

Press Release

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Local Election Issues Highlighted.

Chamber delivers a Public Service.

Gorey Chamber and Gorey Community Development Group hosted a public service meeting on the 25th of May in the Ashdown Park Hotel in relation to the forthcoming local elections.

A panel of representatives from all political parties and non party were nominated to take a series of questions asked on the night.

Chaired by Chamber Executive, Dick White, the panel consisted of Robbie Ireton, Declan McPartlin, Malcolm Byrne, Ellen Lynch and Michael Carty dealt with a series of questions ranging from Urban Status for Gorey, right through to housing issues in North Wexford.(See attached Questions)

While the attendance was on the small side, a good level of discussion was had on the evening with a number of issues clarified. Hopefully it was of benefit to all.

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Questions Asked.....

QUESTION 1

Over 2000 people currently living in Housing Estates have no vote in the Town Council Election.

Why are people from The Paddocks, The Heath, Clonattin Village etc. Excluded? Particularly as it was promised to be corrected at the last local Election.

Does the panel agree that this was just another series of,
PROMISES, PROMISES !

QUESTION 2

Why is Gorey not treated as an equal with Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford?

We cannot raise Rates and generate income to be retained in the town.

Does the panel agree that we need Urban Council designation now?

QUESTION 3

Why are funds generated by our Rates not spent in the Town.

QUESTION 4

Can we get a guarantee from the candidates and all parties that the Historic Market House, which will celebrate its three hundred Birthday this year, stays in Public Ownership and used for the good of the community.

QUESTION 5

Could the panel clarify what has happened to the inner relief roads and Traffic Management Plan promised two year ago with the opening of the N11 by pass?

QUESTION 6

With a 32% increase in the Town Population and a 26% increase in the district, why have we seen NO improvement in Social Facilities for the young and old?

QUESTION 7

Why did you enter local politics and will you be a full time representative?

QUESTION 8

Does the Panel agree that pedestrian crossings more important for Public Houses rather than Primary Schools?

QUESTION 9

With many deserving cases needing rehousing in the district, why do we have vacant houses, owned by the Council all over the area?

QUESTION 10

From Robbie to Bobby, is this an electoral strategy?

QUESTION 11

We already have 166 TD's and 60 Senators in Leinster House, 8 of them in this country.

Why do we need a further 5 County Councillors and 9 Town Councillors to do the same work?

QUESTION 12

Assuming you are all successful in this election, what is your long term electoral ambition?

QUESTION 13

Does the Panel agree that given current economic conditions is it not time for the 6 acre IDA site on the Courtown Road to be returned to local ownership, thereby allowing real job creation at a local level.