

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday, 17th February 2026 at 1:30pm**

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. Joe Sullivan
Cllr. Oliver Walsh

Officials: Ms. Breege Cosgrave, A/Director of Services
Ms. Anita McLoughlin, Municipal District Manager
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Stephanie Furlong, Staff Officer
Ms. Paula Shortall, Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment
Mr. Eoghan Nolan, Executive Planner (*via MS Teams*)

Apologies: Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
Cllr. Darragh McDonald
Ms. Liz Hore, Director of Services & District Director

No. 1 Deputation from Gorey Youthreach

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. D. Kenny welcomed a deputation from Gorey Youthreach.

The deputation made a presentation to the Committee detailing the need for a pedestrian crossing outside Gorey Youthreach and the lack of public lighting in the area.

Ms. J. Kehoe advised the students where to submit the collected traffic volume data to commence a speed limit review. The Committee thanked them for attending the Meeting.

The members agreed to take a break and resume with the Statutory Meeting at 2:30pm.

No. 2 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

2.1 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 20th January 2026, were signed, and adopted.

2.2 Matters Arising from the January Statutory GKMD Meeting:

There were no Matters Arising.

No. 3 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

3.1 Housing:

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

Cllr. A. Donohoe requested details on when the contractor will be on site for the St. Waleran's housing project. Ms. P. Shortall advised that the tenders had been received and will be assessed shortly. She agreed to revert with a timeline for the project.

3.2 Environment:

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

Mr. E. Brennan informed the Committee that there is a comprehensive application process for the placement of CCTV cameras along roads to deal with fly-tipping and that the public must be notified of the locations.

Cllr. P. Breen referred to storm damage that had recently occurred in Cahore. Mr. E. Brennan advised the Committee that work has been carried out in the car park and that they are currently working on a second funding application for the remainder of the works whilst also liaising further with the OPW.

Cllr. P. Breen asked for an observation to be noted on the recent storm damage at Courtown North to Courtown Woods where there is significant coastal erosion. Cllr. J. Sullivan raised the issue of further coastal erosion between The Burrow and Courtown Golf Club and requested Mr. E. Brennan to investigate this. Mr. E. Brennan informed the Committee that this area is Coillte land, however, An Cathaoirleach felt this area needs to be addressed irrelevant of ownership. Mr. E. Brennan noted that this may need to be tied into the Marina Project.

Cllr. N. Boland asked of the possibility of a more permanent slipway in Courtown Harbour. Mr. E. Brennan agreed that a more permanent solution is required however this will need to be tied in with the overall Marina Project.

Cllr. O. Walsh requested an update on the timeline for the permanent bridge in Ballyconnigar. Mr. E. Brennan informed the Committee that there is no further progress on this project due to other works having taken priority. Cllr. Walsh acknowledged that the Environment Department is under pressure however given the significance of Ballyconnigar Beach to the area as a main tourist attraction and the now deviation from the timeline given in December 2024 to progress this project, he asked that this now be given priority. Cllr. A. Donohoe supported Cllr. O. Walsh with this request. Mr. E. Brennan said the temporary bridge could be put out earlier and that he will see what can be progressed regarding the permanent solution.

Cllr. M. Farrell sought updates on ongoing flooding at Newtown/Old Bawn and on the marram grass planting on Morriscastle beach. Cllr. Farrell added that coastal erosion at the cliffs of Ballinamona beach pose a serious health and safety risk to the public which needs to be addressed prior to the upcoming summer season. Mr. E. Brennan informed the Committee that he would bring these concerns back to his colleagues and revert.

Cllr. A. Donohoe requested that the Gorey Recycling Centre expand its services to include the disposal of mattresses, sofas, and paint cans, noting that residents currently must travel to the Holmestown facility in Wexford for these items. Mr. E. Brennan agreed to investigate the feasibility of offering these additional services in Gorey.

3.3 Planning:

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

Cllr. N. Boland asked if there is any update on permits for saunas. Cllr. J. Sullivan, supporting Cllr Boland on this issue, stated that a clear and concise policy is needed, noting inconsistencies across the County. An Cathaoirleach sought clarification on these inconsistencies.

Mr. E. Nolan advised that there is no update regarding legislation however, Wexford County Council have sought clarification on this matter and that the Director of Services is aware of the situation. It was noted that saunas on privately owned land require a change of use permission and that anything on public land requires a permit.

Ms. A. McLoughlin informed the Committee that she has spoken to Mr H. Maguire, Environment regarding the issue of these permits at coastal areas.

Cllr. M. Farrell requested an update on the taking-in-charge of Forth Haven, noting that while it had been included on the 2025 priority list, it does not appear on the 2026 list. Mr. E. Nolan asked Cllr. Farrell to email him directly with this query.

3.4 Roads:

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

Ms. J. Kehoe informed the members that there was no update on this year's Programme of Works as the budget had not yet been announced for 2026. Additional funding has been sought from the Department for road damage caused over the last number of weeks.

An Cathaoirleach informed the Committee that Chief Executive, Mr. E. Taaffe has requested a meeting with Mr. Darragh, O'Brien, Minister for Transport, to which the chairs of all five districts and the County Chair will be invited to discuss additional funding.

Cllr. A. Donohoe noted that several roads resurfaced in recent years are deteriorating and asked whether the Council should consider tarmacing all roads. Ms. J. Kehoe advised that although macadam is a better product, its application depends on the site conditions, location and the requirement of a solid foundation.

Cllr. N. Boland voiced his disappointment with the Active Travel allocations announced for this year given that no funding had been allocated to the Gorey District and asked what can be done for 2027. Cllr. J. Sullivan asked if any active travel applications had been submitted in 2025 on behalf of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District and if submitted, how many went to the Department for consideration, if refused.

Ms. J. Kehoe said she does not deal with Active Travel and that a representative from the Active Travel Team should be invited to attend the next district meeting.

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

- ✚ Low-Cost Safety Measures
- ✚ Bridge Repairs
- ✚ Drain under canopy at Old Tesco (St. Aidan's)

3.5 Community Development Report

The Community Development, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

3.6 Library Services Report

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

3.7 Wexford Fire Services Report

The Wexford Fire Services Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

3.8 District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted and Ms. A. McLoughlin provided relevant updates on:

- ✚ Kilmuckridge Playground
- ✚ Ballycanew Community Park
- ✚ St. Patrick's Day Parade
- ✚ International Women's Day
- ✚ STAAG Advocacy Group, St. Aidan's Services
- ✚ Collaboration meeting with Arklow Municipal District

Ms. A. McLoughlin informed the members that all licences for Esmonde Street will be in place by the end of the week and as soon as the contract is awarded, businesses/clubs will be informed of the timelines.

No. 4 Prescribed Business by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

4.1 Section 183 Transfer of Land at Ballinaslaney, Oylegate (Folio WX11833F)

The Section 183 Notice – Transfer of Land at Ballinaslaney, Oylegate was proposed by Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen.

No. 5 Notice of Motion from Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District

None.

No. 6 Correspondence

6.1 Correspondence re. Provision of a Primary Care Centre in Gorey Town

The above correspondence for discussion at the March Meeting.

6.2 Correspondence re. Irish Rain Licence Agreement to Department of Transport and Department of Infrastructure

It was agreed by the Committee that this correspondence did not need to be sent as progression had been made on the Esmonde Street Licencing Agreement.

No. 7 AOB

7.1 Consideration of Members Discretionary Spend 2026 and LPT & Rates Provision for Project Development Spend 2026

Ms. A. McLoughlin reminded the members of the GMA funds available to them which must be agreed and spent before the year end.

7.2 Consideration of Deputation for March District Meeting from Brady's Cross Action Group re: Safety Concerns at Brady's Cross Junction

Consideration was given for Brady's Cross Action Group to make a deputation before the Committee at the March Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Meeting. It was agreed by the Committee to invite the group to the next district meeting at the later time of 2:00 pm.

7.3 Proposed Change of Date for March Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Meeting

Consideration was given to the change of date for the March Meeting to the 24th of March 2026, proposed by Cllr. C. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

7.4 Draft WCC Traffic & Car Parking Byelaws 2026 (for mention)

The Draft WCC Traffic & Car Parking Byelaws 2026, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

7.5 London Wexford Association Annual Dinner Dance – 11th April 2026 (for mention)

It was noted by the Committee that the London Wexford Association Annual Dinner Dance has been deferred to the 18th of April 2026.

Ms. B. Cosgrave informed the members that Wexford County Council was taking a table at the County Chamber Presidents Lunch in the Riverside Park Hotel on Thursday, 19th February. It was agreed, through the Chair, that the place would be offered to the District Manager.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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