

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday 17th December 2024, at 2:30pm**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr Oliver Walsh,
Cllr Nicky Boland,
Cllr Pip Breen,
Cllr Anthony Donohoe,
Cllr Craig Doyle,
Cllr Mary Farrell,
Cllr Paddy Kavanagh,
Cllr Donal Kenny,
Cllr Darragh McDonald,
Cllr Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, Director of Services & District Director,
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Manager,
Ms Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Mr Shay Howell, A/ Director of Services,
Mr Marcus Linehan, Executive Planner,
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,
Mr Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner,

Apologies: Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Paula Shortall, Housing Dept.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr Donal Kenny, seconded by Cllr P. Breen, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on November 19th, 2024, were signed, and adopted.

1.2 Matters Arising

The Director of Services confirmed that legislation for Duplex apartments does not require a lift, and stairs only are sufficient in this type of development.

No. 2 Kilmuckridge Playground – Progress

Mr S Howell attended the meeting and updated the members on the current situation regarding the development of the playground in Kilmuckridge. The members were advised that agreement had been reached with the landowner and half an acre of space was now available to develop a playground with parking spaces. Mr Howell advised that the original plans were reducing car spaces in the area, but he was happy to advise that no parking was being lost and an additional 12 new car spaces, including

2 disabled parking bays would be provided as part of this new plan. A fence will also be put around this development and seating will be provided as part of the plan.

The members were further advised that the bottle bank will remain in its current location. The Director of Services advised that he was currently awaiting a letter of consent from the landowner and when this correspondence was received a Part 8 Planning application would be lodged for this development.

Mr Howell then circulated a copy of the new plans which the members welcomed in general. Concern was expressed by Cllr P Breen that a Part 8 had previously been lodged for an alternative site and stressed the importance of this development proceeding as it has been discussed and on the agenda for several years. Cllr M Farrell asked if this was the final design for the actual playground and the Director advised that consultation would be necessary with the community to ensure that the equipment provided adequately met the requirements of the relevant age profile in the area and work had to be done on this going forward.

The Director advised that the Part 8 would be lodged in January 2025 and a developer appointed thereafter as soon as possible. He advised that as the development was on Council ground, the insurance would be provided by IPB.

Cllr O Walsh welcomed the initiative but expressed some concern that half of the site appeared to be taken up with car parking and would have preferred if the playground had taken up a larger portion of the site.

Following a discussion on the matter, on the proposal of Cllr M Farrell, seconded by Cllr P Kavanagh, the members unanimously agreed that the development should proceed as soon as possible, and the Part 8 Planning application be lodged in January.

Liz Hore, Director of Services welcomed this development and updated the members on the current situation regarding the following projects:

- Esmonde Street – all utility companies are currently working together, and a tender has been issued for development works
- Ballytegan Road – Tender process completed. Preferred contractor identified for design and relevant contract documentation will be signed in Jan 2025.
- Market House - Currently out to tender for design works.
- St. Waleran's – two different streams of funding will be applied for to provide this development and difficult to currently provide a commencement date for this project.

No. 3 Material Contravention of the Gorey Town and Environs Plan

Mr D Houston, Senior Planner advised the members that we are currently operating under the Gorey Town & Environs Local Area Plan 2017 – 2026. Members were advised that a proposal had been made to the Planning Department to develop a

Service Station on the Ballcanew Road, adjacent to the Hatch Lab which is contrary to the zoning of the current Local Area Plan.

The Members were advised that the proposed application consisted of:

- Large filling station
- 100 square metres of retail
- 2 food outlets
- ED charging
- Changing places facilities

The Senior Planner advised that this is a positive development for Gorey Town as no similar offering is available at this side of the town and should be granted but unfortunately this type of development is not allowed for in the current Local Area Plan.

Following a discussion on the matter, all members unanimously agreed that this was a positive development for Gorey Town and unanimously agreed for the advertisement to be placed in the local paper and the items listed for discussion and approval at the February meeting of the Full Council.

No. 4 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

4.1 Housing:

Apologies were received from Ms P Shortall and members were advised to email any queries directly to the Housing Section for reply.

4.2 Environment:

The Environment Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Mr E Brennan responded to queries raised at the November District Meeting and updated the members on works being carried out by the Environment Department at present.

Cllr D Kenny requested an update on the brown bins and Mr Brennan advised that 80% of these have currently been distributed within the County but that every household should have them by year end.

Cllr D McDonald queried the process around the Map Alerter notifications as he was concerned that many alerts were sent out after works had commenced. He asked if it was possible to send out these notifications a few days in advance of works. Concern was raised in relation to Map Alerter's for Uisce Éireann works and the District Manager agreed to bring this to the attention of the Water Engineer.

4.3 Planning

The Members noted the Planning Reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting and Mr M Linehan responded to queries raised.

4.4 Roads

Apologies were received from Ms J Kehoe and the District Manager agreed to bring the following queries to her attention:

- Update on proposed traffic lights at Ballytegan Road
- Traffic lights on Main Street have not been working (last 3 days)
- Bushes blocking the footpath at Clonattin GAA
- Lighting Survey for town and environs required as a matter of urgency
- Update on Traffic Management Plan for the town
- Possibility of purchasing a street sweeper for Gorey Town

4.5 Additional Departmental Reports

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

4.6 District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was noted, and the members complemented the staff and volunteers on a magical evening which took place at the switching on of the lights.

The District Manager advised that a new online booking system had been procured for all bookings for the Sports Field in Gorey District Park. He advised that all users would be contacted by year end and made aware of this new development and assistance offered to any users who may require it.

No. 5 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

5.1 Proposal to Take in Charge – Gleann an Ghairdín (Units 12 - 57) Ballytegan and Clonattin Lower, Gorey.

The members noted the Report circulated and, on the proposal, of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr D Kenny recommended the taking in charge of Units 12 - 57 Gleann an Ghairdín, Ballytegan and Clonattin Lower, Gorey under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended).

5.2 Proposal to Take in Charge – Gleann an Ghairdín (Units 58 - 111) Ballytegan and Clonattin Lower, Gorey.

The members noted the Report circulated and, on the proposal, of Cllr N. Boland seconded by Cllr D Kenny recommended the taking in charge of Units 58 - 111, Gleann an Ghairdín, Ballytegan and Clonattin Lower, Gorey under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended).

No. 6 Notice of Motion from Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District

None

No. 7 Correspondence

None

No. 8 AOB

The District Manager advised the members that IPB has proposed a new insurance scheme for local authorities where the insurances of Tidy Towns would be provided within the local authority's Insurance Program. Essentially IPB are looking to provide comprehensive cover on all the activities of Tidy Towns Groups, to maximise value, and to provide seamless comfort for both the Groups and Local Authorities as they work together to enhance the quality of life for citizens. The new Scheme has been in 5 counties that IPB have selected as pilots, of which Wexford County Council is one.

The eligibility criteria for the voluntary groups are: -

- The primary activity and purpose of the group is to improve and enhance the appearance and sustainability of the public realm of a community and
- Within the catchment area of the Local Authority and
- Provided such group is a registered member of the Public Participation Network (PPN Group)

Wexford County Council has undertaken to include this insurance policy under the Council's current premiums, which means that this will be available free of charge to the registered voluntary groups.

The Members welcomed the new initiative from IPB insurances where Tidy Towns Groups can now be covered through the County Council Insurance.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ lá de _____ 2025.

**Oliver Walsh,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District**