

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY
ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY 2022 AT 10.00 A.M.**

Attendance: Councillors:	Aidan Browne (Cathaoirleach) Barbara-Anne Murphy Jackser Owens Kathleen Codd-Nolan (by Microsoft Teams) John O'Rourke
Officials:	Mr. Michael Drea, A/Director of Services Mr. Ger Mackey, District Manager Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Guests:	Ms. Lisa Byrne, Visual Arts Manager, Presentation Ctr. Mr. Larry Dunne, Visual Arts & Marketing, Presentation Ctr. Ms. Emily Whelan, Venue Manager, Presentation Ctr.
Apologies: Councillors:	Cathal Byrne

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the meeting proceed 'In Committee', however, on the proposal of Cllr. Owens it was unanimously agreed to take Item No. 1 before going into Committee.

Presentation Centre Review

Mr. Larry Dunne gave a presentation to the attendees re-introducing all to the Presentation Centre on its 10th anniversary.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion took place on staffing issues and building upgrades, including the provision of a defibrillator at the Presentation Centre. A further discussion took place on the possibility of upgrading the outdoor space at the back of the building to provide an additional area for workshops, classes, etc.

The Members thanked Mr. Dunne for his presentation and commended the staff on their excellent work ethics and welcoming personalities to visitors of the centre. The Members concurred with recommendations to improve the building and the provision of a defibrillator at the premises.

The need for improved signage for the centre and in the town in general was raised and discussed. Mr. Mackey recommended that all signage be reviewed and examined as part of the regeneration project and confirmed the need for consultation with the Planning Department and the Heritage Officer regarding any works to the outdoor space. Mr. Mackey also recommended the facilitation of arts projects throughout the community, especially the more marginalised communities within the district.

Mural

On the proposal of Cllr. Browne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy it was agreed to proceed to 'In Committee' to discuss this item.

10.54 a.m. – Cllr. O'Rourke left the meeting.

Ms. Lisa Byrne, Visual Arts Manager gave a presentation to the Elected Members, following which Ms. Byrne, Mr. Dunne and Ms. Whelan left the meeting.

11.28 a.m. – Cllr. O'Rourke returned to the meeting.

At this juncture in the meeting Mr. Michael Drea, A/Director of Services joined the meeting.

A discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. Owens, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members agreed that the proposed mural, as presented, does not proceed on the Presentation Centre Building.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Members agreed to consider an alternative piece of art for the Presentation Centre to promote the building as an arts centre.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH

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