

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday 16th June 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: Mr Diarmuid Houston, Acting 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,
Mr Barry Browne, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,
Mr Eoghan Nolan, Executive Planner, via MS Teams.

No. 1 Deputation from the “No to Kilmichael Windfarm” Committee

An Cathaoirleach Cllr D Kenny welcomed the deputation from the “No to Kilmichael Windfarm” Committee to the meeting.

Representatives of the Committee made a presentation to the members outlining their concerns regarding the proposed windfarm development at Kilmichael and requested the support of Wexford County Council. An Cathaoirleach thanked the deputation for attending the Meeting.

The members subsequently adjourned and reconvened for the Statutory Meeting at 2:30pm.

No. 2 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr P Breen, seconded by Cllr N Boland, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on May 19th, 2026, were signed, and adopted.

2.2 Matters Arising from the May Statutory GKMD Meeting:

There were no Matters Arising.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr D Kenny welcomed Mr Aidan Delaney of Southeast Radio to the Council Chamber.

Sympathies:

Votes of sympathy were extended to:

- The McCabe Family on the 30th anniversary of the late Gerry McCabe.
- The family of the late Brendan Sheehan.
- The family of the late Tadgh Garvey.

Congratulations:

Members extended congratulations to Kaleigh Byrne on her success at the 4 Nations Championship.

Members welcomed the announcement of funding for the road infrastructure projects at St. Waleran's and Ballytegan, noting that the works will facilitate access to lands identified for future housing development. Members acknowledged and thanked all those involved in progressing the projects to their current stage.

Congratulations were extended to Don Somers, Oylegate, on receiving the FBD All-Ireland Agriculture Award.

Members congratulated Gorey Tidy Towns on Gorey's recent success in the IBAL Survey and commended all those involved in maintaining the town's high standards.

No. 3 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

3.1 Housing:

The Housing Report, previously circulated, was noted.

Cllr M Farrell sought an update on the status of the Monamolin Housing Development. Mr B Browne provided an update on progress and project timelines.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the St. Waleran's Development. Mr Browne advised members of progress in relation to tendering and contract arrangements.

Members also received an update regarding housing delivery at Ballytegan.

Cllr O Walsh sought clarification regarding footpaths within housing estates included under the Council's maintenance programme. Ms J Kehoe advised that responsibility for this rests with the Insurance Risk Section, which carries out an annual programme of inspections and maintenance works.

3.2 Environment:

The Environment Report, previously circulated, was noted. Mr Brennan responded to queries raised at the May District Meeting:

Panda Waste Transfer Facility: Mr Brennan advised that the appropriate statutory notices have issued.

Morriscastle Viewing Stand: Mr Brennan advised that design options have been referred to Special Projects for consideration. Cllr M Farrell requested that the selected design be shared with the local Tidy Towns Group once finalised.

Ballymoney Beach Blue Flag Status: Ms A McLoughlin advised that a Report has issued to the members.

Members expressed concern regarding the absence of litter patrols on beaches in the north of the county. Mr Brennan advised that staffing and budgetary constraints may be a contributing factor and undertook to relay concerns to the Environment Section. Cllr Farrell also highlighted concerns regarding refuse collection schedules and the impact on beach cleanliness, noting that bins should be emptied at an earlier stage to prevent litter accumulation and dispersal. Cllr P Breen raised concerns regarding litter bins in Cahore, noting capacity issues and the apparent disposal of household waste in public bins.

Cllr M Farrell welcomed the installation of two new larger litter bins at Morriscastle and requested that consideration be given to replacing the remaining smaller bins with an additional larger bin.

Cllr C Doyle raised concerns regarding the clothing banks in Courtown, noting that they are frequently overflowing. He requested that servicing frequencies be reviewed.

Cllr M Farrell sought an update on the proposed works at Old Bawn. She expressed concern regarding the lack of progress to date and the absence of communication with residents and requested clarification on any interim measures proposed before next winter.

Cllr P Kavanagh requested that the road sweeper be scheduled to service Oylegate on a more regular basis.

Cllr J Sullivan sought an update regarding the proposed river crossing at Castletown and raised concerns regarding the potential impact of heavy rainfall events on the river course. Mr Brennan advised that the location would continue to be monitored and reviewed as required. Cllr Sullivan agreed to provide photographs to assist with ongoing assessment.

3.3 Planning

The Planning Reports, previously circulated, were noted.

Following the announcement of funding for the road and bridge infrastructure projects at St. Waleran's, Cllr A Donohoe sought clarification regarding the next stages of the project. Mr D Houston advised that the Part 8 process was progressing, that design work was well advanced, and that the matter would return to Full Council for further consideration.

Members discussed challenges experienced by residents without private driveways in accessing electric vehicle charging facilities. Mr Houston advised that surveys are currently underway and acknowledged the need for practical local solutions.

Members discussed the recently announced regulations relating to short-term lettings, including planning requirements, impacts on tourism, housing supply, coastal communities, and impacts on local economies. Concerns were also expressed regarding the practical implementation of the regulations in long-established family-owned properties. Mr Houston advised that enforcement remains a statutory planning function and that the Planning Authority should be consulted for guidance on individual cases.

3.4 Roads

The Roads Report, previously circulated, was noted.

Ms Kehoe advised members of additional resurfacing works completed within the district.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on the allocation of funding under the Local Improvement Scheme. Ms Kehoe advised that approved Schemes would proceed subject to available funding and that a list of projects would issue to members.

Cllr A Donohoe raised concerns regarding the operation of traffic signals on the Ballycanew Road. Ms Kehoe advised that detection loops are installed and that signals are currently operating on a timed basis to allow motorists to become familiar with the junction layout. Thereafter, the detection system will become operational.

Cllr A Donohoe sought an update on traffic management proposals for the Ballytegan Road, including the provision of a roundabout. Ms Kehoe advised that traffic signal arrangements and cycle infrastructure are currently being designed as part of the St. Waleran's junction project.

Cllr D McDonald sought an update on the proposed park and ride facility at Green's Berry Farm. Ms Kehoe advised that a report would be brought before members in due course.

Cllr D McDonald sought an update regarding the Link Road through the Millquarter Housing Estate. Ms Kehoe advised that outstanding compliance works remain the responsibility of the developer and that the road will remain closed until these works are completed to the Council's satisfaction.

Cllr N Boland sought an update on the proposed relocation of bus stops in Gorey and the provision of additional bus stop facilities. Ms Kehoe advised that detailed designs are being prepared by consultants and undertook to provide a further update. She noted that, should the park and ride proposal proceed, an additional bus stop may not be required.

Cllr P Kavanagh welcomed the line marking works carried out at Ballymurn but expressed concern regarding vehicles parking on the markings adjacent to the school and community hall. He requested that consideration be given to the installation of bollards.

Cllr P Breen highlighted drainage and culvert issues at Raheendarrig and Drannagh Lane. Ms Kehoe advised that the matters would be examined.

Cllr D Kenny sought an update on the proposed wastewater pipeline to The Waste, Camolin, and raised concerns regarding the appearance of the pencil bollards along the Paul Funge Boulevard.

3.5 Additional Departmental Reports

The Community Development, Library Services and Wexford Fire Services Reports, previously circulated, were noted.

3.6 District Manager's Report

The District Managers Report, previously circulated, was noted. Ms A McLoughlin provided updates on capital projects and community initiatives.

Ms McLoughlin advised that the foyer of the Civic Offices would be made available to the Child and Family Support Network on the 19 June for a Services Day aimed at promoting available supports and services to families and individuals during the summer period.

Cllr D McDonald enquired about the possibility of introducing a Shopfront Improvement Scheme for the town. Ms McLoughlin advised that any such Scheme would require funding from existing budgetary allocations and undertook to revert to members on the matter.

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

None.

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

Consider Motion submitted by Cllr Craig Doyle

"That the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District agree, as part of the preparation of the 2027 budget, to reduce the fee for the rental of the pitch at Gorey Town Park to €20 per hour.

An early decision would provide certainty to local clubs, allowing them to determine whether it will be financially feasible to make use of the facilities and, in turn, whether they can accommodate increased numbers of new players and continue to expand participation in sport within the district.

Reducing the hourly charge to €20 would help ensure that these publicly funded facilities are accessible and affordable for the widest possible range of clubs and participants, thereby supporting community wellbeing and encouraging greater involvement in sport among young people and adults alike"

In support of the motion, Cllr Doyle stated that a reduction in the fee would improve accessibility and affordability for local clubs and support increased participation in sport.

Ms A McLoughlin advised that the current hourly charge represents a reasonable rate and noted that the annual maintenance and upkeep costs associated with the pitch are approximately €10,000. She further advised that all user groups are treated equitably under the current booking arrangements.

The motion was seconded by Cllr D McDonald, who emphasised the importance of maintaining a robust booking system and ensuring the facility remains available for use by all sporting organisations rather than one group.

During the discussion, Cllr N Boland enquired whether consideration could be given to the provision of an autism-friendly swing within Gorey District Park. Ms McLoughlin advised that she would engage with the Council's Access Officer regarding the matter. She also referred to the Communications Board which will be installed at Gorey Market House, which will support accessibility initiatives within the town.

Following discussion, the motion was agreed. The motion was referred for consideration as part of the 2027 Budget process.

No. 6 Correspondence

None.

No. 7 AOB

Members were reminded that the Annual Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District would take place on Monday 22 June 2026 at 4.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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**Cllr Mary Farrell
An Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District.**