

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Gorey Civic Offices, Civic Square, The Avenue,
Gorey on Tuesday, 22nd March 2022, at 2:30pm**

Attendance: (In Chamber):

In the Chair: Cllr Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach,
Cllr Andrew Bolger,
Cllr Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr Mary Farrell,
Cllr Donal Kenny
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 Mary Kinsella, Clerical Officer,
Mr Barry Hammel, Executive Engineer,

Attendance (Microsoft Teams):

Cllr Diarmuid Devereux,
Cllr Fiontán Ó'Súilleabháin, Leas-Chathaoirleach,

Mr Tom Banville, Senior Executive Officer (Planning),
Ms Helen Frayne, Senior Staff Officer (Housing),
Ms Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner (Planning),
Ms Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner (Planning),
Mr George Colfer, Executive Engineer (Environment),
Mr Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner (Planning),

Apologies: Cllr Willie Kavanagh.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr A Bolger, seconded by Cllr O Walsh the Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting and the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on February 15th, 2022 were signed and adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr M Farrell, seconded by Cllr J Sullivan the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD held on February 21st, 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 Planning

Mr Houston advised the Members that the Gorey Local Area Plan which was adopted in 2017 expires next year. He outlined that other Area Plans which are older will need to be completed first. He requested an extension of the current Plan as Planning do not have the resources now to complete it. The Members were informed that if extended, they can revoke it at any stage if not working.

Cllr J Sullivan formally proposed to extend for 3 years, and Cllr A Donohoe seconded. There was no opposition to this.

2.2 Housing

Members noted the Housing Report. Ms Frayne informed the Committee that the Housing Clinics, although due to come back have been deferred due to Covid. Ms Frayne also informed the Members that Part VIII for Wexford Street will go before the next County Council Meeting and then to Stage 3, hopefully in May.

2.3 Environment

Members noted the Environment Report. Mr Colfer informed the Members that the toilets in Ballymoney would be open for the long weekend and interviews for a caretaker are due to take place in April. Toilets would then be open 7 days a week from April to October and weekends only for the rest of the year.

A Warden for Morriscastle Beach will be advertised in the next few weeks.

Mr Colfer informed the Members that the final report for the Ahare River Flooding has been circulated. He also provided an update on the bridge at Ballinaconnigar Beach.

Cllr Ó'Súilleabháin asked could the bins at the end of the Borough Road in Courtown be reinstated. Mr Colfer will follow up on this.

Cllr Sullivan asked could the parking in Ballymoney be looked at. Cllr Donohoe agreed and asked could parking at the popular beaches be looked at.

Mr Colfer confirmed that there will be another mattress amnesty this year.

2.4 Planning

Members noted the Planning Report and the Derelict Sites updated report for March 2022. The Members were informed that the hoarding at the Bayview Hotel is necessary, and Mr Banville stated he was not aware this was near a fire hydrant but will investigate it. Members asked could a meeting be arranged with the proposed developer of the Hotel. Ms Hore will try to arrange. Mr Banville gave an update on the St Waleran's site stating that the demolition on site is due to be completed this week.

2.5 Roads

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

-  Bridge on Courtown Road.

- ✚ Morriscastle Footpath.
- ✚ Safety on the Clonattin Road.
- ✚ Crack on the Ahare Bridge.
- ✚ Drainage issue at Brooklyn Court.
- ✚ Street Lighting.
- ✚ Public Lighting in District Park.
- ✚ Safety Issues at Monageer School.
- ✚ Fort Road – lighting & evergreen trees overhanging onto footpath.

2.6 Water Services

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

Mr Hammel informed the Members that the fire hydrants in Brooklyn Court have been checked. He also provided an update on the works in Ballymoney and the works ongoing at Ballygarrett to Cahore. Mr Hammel stated that more work is required in Old Garden City. Members informed Mr Hammel of the strong taste of chlorine in the water.

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 the Finance report is still to be updated. Mr Knight sent his good wishes to Ms D Stanley and the Members joined him in this.

Mr Knight informed the Members that there is still work to be done regarding Esmonde Street and he is to meet with the drycleaners here.

Mr Knight advised that all signage has been replaced for the 'Hello Lamp Post' Scheme which will give people a clearer idea of the Scheme.

Mr Knight stated that there has been a lot of positive feedback from the works completed in Courtown and he expressed his thanks to Ms Liz Stanley & Mr Tom McLoughlin for their work on this. He stated that we are now on the 2020 TVRS Project.

Mr Knight expressed his thanks to Gorey Tidy Towns for their work on the Sensory Garden in the District Park and stated that a water feature is still to be installed.

Mr Knight outlined the details regarding the Local Live Performance.

Mr Knight expressed his congratulations to Cllr J Hegarty on the success of the Gorey Night Run.

Mr Knight informed the Members that the North Wexford 2K is going ahead this year.

Mr Knight expressed his thanks to the Parade Committee and the Council Staff on a very successful St Patrick's Day Parade – Cllr P Breen expressed his congratulations to Philip on his first Parade. The Members also wished to acknowledge other parades that took place within the District.

Mr Knight informed the Members that we are currently waiting on prices for the painting of the Circe Pavilion.

Ms L Hore informed the Members that Rosslare will have a centre for the Ukrainian Refugees entering Ireland. The Councillors asked could they have a contact person within the Council. The Members discussed the plight of the Ukrainian refugees entering the country and requested that there should be a point of contact within the Council. Ms Hore stated that IPAS and the Irish Red Cross are co-ordinating this at a national level and the Council feeds into this. Ms L Hore will come back to the Members and update them regarding the new announcement regarding the centre in Rosslare.

Mr P Knight to contact the I.T Department regarding the availability of spare phones/SIM cards for the refugees.

Cllr P Breen proposed to fly the Ukrainian flag in solidarity. Cllr A Donohoe seconded the proposal. Ms L Hore to check protocol regarding this and get back to the Members.

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

3.1 GKMD Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022

The Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022 for the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District was adopted, proposed by Cllr J Sullivan and seconded by Cllr M Farrell.

3.2 GKMD Amenity & Arts and Residents Associations Grant Schemes 2022

The Amenity & Arts and Residents Association Grant Scheme Applications 2022 had been circulated to all members on the 1st of March 2022 and allocations presented at the Meeting were proposed by Cllr A Bolger and seconded by Cllr J Sullivan.

3.3 Section 183 Notice – Disposal of property at Ballymore, Camolin

The Section 183 Notice for the disposal of property at Ballymore, Camolin was proposed by Cllr A Donohoe and seconded by Cllr J Sullivan.

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

None.

No. 5 Correspondence

None.

No. 6 AOB

Members discussed the possibility of the private operator in Courtown Woods charging for doing tours, walks etc in the woods and the public right to access in the woods. Mr P Knight is to investigate this and report back to the Members at the next meeting.

Votes of Sympathy

Members extended their sympathies to the families of recently bereaved of Nicky Furlong and to Mr Tom Enright on the passing of his brother-in-law Liam Nolan.

Offer of Congratulations

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin offered congratulations to Conor Horan, Coolgreany on winning the All Ireland U17's singles in handball.

Cllr A Donohoe offered congratulations to Gorey Community School Boys on their All-Ireland win.

Members expressed their thanks to Cathy Lee for her long service and her honest and astute reporting and all wish her well for the future.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ lá de _____ 2022

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