

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.30pm in the Tholsel, New Ross**

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**Presiding:** Councillor John Fleming

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

**Officials Present:** Mick McCormack – District Administrator  
Eamonn Hore - District Director  
Dan McCartan – Senior Executive Engineer  
Eilis Furlong – Executive Engineer  
Martina Donoghue – Administrative Officer, Housing  
Liam Bowe – Executive Planner  
Brendan Cooney – Senior Executive Scientist, Environment  
Eimear Kennedy – Staff Officer

Dave Gray – Youth New Ross  
Mary B. O’Leary – Local Link

**Apologies:** N/A

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

***Presentation 1: Dave Gray – Youth New Ross***

***Presentation 2: Mary B. O’Leary – Local Link***

***Condolences***

Condolences were extended to the family of Niall Power of Porter’s Gate on his recent passing.

***Congratulations***

N/A.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1.1 Monthly Meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The Minutes were proposed as presented by Councillor and seconded by Councillor Barden.

### **1.2 Matters Arising**

N/A

## **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.

On the basis of a proposal from Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Connick, the Members agreed that they will reconsider the criteria for the Resident's Association and Amenity Grants for next year.

The allocation of the Resident's Association and Community Grants was proposed as presented by Councillor Sheehan and Seconded by Councillor Connick.

On the topic of littering in the District, there were a number of suggestions as to the best way to encourage people to join in and clean a road or an area.

Councillor Connick requested that the Thomastown District be invited to the next New Ross District meeting to discuss the issues with illegal dumping and litter on the Rosbercon side of the town.

A number of the Members requested a big effort on one specific day for the National Spring Clean in multiple areas in the District. As per information from the District Manager, there was agreement that there should be a coordinated effort lead by NRMD/Environment for a single big event.

### **2.2. Roads Report**

The content of the report was noted by the Members. The Roads Engineer answered queries that arose.

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

The contents of the report was noted by the Members.

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

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

The meeting went into committee to discuss particular issues. Proposed by Councillor Sheehan and Seconded by Councillor Barden.

When the meeting came out of committee, Councillor Sheehan requested a list of vacant properties, how long they have been vacant and when they can expect to be reoccupied for the next meeting.

#### **2.5 Planning Report**

The Executive Planner delivered his report and responded to the Members' questions.

He updated the Members on the status of Terrerath Castle. The works will be finished by the end of this week (Friday 13<sup>th</sup>). Sign off by the engineer is expected next week and the road is expected to be fully open again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### **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**

Senior Executive Scientist, Brendan Cooney, was in attendance to answer queries from the Members. He answered the queries outstanding since the February meeting.

He advised the Members that litter fine statistics cannot currently be broken down by area of the county.

He advised of a possible mattress amnesty day in the summer.

He advised that although air quality has not been measured since the New Ross Bypass was opened, noise quality has been measured along the quay, and that this has significantly improved.

Councillor Whelan requested a PTU waste compactor be installed at Rosbercon recycling facility to make the area a "one stop shop".

He also requested to know where calls should be directed from the CSU – to the Rapid Response Crew or to the Environment Warden as some reports of littering were not sufficiently detailed coming back to the Members.

### **2.9 Fire Services Report**

The content of the report was noted by the Members. Councillor Connick requested an update on the new fire station. The District Director advised the money for the Fire Station will not be officially allocated until the new Government has been formed.

### **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**

N/A

## **4. Other Business**

N/A

## **5. Notices of Motion**

N/A

## **6. Correspondence**

6.1 JPC Letter re quarterly meetings – It was agreed by the Members that a New Ross sub-committee should meet quarterly. The Members want to meet the Superintendent before the next District meeting. This to be arranged by the NRMD administration.

6.2 Letter from New Ross Ramblers re using New Ross Crest

This was approved by all Members. Proposed by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Connick.

6.3 Letter from Neil Bolton Head of Housing Respond

The Members agreed to 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 4pm to visit the Respond property in the Irishtown. They are requesting the SEO Housing and the Director of Service, Housing attend the meeting also. They have also requested a meeting in the Tholsel with the SEO and DoS to discuss other issues arising from the “In Committee” meeting after the visit to the convent.

**7. AOB**

Councillor Connick asked for clarification on who has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the AED in the Irishtown. The District Manager advised that he is currently seeking advice on this matter and will revert as soon as possible.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

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

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