

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

Attendance:

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

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 Lynda Lacey, A/Head of Finance,
Ms Rachel Jordan, Administrative Officer, Housing,
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,
Mr Philip Mansfield, Executive Planner.

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 September 19th, 2023, were signed, and adopted.

1.2 Matters Arising:

Cllr J Sullivan referred to the Tobar Mhuire Development Site where 31 houses remain unfinished following the sites closure in December 2022 and asked how proactive the Council is being in resolving this dispute. Cllr Sullivan felt the Council either needs to resolve the matter or disengage from the process altogether. Ms R Jordan, Housing Section confirmed that the Council is actively engaging to resolve this matter.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr P Breen welcomed Ms Isabel Colleran, journalist with the Gorey Guardian, to her first meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD.

Sympathies:

Cllr J Sullivan proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the family of the late Elizabeth (Betty) Ryan.

Congratulations:

Members extended their congratulations to the following:

-  Shelmaliers – Wexford Senior Football Champions.
-  Ireland Rugby World Cup Team, in particular Tadhg Furlong, Wexford.

No. 2 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

2.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2024

Ms L Lacey, A/Head of Finance, presented the 2024 Draft Budgetary Plan for the GKMD, highlighting the main provisions thereof. She noted the budget has again been prepared against a backdrop of uncertainty in terms of the financial capacity of the Council to deliver a balanced statutory budget for 2024. Ms Lacey said whilst GMA levels will remain at the same level as 2023, members were warned that in the event of serious difficulties becoming apparent during the finalisation of the 2024 budget, there may be a need to revisit this position as part of the Statutory Budget Meeting discussions.

The members gave due consideration to the GKMD 2024 Draft Budgetary Plan and on the proposal of Cllr D Devereux, seconded by Cllr W Kavanagh, the Committee adopted the Plan without amendment.

Cllr A Donohoe asked for figures on Planning Contributions collected in the last 4 years in Gorey and Mr P Knight agreed to revert.

2.2 Proposed Development for Taking-in-Charge – Doire Fea, Clonattin Upper, Gorey

On the proposal of Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin, seconded by Cllr Donal Kenny, it was agreed to take Doire Fea, Clonattin Upper, Gorey, in charge under S.11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and S.180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

2.3 S.183 Transfer of Land at Raheenduff, Oulart, Y25NR79 (Folio WX60291F)

On the proposal of Cllr W Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr M Farrell, the S.183 Transfer of Land at Raheenduff, Oulart, Co Wexford, Y25NR79 (Folio WX60291F) was recommended.






2.4 S.183 Transfer of Land at Ballynadrishoge, Blackwater (Folio WX16851F)

On the proposal of Cllr W Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr M Farrell, the S.183 Transfer of Land at Ballynadrishogue, Blackwater, Co Wexford (Folio WX16851F) was recommended.

No. 3 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

3.1 Housing

The Housing Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted. Ms R Jordan either responded to or agreed to revert on the following:

-  Timeline for 22-Units at Creagh
-  Update on 5-Units in Monamolin
-  Land acquisition for future development in Gorey
-  Update on St. Waleran's Development
-  Timeline for Adaptation Grants

Cllr W Kavanagh asked whether Housing Officers highlight the various Schemes available to those currently on the Housing List. Ms. Jordan agreed to speak to the Area Housing Officers & Tenant Liaison Officers with a view to holding Information Sessions.

Ms L Hore referred to the “Ready to Build” Scheme which is due to come online shortly. It is intended that the local authority will develop existing sites in their control or purchase sites and make them available for development at reduced prices of up to €30,000 below the market value by providing access and services to the sites, such as electricity, water, and wastewater.

3.2 *Environment*

Mr E Brennan informed the Committee that groundworks have commenced at Cahore pending the arrival of a Dryloo System. He assured members that adequate access will be provided which will include a footpath and remodeling of the carpark entrance.

The Environment Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted. Mr Brennan either responded to or agreed to revert on the following:

- ✚ Repairs to Blue Flag Beach pole at Morriscastle Beach
- ✚ Sourcing of CCTV cameras to monitor illegal dumping in Kilmuckridge
- ✚ Ongoing flooding at the Ahare River
- ✚ Odour Issue at Ballyminaun
- ✚ Large-scale dumping of cat litter trays in the Clough/Ballyoughter Area.

Cllr W Kavanagh asked that the Environment Department contact the Minister for Agriculture, Food & Marine with a view to re-opening the Slurry Season should the weather improve in the coming weeks. Cllr P Breen confirmed that the closing date has already been postponed twice and is closing again this coming week.

3.3 *Planning*

The Planning Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted and Mr P Mansfield responded to the following queries raised:

- ✚ Pre-Planning Timelines
- ✚ Solar Panels on protected structures

Cllr F Ó’Súilleabháin sought an update on 8 Eire Street which has been with An Bord Pleanála since July 2021 and Ms L Hore agreed to revert. Ms Hore also added that statutory timelines are currently being proposed for An Bord Pleanála and legislation will be going through the Oireachtas shortly. Ms Hore also agreed to follow up whether 7 Garden City is in Council ownership.

3.4 *Roads*

The Roads Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted. Ms J Kehoe either responded to or agreed to revert on the following:

- ✚ Safety cross measures between the Railway Bridge & The Coach House
- ✚ Coach Road Roundabout & Courtown Footpath
- ✚ Overgrowth along Ballytegan (near St. Waleran’s Site)
- ✚ Safety measures at Craan Hill-Monaseed T-junction and at the Service Station in Inch
- ✚ Left Turn only at Green’s Berry Farm
- ✚ Borleigh to Inch Road Junction
- ✚ Low-Cost Safety Measures at Ramsfort Road, the Ashdown Park Roundabout & Ballyloughlan Cross

- ✚ Update on status of School Warden position for Loreto Primary School
- ✚ Street Lighting issues along Ramstown Road to the Industrial Estate.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the Esmonde Street Re-development Plans and Ms L Hore agreed to revert.

Cllr J Sullivan referred to trees within Gorey District Park which are overhanging and shedding into nearby gardens. Ms L Hore requested that the Town Gardiner liaise with the relevant property owners and for any issues to be addressed.

3.5 Additional Departmental Reports

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

3.6 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted and Mr P Knight provided relevant updates on:

- ✚ St. Waleran's Sports Complex Development
- ✚ Gorey Family Resource Centre
- ✚ Oulart Community Garden
- ✚ Culture Night Events in Gorey
- ✚ Gorey Yellow Belly Comedy Festival

Cllr M Farrell sought an update on the Community Engagement Projects in Kilmuckridge and Mr Knight agreed to bring a Report to the November District Meeting.

Members paid tribute to those involved in the Craanford TVRS Project, the Gorey Yellow Belly Comedy Festival, and the opening of the Boolavogue Community Hall & Heritage Garden.

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

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

5.1 Correspondence to the Office of Mr. Roderic O'Gorman, TD., re proposed conversion of the former St. Therese's B&B establishment into a Direct Provision Centre.

5.2 Acknowledgement from Office of Mr. Roderic O'Gorman, TD.

In relation to the response from Office of Mr. Roderic O'Gorman, TD., Cllr D Devereux asked that confirmation be sought that the St. Therese's B&B establishment will remain as a tourist facility and Ms L Hore asked that further correspondence be issued to the Office seeking clarification.

No. 6 AOB

Ms L Hore referred to the Ballycanew TVRS Project selected by the GKMD to go forward for the next round of funding and sought the member's approval to defer this until next year to allow the Community Group additional time to complete their proposal, proposed by Cllr P Breen, seconded by Cllr D Devereux. Due to the imminent submission deadline for this Scheme, it was agreed to move to the next project which has all permissions in place.

Mr P Knight informed the members that a one-off Community Support Grant Scheme is available for Community Groups within the Gorey District Area to address expenses that cannot be accommodated within the normal Grant Programmes run by GKMD. Mr Knight advised if members are aware of any Groups who wish to apply for this one-off funding, to submit their application by Friday 27th October.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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