

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 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 Willie Kavanagh,  
Cllr Donal Kenny,  
Cllr Joe Sullivan,  
Cllr Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, Director of Services/District Director,  
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,  
Mr Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Mr James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner,  
Ms Helen Frayne, Senior Staff Officer (Housing) – MS Teams,  
Mr George Colfer, Executive Engineer (Environment) – MS Teams,

Apologies: Cllr Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin, Leas-Chathaoirleach,  
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Administrator,  
Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner,

Others Attending: Mr Dan Walsh – Press,  
Mr Simon Bourke – Press,  
Ms Verona Murphy, TD – MS Teams.

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

*1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:*

On the proposal of Cllr D Kenny, seconded by Cllr J Sullivan the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on April 19<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 Housing*

Members noted the Housing Report. Ms Frayne informed the Committee that communication had been received from Irish Water advising that the final connection to the Ballagh Housing Scheme would be made by the end of the coming week. She

advised that whilst houses have been allocated, the Council was not able to hand out keys. Ms Frayne also advised that Regulations have issued to allow the Council to proceed with a Draft Scheme of Letting Priorities which will go before the Housing SPC and Full Council.

Cllr J Sullivan sought timelines for the Wexford Street and Tobar Muire Housing Schemes, emphasising the importance of housing units being delivered at a time when there is such a housing crisis in County Wexford. Ms Frayne advised that Wexford Street would go to Stage 3 during Q2 and that Tobar Muire was not in Council ownership yet, though they are fully engaged with the developer to complete this.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on St. Walerans. Ms Frayne had no further housing update due to the outstanding decision regarding the access road to the site. She added that it might be beneficial to invite other parties involved in this development to the next meeting. District Director, Ms L Hore advised she would provide an update at the June District Meeting.

Cllr A Bolger sought an update on the timeline of the affordable housing project in Ramsfort and asked whether a decision to go with modular housing has been made to reduce building time. Ms Frayne said site clearance and survey works will complete over the summer and that she would confirm whether modular housing will be used. She added that the Council cannot proceed to Application Stage without a Scheme of Priorities adopted.

## *2.2 Environment*

Members noted the Environment Report. Mr G Colfer provided an update on works at Balliconnigar Bridge and access works to Ballymoney & Morriscastle beaches.

Cllr D Devereux informed the Committee that transporters are continuing to arrive at a site in Monbay, Craanford unloading cars & batteries and asked could the Environment Section follow-up with an illegal notice. Mr Colfer advised he would speak to the SEE.

Cllr D Devereux was appalled by the litter in Courtown the previous weekend and asked could the Sunday cleaning be brought forward. Mr Colfer advised that litter arrangements are continuously reviewed and that he would speak to the District Engineer. He added that it might be of benefit for some litter groups to come together to see if they could come up with some solution for Courtown.

Cllr M Farrell asked that the boardwalk in Morriscastle be kept clear as its purpose is to make the beach accessible. Mr Colfer advised that it is attended to as often as needed. Mr Colfer also addressed queries regarding the Noticeboard at Morriscastle Beach and when the beach warden was being appointed.

Cllr J Sullivan asked that the Ahare River Report be presented to members of the public and Mr Colfer agreed that he would meet with local Community Groups.

Cllr D Devereux highlighted concerns from the Residents of Ballyminaun Hill regarding odour issues emanating from the compost factory and asked could the Council do anything. Mr Colfer advised that inspections have been carried out and that a Report is

being compiled. Cllr A Donohoe said he has spent time in the plant and that the owner has solutions and is trying to dampen down the smell.

### *2.3 Planning*

The members noted the Planning Report and Mr J Lavin advised that the members should contact him directly with any planning queries.

### *2.4 Roads*

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

- ✚ Road strengthening price comparisons between Claus 804 & Macadam.
- ✚ Roads Staff Nos.
- ✚ Slippery Road from Craanford NS to Junction.
- ✚ Provision of a Loading Bay off the Paul Funge Boulevard.
- ✚ Access Road to Poulshone Beach.
- ✚ Sight Line Issues at Kilmuckridge Junction due to church wall.
- ✚ Trimming at Boolavogue Grotto.
- ✚ Improvements at Clone Cross, Monamolin & Ballyeden/Clonmore/Ballyoughter.
- ✚ Limerick Cross Allocation.
- ✚ Mud soiled footpath from Sean Lios Housing Estate to Town.
- ✚ Gorey to Courtown Footpath Feasibility Study.

### *2.5 Water Services*

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

### *2.6 Additional Departmental Reports*

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

### *2.7 District Administrator's Report*

Ms L Stanley provided Committee members with an update on Specific District Projects.

#### *Esmonde Street Regeneration:*

Ms Stanley advised that it could be 4-5 months before this Report would be issued.

#### *Digital Innovation Programme:*

Ms Stanley said a Report on this would be made available at the June District Meeting.

#### *Courtown TVRS 2020:*

Ms Stanley advised that a disused piece of land has been identified at the entrance of Baile na Trá which will be used as a seating area and community vegetable garden at the Trailhead. She said this will be going to tender in the next 4-6 weeks.

### *North Wexford 2K Clean*

Ms Stanley informed the members that the date for the NW2K Clean Awards Ceremony is to be set in the coming weeks and that six Groups will be going forward with 5 roads or more. Judging will take place during the summer & winter with the winner announced at the Keep Wexford Beautiful Awards later in the year.

### *Local Live Performance Scheme*

Ms Stanley explained that family entertainment will be brought to plazas in Gorey & Courtown over four weekends in June. She added that the events must be run through an Events Management Company but with lots of local artists included.

### *North Wexford Map*

Ms Stanley informed the members that a new map has been commissioned promoting all that North Wexford has to offer. She explained that the map was designed by two local artists and will be distributed to hotels and tourist attractions in the coming week.

Ms Stanley also mentioned recent events such as the Ukrainian Ambassador's Visit to Gorey, the opening of the Riverchapel Community Hub and the launch of the GKMD Ukraine Sunflowers Project.

Ms Stanley advised that Mr P Knight have further details on the Gorey Market House Festival at the June District Meeting.

Ms Stanley informed Committee members that the official launch of the Courtown Pier Enhancement Works will take place on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 1:00pm.

Cllr J Sullivan sought an update on works at Gorey District Park and whether there would be a temporary refreshment stall in place for the summer. Ms L Stanley advised that the Contractor is on site, that planting is proceeding, and it is anticipated that there will be a July launch. Ms L Hore confirmed that the building is the next Phase after planting but that she would provide an update at the June District Meeting.

Cllr M Farrell highlighted how 14 Ukrainian people recently arrived in Kilmuckridge unannounced and called for better co-ordination with local communities and supports so that the needs of these people can be met. Ms L Hore said local authorities will now have more input as they have supports available at local level and that Ms A Byrne will be the Co-ordinator going forward.

Cllr O Walsh acknowledged those involved with the launch of the newly refurbished Blackwater Community Hall.

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

### *3.1 Strategic Housing Development - Kilnahue & Gorey Hill, Carnew Road & Kilnahue Lane (Planning No ABP-313226-22)*

Mr. J Lavin circulated a Map and Architectural Statement to Committee members and provided them with historic details of the site. He explained the wide range of unit types proposed, car-parking, bicycle spaces & bin stores, community & small retail units, a

childcare facility with associated outdoor play areas, vehicular accesses & pedestrian/cyclist crossing and associated road upgrade works. Mr. Lavin said this 421-unit development would yield 84 units to the Council, split affordable and social housing along with the possibility of purchasing additional units.

The members were fully supportive of the proposed development and confident that the necessary road plans would be put in place to address concerns of residents.

Mr. Lavin informed the members that he will issue a Report of the Council's consideration of this development to An Bord Pleanála by the end of May, endorsed by all members.

Cllr A Donohoe asked that Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin be updated on this development and any concerns addressed.

Ms. L Hore advised she would circulate the link to view the application online to the members and any queries should be directed to Mr. Lavin.

### *3.2 Resident Association Grants*

The Chairman advised that Resident Association Grant Applications have been received from Ballycanew Court, Sean Lios & Dune Haven Resident Associations and on the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr D Devereux, it was agreed to provide a grant of €500 to each.

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

None.

## **No. 5 Correspondence**

None.

## **No. 6 AOB**

Cllr A Donohoe asked about the Gorey Market House Project. Ms L Hore agreed to seek an update from Special Projects for the June District Meeting.

### *Offer of Congratulations:*

Cllr M Farrell expressed her congratulations to Kilmuckridge Drama Club on winning the All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals for the second time and Cllr P Breen extended his congratulations to Mr Anthony O'Connor who was named Best Director.

Cllr P Breen also extended his congratulations to Monageer Grotto on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Pride of Place Awards.

Cllr A Donohoe highlighted concerns that had been raised over health & safety requirements on roads during cycle events. Ms J Kehoe said discussions have been

taking place with the Roads Department and Cycle Groups and a Report will issue shortly.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pip Breen informed the Committee that the Annual General Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District will take place on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 2:00pm.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District**