

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025, at 2:30pm**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Donal Kenny, Cathaoirleach,

Cllr Nicky Boland,  
Cllr Pip Breen,  
Cllr Anthony Donohoe, Leas-Cathaoirleach,  
Cllr Craig Doyle,  
Cllr Mary Farrell,  
Cllr Darragh McDonald,  
Cllr Joe Sullivan,  
Cllr Oliver Walsh,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, Director of Services & District Director,

Ms Anita McLoughlin, Municipal District Manager,  
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Stephanie Furlong, Staff Officer,  
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,  
Ms Paula Shortall, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,  
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,  
Ms Sandra Martin, Community Climate Action Officer, via MS Teams,  
Mr Eoghan Nolan, Executive Planner,

Apologies: Cllr Paddy Kavanagh.

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

**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr C Doyle, seconded by Cllr N Boland, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, were signed, and adopted.

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

***Gorey District Park Pitch Costing:***

District Manager, Ms Anita McLoughlin informed the Committee that the running cost of the pitch in Gorey District Park is approximately €9,000 per annum which includes maintenance, litter-picking, weed treatment, the application of a top dressing every two years, line-marking and the on-line booking system. She added that an additional cost of €5,000 for the excavation of the two goal areas is not included.

Proposing new reduced rates of €30.00 per hour for the pitch and €5.00 per hour for the changing rooms, Ms L Hore, District Director said this will not cover the full costs however it will make it as affordable as possible for clubs and their players. She said an annual income of €7,000 will be generated from these reduced rates which will be reinvested into additional works at the pitch, to enhance the facility. Cllr A Donohoe proposed the adoption of the reduced rates, seconded by Cllr D McDonald.

Cllr J Sullivan counter-proposed the abolition of charges for underage players, seconded by Cllr C Doyle.

The two proposals were put to a vote, with a roll call. The vote was as follows:

Cllr J Sullivan, Cllr M Farrell, Cllr C Doyle, and Cllr N Boland voting to make the pitch free of charge for underage players.

Cllr D Kenny, Cllr A Donohue, Cllr D McDonald, Cllr P Breen, and Cllr O Walsh voting for the reduced rates.

The reduced hourly rates were carried with 5-4 votes.

### ***Congratulations:***

Cllr D Kenny offered his congratulations to the Ireland Soccer Team following their recent success.

Cllr M Farrell acknowledged the crews dealing with flooding over the weekend.

### ***Sympathies:***

The members proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the Murphy Family on their recent bereavement.

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

### ***2.1 Housing:***

The Housing Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Cllr M Farrell asked that the legal requirements associated with the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant: Croí Cónaithe be conveyed at the beginning of the application process so that applicants are aware immediately of its conditions. Ms L Hore agreed to review.

Cllr J Sullivan questioned the delay with the Grattan Court development. Ms P Shortall advised that there has been some ESB issues on site due to network upgrades, but that delivery has only been pushed out to Q1-2026.

### ***2.2(i) Environment:***

The Environment Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Mr E Brennan presented the proposed design for the Cahore North Beach Rock Armour Enhancement Project which will see coastal erosion protection works along approximately 200 meters of coastline at Cahore. He said funding of €500,000 from the OPW has been allocated for rock armour at the north beach along with a concrete access ramp. Mr Brennan agreed to liaise with the district regarding holding a public meeting with residents to notify them of what the works entail.

### ***2.2(ii) Climate Action:***

Ms S Martin, Community Climate Action Officer informed the Committee that funding of €669,000 has been allocated from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

to fund Climate Action projects that will help shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities contributing to the national climate and energy targets. Ms Martin advised that applications will be accepted from Community Groups and Clubs for small, medium and largescale project proposals until December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **2.3 *Planning***

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

Cllr M Farrell sought clarification on the Council's policy regarding one-off rural housing. Mr E Nolan said that the Council's rural policy is to assess applications based on what is in the Development Plan and to look at the social and economic need. He advised that pre-planning meetings are offered to facilitate those interested in building.

### **2.4 *Roads***

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

Ms Kehoe either responded to or agreed to follow up on the following issues:

- ✚ Yellow box line-marking at the Arklow Road,
- ✚ Light Connections at Clonattin and on the Carnew Road,
- ✚ Active Travel Funding Application for lighting on Ramstown Road,
- ✚ Garden City Small Works.

### **2.5 *Additional Departmental Reports***

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

### **2.6 *District Manager's Report***

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

Ms McLoughlin referred to the upcoming Gorey Christmas lights switch on taking place on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. She advised that the Council has collaborated with Creative Communities, Local Authorities Ireland, and Creative Ireland to include a new sensory option, designed to ensure the event is accessible and fun for all. She added that a simple but effective access guide has been developed for the event, and this will be shared with other sections in the council to replicate for other events across the county.

Cllr M Farrell offered her congratulations to Blackwater Tidy Towns having recently retained their crown as the tidiest town in the county for a sixth consecutive year in a row.

Cllr M Farrell sought an update on the Kilmuckridge Playground. Ms McLoughlin advised that she is hopeful to have tender documents prepared by the year end with construction expected to begin next summer. Cllr Farrell expressed her disappointment that the playground would not be open for next summer. Explaining the reasons for the delay, Ms L Hore said that time was needed to finalise the tender documents but insisted the project

would be delivered next year. She said once the tender documents are finalised, a public information event will be held to inform the public of how the playground will look.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the Esmonde Street redevelopment works. Ms McLoughlin advised that the License Agreement is still to be agreed with Irish Rail.

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

None.

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

None.

**No. 5 Correspondence**

22.10.2025 – Correspondence from Gorey Athletic Club

06.11.2025 – James Browne, TD., Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage

06.11.2025 – Darragh O'Brien, TD., Minister for Transport

The above correspondence was noted.

**No. 6 AOB**

*Christmas Parking Arrangements*

The members were advised of the Christmas parking arrangements in Council car parks in the lead up to Christmas. Council car parks will be free from 11am on Saturdays 29<sup>th</sup> November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December with free parking from 11am Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 inclusive.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

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**Donal Kenny,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**