. Byrne provided members with an update on specific projects, in particular Town & Village and Rural Recreation Schemes, the Big Switch On, Gorey 400 and the Circe Pavillion which is due to be erected in Q1 of 2019.

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

Proposed Taking in Charge

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, it was agreed to take the following Estates in Charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000:

- Harbour Court, Courtown
- Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel
- Curragh Woods, Kilanerin
- Glen Aoibhinn, Ardamine
- Hunters Green, Creagh Demesne

No. 4 Motion - None

No. 5 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

No. 6 AOB - None

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**John Hegarty,
Cathaoirleach,
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