

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday 19th May 2026, at 2:00pm**

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 Paddy Kavanagh,
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 Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,
Mr Barry Browne, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,
Mr Eoghan Nolan, Executive Planner.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr C Doyle, seconded by Cllr D McDonald, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on April 21st, 2026, were signed, and adopted.

1.2 Matters Arising from the April Statutory GKMD Meeting:

There were no Matters Arising.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny welcomed back Cllr P Kavanagh to the Council Chamber.

Sympathies:

The members extended their condolences to the families of the late John Byrne, Mary Brennan, mother of staff member Enda Brennan, Joe Cullen and Fran Breen, former Council staff member.

Congratulations:

The members extended their congratulations to Ms Aoife Wafer on her recent performance in the Women's Six Nations Rugby Championship. They also congratulated the beaches within the county that were awarded Blue Flag status.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

2.1 Housing:

Cllr P Breen requested an update on the completion date for the five houses in Monamolin. Mr. B Browne advised that the houses are expected to be completed by year end.

Cllr N Boland enquired whether construction of the units on the Ballytegan Road was progressing on schedule, and Ms Finn agreed to revert with an update.

Cllr A Donohoe asked whether a contractor had been appointed for St. Waleran's. Mr Browne advised that no contractor had yet been assigned, however, funding has been approved and works are expected to commence on site in Q3.

2.2 Environment:

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

Cllr D Kenny referred to a quarry located near The Lask Housing Estate which is allegedly being used as a waste transfer facility by Panda and sought clarification regarding the implications arising from this activity. District Manager Ms A McLoughlin advised that she would consult with the Environment Section.

Cllr M Farrell requested an update on the Morriscastle Viewing Stand, stating that the Tidy Towns group wished to review the design. Ms A McLoughlin agreed to follow up on the matter.

Cllr Kavanagh sought clarification as to whether a detailed report had been prepared setting out the reasons for the loss of Blue Flag status at beaches. Ms McLoughlin agreed to follow up on the matter.

2.3 Planning

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

Cllr C Doyle sought an update on the taking in charge of Ardamine Court. Ms Hore advised that submissions received are under review and the matter will return to the members for approval. She noted that the project remains a priority and is being delivered on a phased basis over three years.

Cllr P Kavanagh enquired regarding planning requirements for the erection of information signs. Ms J Kehoe advised that planning permission is required for signage on national roads and public lands. She requested that proposed templates be submitted for review to ensure compliance with relevant specifications and accessibility requirements.

Cllr M Farrell sought an update on the inclusion of Ford Haven on the Taking-in-Charge list. Mr Nolan agreed to follow up with the Taking-in-Charge Team.

Cllr A Donohoe enquired about waste storage requirements for apartment developments. Mr Nolan advised that appropriate waste storage facilities are required as part of such developments. Ms Hore noted that provision can be particularly challenging in town-centre refurbishment projects due to space constraints.

Cllr P Kavanagh also enquired about the provision of electric vehicle charging points within such developments. Mr Nolan advised that current standards require charging points in 20% of parking spaces.

Cllr N Boland sought an update on proposals relating to modular homes of up to 40 square metres within residential gardens. Mr Nolan advised that no update had been received.

2.4 Roads

Section 38 Consultation Report (Left-turn only from L-5078-1 Ramstown Road onto the L-1038 Paul Funge Boulevard at Ramstown Lower/Gorey Corporation Lands, Gorey

Ms J Kehoe provided a summary of the Report and advised that, having regard to the traffic congestion and safety concerns at this location, it was recommended that the members approve the proposed junction revision to progress to implementation, proposed by Cllr A Donohoe, seconded by Cllr D McDonald.

Section 38 Consultation Report (Left-turn only from L-5501-1 Church Street onto the R772 Main Street, Gorey Corporation Lands, Gorey

Ms J Kehoe provided a summary of the Report and advised that, having regard to the traffic congestion and safety concerns at this location, it was recommended that the members defer a decision pending a broader assessment of traffic flow in the area, proposed by Cllr P Breen, seconded by Cllr A Donohoe.

She advised that she would prepare a project brief and engage consultants to examine traffic flow in the area. Cllr P Breen noted that a full traffic review of the town was now due, given that the review of Enniscorthy had been completed.

Ms Kehoe was also requested to examine the following issues:

-  inclusion of road markings on the new tarmac surface in Blackwater
-  provision of a new welcome sign on the approach road to The Ballagh
-  faded road markings at the junction of the Taravie, Courtown
-  erection of a “no right-turn” sign at the Market Square car park
-  provision of lighting along the footpath at Ramsfort Park
-  footpath repairs required along the Morriscastle walkway.

Cllr D Kenny enquired whether an area of vacant ground in Riverchapel could be considered for development as a car park for the local school. Ms Kehoe advised that both a funding source and planning permission would be required for such a project and stated that it was unlikely that funding would be secured for the proposal.

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 A McLoughlin provided relevant updates on capital and community engagement projects.

Ms McLoughlin advised members that Wexford County Council intends to invite applications for a beach licence to operate a mobile sauna facility on a pilot basis at Cahore Beach for the period July 2026 to June 2027. It was noted that the operation would be incorporated into the Council's Beach Byelaws and would permit the successful applicant to operate on designated public lands. Members welcomed the initiative and its potential tourism benefits.

Concerns were raised regarding the operation of mobile coffee trucks and food stalls at coastal locations and the need for appropriate regulation to ensure fairness for established businesses operating within the area. Cllr A Donohoe also queried the position regarding coffee wagons operating from private residential properties. District Director Ms L Hore undertook to examine the matter further.

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

3.1 Date of Annual Meeting for the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District

Following discussion, the members agreed that the Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Annual Meeting would be held on Monday, 22nd June at 4.00pm, proposed by Cllr C Doyle, seconded by Cllr O Walsh.

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

Consider Motion submitted by Cllr Joe Sullivan

"This Council of the Gorey / Kilmuckridge Municipal District calls on Regnum Renewables to withdraw their proposal for "Kilmichael Windfarm" in the townlands of Mount Nebo, Craan Upper, Slievebawn, Monaseed Demense and Kilmichael Gorey due to the overwhelming opposition to the project by the residents of the aforementioned areas".

An Cathaoirleach advised members that a proposed wind farm development at Kilmichael, comprising eight wind turbines and associated infrastructure, was currently at pre-planning stage.

Cllr J Sullivan proposed the motion, calling on Regnum Renewables to withdraw its proposal for the Kilmichael Wind Farm, citing significant local opposition and concerns regarding the scale of the development, environmental impacts and residential amenity. The motion was seconded by Cllr D Kenny.

Cllrs N Boland, C Doyle and P Kavanagh spoke in support of the motion, referencing concerns raised by constituents.

Cllr O Walsh opposed the motion, stating that planning matters should be determined through the statutory planning process and should not be prejudged by elected members. Cllr P Breen supported this view.

Cllr M Farrell noted her support for renewable energy while acknowledging the concerns expressed by residents.

District Director Ms L Hore advised that no planning application had yet been submitted and that, if lodged, the proposal would be considered as a Strategic Infrastructure Development by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote and carried, with all members present voting in favour except Cllr O Walsh, who voted against the motion.

In response to a query from Cllr P Breen, Ms L Hore advised that she would consult with the County Secretary regarding the appropriate follow-up action.

No. 5 Correspondence

None.

No. 6 AOB

6.1 Consideration of Deputation Request from the “No to Kilmichael Windfarm” Committee at the June District Meeting

Members considered a request from the “No to Kilmichael Windfarm” Committee to make a deputation at the June Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD Meeting. The proposal was made by Cllr D Kenny and seconded by Cllr C Doyle.

Ms. McLoughlin reminded the members that the Community Recognition Evening for recipients of the 2026 Amenity & Arts and Resident Association Grants would take place in the Ashdown Park Hotel on the following Tuesday evening. She also advised that awards would be presented on that night to participants in this year’s North Wexford 2K Clean initiative.

Ms. McLoughlin further advised that an event license was required for this year’s Gorey Market House Festival due to the increasing attendance levels at the event each year. She advised that a Report would be brought before the June Full Council Meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Daingnithe ar an _____ lá de _____ 2026

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