

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in Gorey Courthouse, Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021, at 2:00pm**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,  
Cllr Andrew Bolger,  
Cllr Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr Mary Farrell,  
Cllr Donal Kenny  
Cllr Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin, Leas-Chathaoirleach,  
Cllr Joe Sullivan,  
Cllr Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, District Director,  
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Administrator,  
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Mr Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer (Special Projects),  
Ms Helen Frayne, Senior Staff Officer (Housing),  
Mr George Colfer, Executive Engineer (Environment),  
Ms Pauline Moore, Staff Officer (Planning),

Apologies: Cllr Diarmuid Devereux,  
Cllr Willie Kavanagh.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr P Breen welcomed Ms Liz Hore to the Meeting and wished her well in her new position as District Director.

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

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr D Kenny, seconded by Cllr A Bolger the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr M Farrell, seconded by Cllr A Bolger the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were signed and adopted.

*1.2 Matters Arising:*

There were no Matters Arising.

**No. 2 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

*2.1 Courtown North Beach Nourishment Scheme & Marina Project*

Mr B Galvin provided members with an update on the Courtown North Beach Nourishment Scheme and Marina Project. He advised that it could be late 2022/early

2023 before a Statutory Consent Application would be ready for submission but once that is in place it would be easier to move forward with sourcing funding.

## *2.2 Housing*

Members noted the Housing Report. Responding to housing matters raised at the November District Meeting Ms H Frayne provided an explanation for delays with The Ballagh Housing Scheme and advised that no response had been received regarding correspondence sent to the Housing Affordability Unit.

As with previous Meetings, members expressed their frustration with the housing crisis in North Wexford and emphasised the importance of housing units being delivered on time. Ms Frayne advised that the Q1-22 deadline for Part VIII on St. Walerans is still on track, but contingent on the road alignment being agreed. She also advised once the Scheme of Priority Letting Regulations issue and are adopted by the Council that the application stage will open.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin asked about Social Housing Assistance Forms particularly those that failed to respond by the closing date. Ms Frayne advised where case circumstances are known by the AHO, files may not be closed but for the 48 out of the 242 which failed to respond by the deadline, that they may be closed.

Cllr M Farrell asked what criteria determine a crisis and what factors determine how decisions are made. Ms Frayne advised that the 'Housing for All' Programme which will be presented to members in the Spring will outline the proposed delivery for the next 5 years and will exceed the 1,150-unit target set for Wexford. District Director Ms L Hore reiterated that the key priority is to build units and that there are plans to increase staff numbers on the capital side to assist with this. Cllr A Donohoe felt that the Council needs to stop the practice of buying turnkeys off the private market and instead build their own houses and develop their own lands & properties. Ms Frayne said that periodically the Council goes for turnkeys to secure housing and without this, housing targets would not be met. She also said some proposed Schemes are not listed on the Monthly Report but once DHLGH funding is approved, details will be brought before the members.

## *2.3 Environment*

Members noted the Environment Report. Mr G Colfer informed the members that the Ahare River Report is currently being reviewed by Consultants but in the interim it is proposed to look at a Flood Alert System for the road.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin referred to recent accessibility investigations carried out on North Wexford Beaches by Student, Matthew McGrath. Cllr Ó'Súilleabháin suggested looking at Ballymoney Beach as a Pilot Programme and Mr Colfer advised that he will be meeting with WCC Access Officer and Mr McGrath in January for further discussions. Members supported the rollout of such a Programme to other beaches going forward. Cllr M Farrell said that it is not just a boardwalk that is needed, but accessible public convenience and other supports & infrastructure that goes with it.

## *2.4 Roads*

Members noted the Roads Report and Ms J Kehoe responded to issues raised by members including:

- ✚ Over-hanging boughs.
- ✚ Willow Park Crossing – Japanese Knotweed.
- ✚ Lighting along the Fort Road & through Willow Park.
- ✚ Flooding below the Church in Kilmuckridge.
- ✚ School Crossings.

Cllr J Sullivan paid tribute to the works carried out by Ms Kehoe throughout the District in 2021.

## *2.6 Water Services*

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

## *2.7 Additional Departmental Reports*

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

## *2.8 District Administrator's Report*

Mr P Knight informed the members that Consultants are progressing with the Esmonde Street Regeneration Design.

Mr Knight referred to Wexford County Councils collaboration with the Irish Institute of Digital Business at DCU using 'Hello Lamp Post' to bring state of the art interactive AI technology to various sites across Gorey. He added that Hello Lamp Post will provide an exciting and accessible way of communicating with the people in the area, whilst also sharing important local information to people. In addition, connected sensors will be placed along Gorey Main Street in the New Year to measure air quality, noise and footfall throughout the day.

To conclude, Mr Knight expressed his thanks to all the staff and members of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.

Cllr A Donohoe asked that his request for the Market House Project to progress in 2022 be brought back to the Chief Executive and Ms L Hore advised that he will be meeting with the District Members in the New Year.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin referred to the Council Chamber of the Market House which has fallen into a dilapidated state and asked could it be looked at pending the re-development of the building as he felt it would be an ideal place to display historic artifacts.

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

### *3.1 Section 183 – Property on Main Street, Coolgreany, Gorey*

On the proposal of Cllr J Sullivan, seconded by Cllr D Kenny, the Section 183 for the Main Street Property, Coolgreany, Gorey was recommended.

### *3.2 Proposed TIC – Millquarter, Knockmullen, Gorey (Houses 91 to 108 inclusive)*

On the proposal of Cllr. A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr J Sullivan, it was agreed to take Millquarter, Knockmullen, Gorey (Houses 91 to 108 inclusive), in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Ms P Moore agreed to follow-up with a Taking-in-Charge Application for Charlotte Grove and revert to the Committee.

### *3.3 GKMD Residents Association Grant Scheme 2021*

The Chairman advised that a Residents Association Grant Application had been received from Millbrook Residents Association and on the proposal of Cllr A Bolger, seconded by Cllr J Sullivan, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500.

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

None.

## **No. 5 Correspondence**

All Meeting Correspondence was noted.

## **No. 6 AOB**

A discussion took place on Town Twinning and it was agreed to look at towns in France & Spain.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**Pip Breen,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District**