

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2.30pm in the Tholsel, New Ross**

---

**Presiding:** Councillor John Fleming

**In Attendance:** Councillor Anthony Connick  
Councillor Michael Whelan  
Councillor Michael Sheehan  
Councillor Pat Barden

**Officials Present:** Mick McCormack – District Administrator  
Eamonn Hore - District Director  
Martina Donoghue – Administrative Officer Housing  
Liam Bowe – Executive Planner  
Brendan Cooney – Senior Executive Scientist, Environment  
Sinead Casey – Senior Engineer, Special Projects  
David Codd – Chief Technician, Roads  
Sean Breen – Malachy Walsh and Partners  
David Minogue – Communications Officer  
Eimear Kennedy – Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Councillor Bridin Murphy, Eilís Furlong, Dan McCartan

***Standing Orders were suspended to allow for three presentations. This was proposed by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Connick.***

***Presentation 1: Proposed Broadband Connection Points in the New Ross Municipal District – David Minogue, Senior Executive Officer, Communications***

David Minogue, Communications and Broadband Officer advised the Members of the location of proposed Broadband Connector Points (BCPs) at 3 locations within the District, in advance of the rollout of the National Broadband plan. Each County will receive 12 such points. The proposed locations for New Ross District are Raheen, the Hook Peninsula and Ramsgrange. He sought the advice of the Members on the locations. They were in agreement. Installation will commence in the week of 17<sup>th</sup> March.

***Presentation 2: South East Greenway – Progress Report – Sinead Casey, Senior Engineer Special Projects and Sean Breen, Malachy Walsh & Partners, Consultant Designers Team.***

Sean Breen of Malachy Walsh & Partners gave an update of progress to date with the Southeast Greenway. In addition to the physical progress of the works, Sinead Casey, Senior Engineer, Special Projects, advised the Members to speak to the public about opportunities for business development along the length of the Greenway. She advised that the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) in County Hall can provide funding for small and medium scale enterprises which may be of use to businesses to set up in or around the Greenway. She advised that LEO is also an outlet for Microfinance Ireland which offers additional types of financial supports.

Sean advised that the Tender process for the Greenway will commence in April / May 2020, that construction is hoped to commence in September 2020 with a planned completion date of December 2021.

**Presentation 3: Public Consultation Report for the proposed “Draft Co. Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020” – David Codd, Chief Technician, Roads.**

David Codd, Chief Technician, Roads Department updated the Members on the Public Consultation Process which has taken place on the *Draft Co. Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020* as a result of recent changes to the National Roads Network. In the New Ross District, speed limits between the Ballymacar Roundabout and Kent’s Cross and the Creacon Lower slipway to N25 had automatically reverted to 80km/ph after the opening of the New Ross Bypass, and the Bye-Laws seek to increase the limits back to 100km/ph.

He explained the procedure from this point onwards and advised that he will bring the Draft Bye Laws for approval to the March meeting.

**Condolences**

Condolences were extended to the family of Sammy Sinnott; the family of Ned O’Grady, the family of Willie Whelan and the family of Philip Cairns.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations were extended to all involved in the opening event for the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge; to all those involved in organising the charity events which coincided with the opening of the bridge; to the Kennedy Family for the attendance of Rose Katherine Kennedy Townsend at the opening event; to all involved in the Nationwide programme about New Ross; to all involved in the commemoration event for Martin Doyle VC; to Joe Moffitt who has been appointed the President of the Veterinary Council of Ireland; to Fiona Lewis, the new Chief Executive of the County Wexford Chamber of Commerce; to Verona Murphy on her election to the Dail; to all election candidates; The District Director expressed his thanks to all council staff who were involved in the charity events and bridge opening.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**1.1 Monthly Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The Minutes were proposed as presented by Councillor Connick and seconded by Councillor Sheehan.

**1.2 Matters Arising**

Following a query from the members, the Executive Planner gave an update on the timescale for works at Terrerath Castle. He advised that works are currently two weeks behind time because of weather conditions, however if weather improves this delay may be reduced. Project completion is still scheduled for the month of March.

Following a query from the Members, it was agreed that the District Office would send a letter to the Respond Housing Agency to voice their concerns that there had been no follow up from them since their visit to the January meeting.

## **2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

### ***2.1. District Manager's Report***

The District Manager delivered his report and responded to queries raised by the councillors.

Following a query from Councillor Fleming, the District Manager advised that it would be possible to remove the "No Right Turn" signage and bollards from the end of Quay Street. The District Engineer will attend to the matter week commencing 17th February.

Councillor Connick asked if it would be possible to review the traffic management situation between the Quay and access to South Street.

The Members agreed to extend the dates for Amenity and Community Grants to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Following a query from the members, the District Manager advised that the NRMD and Chamber of Commerce are currently working together on a specific strategy to attract investment into New Ross.

### ***2.2. Roads Report***

The Roads Engineer was not present at the meeting but her report was noted by the Members.

On foot of the report the Members requested that the NRMD writes to the HSE to ask them to contribute financially to their part of the roadway at the hospital at Old Charlton Hill.

### ***2.3. Water Services Report***

The Senior Executive Engineer was not present at the meeting but the Members noted the content of his report.

### ***2.4. Housing Report.***

The Administrative Officer, Housing was present to answer queries from the Councillors.

The Members requested that the Housing Section contact the Steer Housing Agency to deal with the issue at Fairfields in Adamstown.

The Members requested an update on the Capital Building Programme for the next meeting.

### ***2.5 Planning Report***

The Executive Planner was present to answer questions arising from the monthly report. The content of the report was noted by the Members.

The Members requested some information on Pingos for the next meeting.

### **2.6 Libraries Archives & Arts Report**

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

### **2.7 Community Development Report**

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

### **2.8 Environment Report**

The Members welcomed Senior Executive Scientist Brendan Cooney to the meeting. He will be in attendance at the monthly meeting from now on to answer questions for the Environment Section.

He advised the Members on the situation in respect of loose horses found on public spaces. The current situation is that if a member of the public finds a horse loose in any public space, they should immediately contact the Gardaí. The Gardaí will contact the appropriate pound service.

He will return with answers to additional queries for the next meeting (Beach Clean, Air Quality report and in relation to any upcoming mattress amnesty).

### **2.9 Fire Services Report**

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

### **2.10 Members Query System - NRMD**

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

## **3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members**

3.1 Wexford County Council (Prohibition of consumption of intoxicating liquor on streets and in public places) draft bye laws 2020 – draft to be provided immediately following Feb Council meeting.- Mick McCormack

The District Manager briefed the Members on plans and timelines by the Community section of WCC to introduce Bye Laws that prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public places. The Members welcomed the introduction of these Bye Laws.

3.2 Public Consultation Report for the proposed “Draft Co. Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020” – David Codd (Presented at the start of the meeting).

3.3 Festival Budget Allocation 2020 – Mick McCormack

The Members approved the Festivals Budget, with the proviso that the St. Patrick's Day Parades in the District – Duncannon, Clonroche and Fethard each receive €1,000 towards costs.

The Members also requested that a request be made to the Enterprise/Tourism section for further funding towards celebrating the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Norman Landings at Baginbun.

#### **4. Other Business**

4.1 South East Greenway – Progress Report – Sinead Casey, Special Projects and Sean Breen, Malachy Walsh and Partners. (*Taken at start of meeting*).

4.2 Proposed Broadband Connection Points in the New Ross Municipal District – David Minogue (*Taken at start of meeting*).

#### **5. Notices of Motion**

N/A

#### **6. Correspondence**

Thank you letter from Bunscoil Rís on their invitation to attend the opening of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge.

#### **7. AOB**

N/A

**The meeting went into committee to discuss two issues.**

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_