

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 2:30pm**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Oliver Walsh,

Cllr Nicky Boland,  
Cllr Pip Breen,  
Cllr Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr Craig Doyle,  
Cllr Paddy Kavanagh,  
Cllr Donal Kenny, Leas-Chathaoirleach,  
Cllr Darragh McDonald,  
Cllr Joe Sullivan,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, Director of Services & District Director,  
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Manager,  
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Mr Tom Banville, Senior Executive Officer, Planning,  
Mr Liam O'Donovan, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Community,  
Ms Rachel Jordan, Administrative Officer, Housing (via MS Teams),  
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,  
Mr Marcus Linehan, Executive Planner,

Apologies: Cllr Mary Farrell.

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

**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr D McDonald, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were signed, and adopted.

**1.2 Matters Arising from the February Statutory GKMD Meeting:**

There were no Matters Arising.

**Sympathies:**

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Jack Stanley, father of staff member Liz Stanley. Sympathies were also offered to Norma Quinsey and the Daly Family following their recent losses. A Minute's Silence was held as a mark of respect.

**Congratulations:**

Cllr D Kenny offered his congratulations to the Committees involved with the Gorey St. Patrick's Day Parade and Gorey Night Run.

Cllr J Sullivan extended his best wishes to John Hegarty and the Wexford Senior Football Team on their upcoming Division 4 Final.

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

### ***2.1 Taking in Charge Programme for 2025:***

Mr T Banville presented the Taking in Charge Programme for 2025 to the members and responded to any queries raised.

Cllr D McDonald queried the source of funding for wastewater for this programme. Mr Banville explained that funding for Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) Estates is specifically provided by Uisce Éireann to the Council, but that legacy issues such as footpaths, lighting will need to be funded from elsewhere. District Director, Ms L Hore explained that €1m has been allocated from Capital Reserve with a Revenue Reserve also in place. She added that there may well be bonds in place for some estates which will also assist funding.

### ***2.2 Local Community Safety Partnership Presentation:***

Mr L O'Donovan, Community Safety Co-ordinator, provided the Committee with an insight into a new partnership introduced by the Department of Justice which is set to be rolled out in County Wexford in the coming months.

Mr O'Donovan explained the LCSP will prioritise issues identified by the community such as safety concerns, improve multi-agency response, increase community confidence in service providers and provide a forum for discussion on community safety issues. Phase One, Mr O'Donovan explained, undertakes a public consultation on community safety which will progress to the development and adoption of a 3-year Local Community Safety Plan. Mr O'Donovan responded to queries raised by the members.

Cllr P Kavanagh questioned the overall effectiveness of this partnership and felt that for this to work, there will need to be a betterment from all organisations involved. Cllr D McDonald didn't agree with the fact that anything said in an LCSP Meeting will be privileged and felt such matters should be open to all councillors for discussion. Mr O'Donovan said whether the meetings will be open or closed and the manner in which they will be conducted are yet to be determined.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr O Walsh thanked Mr O'Donovan for his presentation.

### ***2.3 Housing:***

The Housing Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Ms R Jordan provided the members with an update on recent developments. Ms Jordan agreed to provide an up-to-date report on the 5-unit development in Monamolín and to circulate information on Mortgages and the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

### ***2.4 Environment:***

The Environment Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Mr E Brennan responded to matters which arose at the February District Meeting.

Cllr D Kenny thanked Mr Brennan for the assistance provided in advance of the recent Craanford litter picking event.

Cllr O Walsh called for the re-instatement of access to Ballyconnigar Beach in advance of the summer season and Mr Brennan advised that this matter will be dealt with before Easter.

## **2.5 Planning**

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

Cllr N Boland asked what the protocol is for modular homes, particularly on rural one-off sites. Mr Linehan advised that the Council is currently awaiting guidance on this matter.

## **2.6 Roads**

The Members noted the Roads Reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr A Donohoe called for the appropriate pipe infrastructure to be laid from Esmonde Street to the Gannon Site to the rear of PH Doyles in advance of Esmonde Street re-development works.

Cllr D McDonald again requested a copy of the Public Lighting Service Level Agreement in place, particularly with the volume of lighting issues outstanding. Cllr McDonald said that the members must be kept informed of such matters. Ms J Kehoe advised that in cases of non-standard repair there will shortly be a response mechanism available to them.

Ms Kehoe also responded to the following issues raised:

- ✚ Speeding on the Middleton to Courtown Rd
- ✚ Completed works on the L5060 to be revisited
- ✚ Concrete channels to be cleared Pallas to Ballyfad
- ✚ Drainage works at Clondaw & Kilcotty
- ✚ Ballytegan/Arklow Road Traffic Lights.

## **2.7 Additional Departmental Reports**

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

Cllr D McDonald called for the Water Safety Programme in Courtown and Cahore to be re-instated during the summer months. District Manager, Mr P Knight agreed to follow up on this matter.

## **2.8 District Manager's Report**

The Managers Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

Members expressed their disappointment at not being invited to the launch of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. District Director, Ms L Hore apologised for this oversight. Cllr O Walsh clarified that he was invited to the launch as elected Cathaoirleach of the District.

Cllr J Sullivan also expressed his disappointment that no Gorey councillors were invited to the unveiling of the Market House Programme of Works. Ms L Hore explained that the photoshoot involved the unveiling of noticeboards in the windows of the Market House which had been funded through the Southern Regional Assembly and as Cllr O Walsh is a member of the Assembly, was invited to attend.

Mr Knight added that a media project is due to commence shortly, documenting people's views on the redevelopment works, which will be available on all Council and Love Gorey social media platforms. He said that the noticeboards will be continuously updated throughout the redevelopment works.

Cllr N Boland offered his congratulations to those involved with the Coolgreany St. Patrick's Day Parade and asked could the Committee be considered for some funding for next year.

Cllr D McDonald expressed his frustration at businesses not being informed of the delay to the proposed Q3-2025 commencement of Esmonde Street redevelopment works which will have significant impact on businesses when work commences. He called on the Council to re-visit the Work Plan so that businesses and residents can plan. Ms L Hore advised that once a Contractor has been appointed, direct communication will commence detailing the Programme of Works.

Cllr A Donohoe asked that the owners of the Eircom Building on Rafter Street be contacted to ascertain any plans for the building. Mr P Knight agreed to do so.

Mr P Knight informed the members that Gorey Tidy Towns have invited them to the official opening of their new shed located in Gorey Civic Square. This shed was funded through the Gorey Capital Grant Scheme 2024.

Ms L Hore informed the Committee that 14 X Community Centres within the county have been allocated funding under the Community Centres Investment Fund with one-third of the funding going to the north of the county.

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

#### ***3.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Resident Association Grant Allocations 2025***

The Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Resident Association Grant Allocations were proposed by Cllr D Kenny, seconded by Cllr Craig Doyle.

#### ***3.2 Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Amenity & Arts Grant Allocations 2025***

The Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Amenity & Arts Grant Allocations were proposed by Cllr D McDonald, seconded by Cllr D Kenny.

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

None

## **No. 5 Correspondence**

None

## **No. 6 AOB**

Cllr D McDonald asked for any further update on a Shopfront Scheme for businesses in the town. Mr P Knight explained that this Scheme was previously run nationally under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and that he was not aware of any further funding announcement.

Cllr O Walsh extended his congratulations to Cllr P Breen on his recent speech in The House of Representatives.

**This concluded the business of the Meeting.**

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**Donal Kenny,  
Leas-Chathaoirleach,  
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District**