

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, The Avenue, Gorey  
on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at 2:30pm**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr Oliver Walsh,  
Cllr Mary Farrell (Online),  
Cllr Anthony Donohoe,  
Cllr. Donal Kenny,  
Cllr Fionntán Ó ‘Súilleabháin,  
Cllr Nicky Boland,  
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh,  
Cllr Joe Sullivan,  
Cllr Pip Breen,

Apologies: Cllr Darragh McDonald,  
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,  
Mr, Sean Myler, Special Projects  
Ms Paula Shortall, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,  
Ms Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Capital,  
Mr Marcus Linehan, Executive Planner,  
Mr Enda Brennan, Executive Engineer, Environment,

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

**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr N. Boland the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD, held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were signed, and adopted.

**1.2 Matters Arising:**

There were no Matters Arising from the October District Meeting.

**2.1 Beach Renourishment and Marina Proposals for Courtown:**

Mr. Sean Meyler attended the meeting and presented a complex report outlining the current situation in relation to the beach in Courtown where currently rock armour exists with no sand.

Mr. Meyler outlined plans to construct a Shore Arm, 500metres of nourished beach and the construction of a 200 berth Marina. He further advised that RPS had been appointed as the Consultant Engineers and that the project would be delivered over two phases with phase one consisting of:

- Construction of the shore arm
- Construction of the short length of marina wall and then
- Sand importation to renourish beach.

Phase two will consist of:

- Construct outer marina structures
- Installation of marina berthing and service infrastructure
- Develop green space for public realm

Mr. Meyler advised that an application to Marine Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for the Marine Area Consent (MAC) would be made during quarter 4, 2024 and the next step would then be to secure Marine Area Consent which should be received during quarter 2, 2025 approximately.

A pre-application meeting would then take place with An Bord Pleanála which would be followed with a submission to ABP in approximately Q4, 2025.

The Members were advised that this work should be completed in 2028/2029 subject to ERDF funding being available. The Members welcomed this update and looked forward to progress being made on this project as discussions had taken place around this proposal for the past 10 years.

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

### **3.1 Housing:**

Ms P Shortall presented the the Housing Report, a copy of which had previously been circulated and updated the members on housing completions in the area.

The Members unanimously welcomed the additional affordable housing to Gorey. Cllr. Joe Sullivan expressed concern regarding the duplexes in Glenn an Ghairdin as he stated that a number of these were not accessible and the Director of Service agreed to ask the Access Officer to review Part 10 in relation to Duplexes and provide an update for the December meeting.

### **3.2 Environment:**

The Environment Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Mr E Brennan responded to queries raised at the October District Meeting and updated the members on works being carried out by the Environment Department at present.

Cllr. F. O' Súilleabháin expressed concern regarding overhanging trees in Sean Doire and requested an update on how this matter can be addressed as it is an ongoing issue and requires clarification.

Cllr. Pip Breen commended the Environmental department on being nominated for Beach Access awards and congratulated all involved on the great work that was being done.

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh noted the number of farm inspections being carried out in 2024 and stated that the number of inspections made was a 300% increase on the previous three years. Mr. Brennan advised that a certain number of inspections had to be carried out on an annual basis as a large amount of pollution cases are associated with the farming industry and every effort is being made to decrease pollution where possible.

### *3.3 Planning*

The Members welcomed Mr Marcus Linehan to the meeting and the planning reports were presented. Mr. Linehan advised that he was now working in the Gorey Kilmuckridge area and that he was making a conscious effort to reduce the backlog of requests for pre-planning meetings. He advised that large scale developments were given priority but efforts were being made to reduce all waiting periods for a pre planning meeting to a maximum of four weeks.

The Director advised the Members that there was a shortage of planners at present and that it is difficult to maintain the services with the current numbers as WCC is a very busy planning authority. She further advised that this issue seems to be a National issue and the number of graduate planners annually is on the decrease.

The Members were updated in relation to the number of Derelict sites in the area and a discussion took place around CPO's with the Director advising that this is a very lengthy and complex procedure.

### *3.4 Roads*

Ms J Kehoe presented the Roads Report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting and the content was noted.

Cllr. A Donohoe thanked the Engineer for all her work and stressed that a lot of progress had been made this year. Cllr Donohoe expressed concern regarding the lack of lighting from Ramstown Business Park into Gorey and wondered if this matter could be addressed and this request was supported by a number of other Cllrs.

Cllr. Kenny expressed concern regarding the follow up when faulty lights are reported and felt it was taking way to long for a response as a number of reports had outstanding now for months. Cllr Kenny also expressed concern regarding oncoming traffic entering The Avenue from Market Square (Shammy Lane) and wondered if ramps could be put in at the top as the traffic is hitting the footpath at high speed and is a danger to pedestrians.

Cllr Paddy Kavanagh expressed concern regarding speeding traffic through Ballymurn village and wondered if the Road Safety Officer could examine this area and see what improvements could be made paying attention to the school in the village also.

The Engineer responded to all queries and agreed to follow up with other Officials where necessary.

### *3.5 Additional Departmental Reports*

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

### **3.6 District Manager's Report**

The District Manager's Report was noted and Mr P Knight advised that he was now attaching a report each month after the District meeting updating the Members on all queries made at the monthly meeting.

Mr 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 and Riverchapel Community Complex. He also gave an update on plans for the Big Switch On scheduled to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The DM also advised that he had been successful in amending the correct location from the Hollyfort Road to Creagh for District Park users who were using the Eircode and this progress was welcomed by the Members as adequate parking is available at the Creagh entry.

The Members were also advised that the tender for the Market House project was progressing well and it was intended to go to tender within the next week and it is envisaged that work will commence on the Market House during 2025. It was further advised that Wexford County Council are awaiting confirmation of the agreed tender on the St. Waleran's Project and work should commence early in 2025.

The works on Riverchapel Community Complex has also gone to tender so progress is being made on this project also. It was agreed to provide an update on planned works on Esmonde Street for the December meeting of GKMD.

Cllr Mary Farrell expressed concern regarding the lack of progress being made on the playground in Kilmuckridge and stressed the importance of not losing this funding. Cllr. Farrell felt that no one department was taking responsibility for moving this project on and requested a full report for the January meeting. The District Manager agreed to follow up on this matter with the Housing Section and action this project as a priority.

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

#### **Eire 4.1 Section 183 Disposal of Property at 8 Eire Street, Gorey**

The Section 183 Disposal of Land at 8 Eire Street, Gorey was proposed by Cllr A Donohoe and seconded by Cllr F. O' Súilleabháin.

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

None

### **No. 5 Correspondence**

None

**No. 6 AOB**

The Members were advised of the Christmas parking arrangements in Council Car Parks for the month of December. Council car parks will be free from 11am on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 07<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December with free parking from 11am for 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**This concluded the business of the Meeting.**

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