

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey
on Tuesday 17th September 2024, at 2:30pm**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr Oliver Walsh,
Cllr Mary Farrell,
Cllr Paddy Kavanagh,
Cllr Donal Kenny, Leas-Chathaoirleach,
Cllr Fiontán Ó'Súilleabháin,
Cllr Nicky Boland
Cllr Joe Sullivan,
Cllr Darragh McDonald,
Cllr Pip Breen,

Officials: Ms Liz Hore, Director of Services & District Director,
Mr Philip Knight, Municipal District Manager,
Ms Joanne Kehoe, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Liz Stanley, Senior Staff Officer,
Ms Debbie Stanley, Assistant Staff Officer,
Mr David Codd, Chief Technician, Roads,
Mr Tom Banville, Senior Executive Officer,
Ms Rachael Jordan, Administrative Officer, Housing,
Ms Therese Nolan, Senior Architect, Housing Capital,
Mr Oisín Boland, Executive Planner,
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,

Apologies: Cllr Anthony Donohoe.

No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes & Matters Arising

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr J Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Darragh McDonald the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on July 16th, 2024, were signed, and adopted.

1.2 Matters Arising:

There were no Matters Arising from the July District Meeting.

Vote of Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Cllr O Walsh, seconded by Cllr J Sullivan following the recent passing of Mr Johnny Doyle, WCC, and a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.

No. 2 Consideration of Reports, Recommendations & Presentations

2.1 Implementation of the new Default 60km/h Rural Local Roads Speed Limit:

Mr D Codd explained to the Committee that there has been a change in the approach to the Speed Limit Review which will result in there being no requirement to undertake a Bye Laws process to implement the lower speed limit of 60km/h to all local county roads across the national network from November 2024.

When asked about a review of speed limits within villages, particularly at schools, Mr Codd advised once guidance has been received from the Department of Transport a full consultation process will open in 2025, which will include speed limits outside schools and where the new reduced speed limits on local county roads can be reviewed and increased where appropriate. The members thanked Mr Codd for his presentation.

2.2 Draft Taking-in-Charge of Private Residential Estates Policy Presentation

Mr T Banville recommended the Draft Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates Policy and sought approval to bring before the Full Council for adoption, proposed by Cllr P Breen, seconded by Cllr D Kenny.

Mr Banville responded to members queries and agreed to circulate a full list of the status of Gorey-Kilmuckridge TIC Applications.

2.3 Housing:

Ms R Jordan presented the the Housing Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated.

Cllr M Farrell requested further clarification regarding grants for persons with intellectual disabilities and Ms Jordan agreed to revert. Ms Jordan also responded to queries raised regarding the Tenant-in-Situ Scheme and affordability eligibility.

2.4 Environment:

The Environment Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted. Mr E Brennan responded to queries raised at the July District Meeting and took several questions and agreed to revert in advance of the October Meeting regarding the following:

- Larger bins near Morriscastle carpark (Cllr M Farrell)
- Litter Fine Reporting (Cllr M Farrell)
- Update on Courtown Renourishment (Cllr D McDonald) District Director Ms L Hore agreed to bring a presentation before the members.
- Ballminaan Odour Issues, Ahare River Flooding and Upgrading of Spike Bridge in Courtown Woods (Cllr J Sullivan) District Manager Mr P Knight agreed to follow up with the Groups who hold ownership of Courtown Woods.
- Policy on cutting down trees (Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin) Cllr P Breen advised that this is a Garda matter.

2.5 Planning

Mr O Boland presented the Planning Report, copies of which had previously been circulated were noted.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin asked that a status list of derelict buildings be made available at the November District Meeting. Mr Boland agreed to circulate same.

Cllr N Boland queried the current waiting time for a pre planning appointment. Mr Boland advised that those outstanding will be addressed in the coming weeks. Ms L Hore referred to new planning legislation which once signed will set new time limits and expedite planning decision making processes.

Cllr O Walsh commended the staff involved with the submission of the National Planning Framework.

2.6 Roads

Ms J Kehoe presented the Roads Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

Cllr F Ó'Súilleabháin highlighted areas in Pallas and Curragh Hill which required attention. Ms Kehoe advised that roads are currently being surveyed to feedback into the next 3-year Programme of Works which is due to be finalised in early 2025.

Cllr D Kenny referred to flooding at the bridge in Craanford. Ms Kehoe said a clean-up of the river is required and that she has requested a camera survey to ensure there is no damage under the road.

Cllr D McDonald sought any guidance in relation to obstacles in front of properties which cause damage to vehicles. Ms Kehoe advised there is little guidance or power to remove them but that the property owner is liable for any damages.

Cllr D McDonald enquired whether there is any facility for a private laneway leading onto a public road to become a public road. Ms Kehoe advised that homeowners could apply through the taking in charge process but that the lane must be up to a certain standard. She added that funding is also available under the Local Improvements Scheme.

Cllr P Kavanagh asked that a list of Local Improvement Scheme Applicants be circulated. Ms Kehoe agreed to request this through the Roads Department.

Members also asked that road markings at the crossroads in Raheenduff and on the Kilmuckridge Roundabout be upgraded. Cllr M Farrell also sought an update on the Kilmuckridge Community Plan. Ms Kehoe agreed to speak with the District Manager.

2.7 Additional Departmental Reports

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

2.8 District Manager's Report

The Managers Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted. Mr P Knight gave a brief update on ongoing projects within the district, such as the Gorey Market House THRIVE Project and the St. Waleran's Sports Complex. He also mentioned events which took place over the summer and those upcoming, such as Culture Night and the Gorey Yellow Belly Comedy Festival.

Cllr F O'Súilleabháin felt some business front signage in the town was not in line with many other businesses. Mr P Knight agreed to bring this to the attention of County Wexford Chamber.

Cllr D McDonald asked that the Council consider holding an outdoor event in Courtown next year. Mr P Knight agreed to consider this and said it might be an opportunity to bring the Comedy Festival outside Gorey Town next year.

Cllr N Boland asked could businesses be accommodated with parking permits in the town at a set fee per month. Mr Knight felt that businesses would be looking for prime location parking which would leave the public at a loss for parking. He said he could review with set destinations in car parks.

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

Section 183 Disposal of Property at 1 Centenary Place, Gorey (Folio WX816L)

The Section 183 Disposal of Land at 1 Centenary Place, Gorey was proposed by Cllr J Sullivan, seconded by Cllr D Kenny.

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

Consider Motion submitted by Cllr F O ‘Súilleabháin

“As the first Affordable Homes Purchase Scheme, Radharc na Beannóige, commences in the county at Ramsfort, Gorey, this Municipal Council calls on the Minister for Housing to review the ‘30% local’ clause for the Scheme, and have this figure significantly increased”.

Motion seconded by Cllr P Kavanagh and all members in agreement.

No. 5 Correspondence

5.1 10.09.2024: Archdeacon Mark Hayden – Invitation to the Annual Remembrance Day Service

5.2 13.09.2024: Kayleigh Byrne – Letter of Congratulations

An invitation to the London-Wexford Association was also noted.

No. 6 AOB

Gorey Community Capital Works Grant Scheme 2024

The Gorey members were advised that the Gorey Community Capital Works Grant Scheme will be advertised in local newspapers in the coming week.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Daingnithe ar an _____ lá de _____ 2024

**Oliver Walsh,
Cathaoirleach,
Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District**