

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in Gorey Courthouse, Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, at 2:30pm**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,  
Cllr Andrew Bolger,  
Cllr Diarmuid Devereux,  
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, Director of Services/District Director,  
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Administrator,  
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms. Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Ms Helen Frayne, Senior Staff Officer (Housing),  
Ms Oonagh Messett, Project Co-ordinator, Celtic Routes,

Apologies: Mr George Colfer, Coastal Engineer,  
Mr Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,  
Cllr Willie Kavanagh.

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

### *1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr J Sullivan, seconded by Cllr D Kenny the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were signed, and adopted.

### *1.2 Matters Arising:*

It was agreed to address Matters Arising during the various Reports.

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

### *2.1 Celtic Routes Presentation*

Ms Oonagh Messette, Project Co-ordinator of the Celtic Routes Project outlined to the Committee its success to date. The project covers counties Wicklow, Wexford & Waterford along with three locations in Wales. As a tourism promotion, members heard how the project works with Ireland's Ancient East and the "Visit" websites targeting both national and international visitors using social media & visual streaming platforms and engaging with travel journalists & bloggers.

Ms Messette explained that the project is now faced with an uncertain future as it may not receive the EU funding it now needs because of Brexit. Cllr P Breen felt that

Rosslare routes could be looked at to collaborate with other European countries in terms of creating alliances and Cllr M Farrell agreed that it was all about the international market. She added though that she felt Ireland's Ancient East did not compare to the Wild Atlantic Way and that more focus was needed on beaches and smaller attractions rather than the main one that are highlighted by such projects.

Ms L Hore advised that a strategic review of the Celtic Routes project will take place that will look at the collection of information along with having quality projects that have cost benefits.

Members complimented the success of the project to date and Ms Messette thanked the Committee for their comments adding that they could reach out to her or via the Celtic Routes website with any other suggestions.

## *2.2 Housing*

Members noted the Housing Report. Ms Frayne informed the Committee that by the end of February the Council will be going to the market for more targeted Turnkeys along with calling for land parcels suitable for development in areas of demonstrated demand.

## *2.3 Environment*

Members noted the Environment Report. Mr Knight agreed to follow up with Mr G Colfer regarding access to toilet facilities at North Wexford beaches, including Ballymoney, Morriscastle & Cahore. Mr Knight also agreed to follow up with Mr M Sweeney regarding access to Killala Graveyard in Blackwater.

The members were also informed that a Feasibility Study on facilitating beach accessibility for people in wheelchairs is currently underway.







Cllr D Kenny mentioned a Waste Pick-up Day in Craanford on March 5<sup>th</sup> and asked could he be provided with a skip and gloves for the event. Mr Knight advised he would speak to Ms C Connolly.

## *2.4 Planning*

The members raised a number of queries on Derelict Sites and buildings in the District, including The Macamore Inn, 8 Eire Street, 7 Garden City and it was agreed that a up-to-date report on all such sites & buildings be brought to the March District Meeting.

## *2.5 Roads*

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

-  Consideration of additional safety measures for Mill Lands Road.
-  Ballycanew Footpath Scheme Update.
-  School Wardens for The Ballagh & Monamolin.
-  Tap in Morriscastle.
-  Safety Improvement Works for Ballyfad-Coolgreany-Kilanerlin Road.
-  Craanford Junction.

- ✚ Ballinamona Road.
- ✚ Traffic Calming Signage at Tara Hill School.
- ✚ Road Surface in Oulart Village & Blackwater.

Cllr D Devereux welcomed the €40,000 funding for works at The Monument and Ms Kehoe advised that the Council will be looking at various safety options.

## *2.6 Water Services*

Members noted the Water Services Report and Ms J Kehoe responded to members questions.

Members reported high levels of chlorine in the water from the Sliabh Bhuí Mains, in Gorey Town and Kilmuckridge Village and asked that levels be reviewed. Ms Kehoe agreed to consult with Mr B Hammel before the next District Meeting.

## *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 referred to the "Hello Lamp Post" study which has received poor feedback from the public and advised that scripts are being changed so that conversations will be more direct. It is hoped that with these changes and additional signage that this Pilot Scheme will be more favourable.

Mr Knight advised that TVRS Works are continuing in Courtown and commended the works complete to date.

Mr Knight explained how he has been engaging with Community Groups throughout the District since the beginning of the year, facilitated by John Kelly of WLD. The aim of these meetings is to identify potential community projects and align them with funding sources.

Mr Knight referred to the GKMD Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grant Schemes for 2022 which closed last Friday, and it is anticipated that allocations will be brought before the March District Meeting for approval.

Mr Knight also mentioned upcoming events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Gorey Market House Festival, plans for both which are progressing well. He also referred to the Gorey Night Run which takes place on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, and the North Wexford 2K Clean which will resume this Spring in its pre-pandemic format.

Members agreed to a change of date for the March District Meeting to Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

### *Offer of Sympathy:*

Cllr D Kenny offered his sympathies to Cllr J Sullivan following the recent death of his mother, Margaret, sympathies which were concurred by all members and staff.

Sympathies were also extended to Deputy Verona Murphy on the death of her mother, Breda along with Cllr Maura Bell on the recent death of her mother, Emma.

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

None.

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

None.

**No. 5 Correspondence**

None.

**No. 6 AOB**

Mr Knight informed the members that David Codd will attend the March District Meeting for the Special Speed Limit Review Pre-Draft Consultation.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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