

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON WEDNESDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 2.00 P.M.**

Attendance:

Councillors: Aidan Browne (Cathaoirleach)
Cathal Byrne (Leas-Chathaoirleach)
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
John O'Rourke
Jackser Owens

Officials: Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Director of Services
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Breege Cosgrave, A/Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Martina Donohoe, Administrative Officer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer
Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner
Mr. Donal Gordon, Senior Staff Officer
Mr. Richard Mullen, Clerical Officer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Mr. Ger Mackey, District Manager
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 27th July 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr. Owens, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 27th July 2022 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 27th July 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Owens the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 27th July 2022 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.3 Minutes of the Special Meeting (In Committee) of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 27th July 2022

On the proposal of Cllr. Owens, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the Special Meeting (In Committee) of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 27th of July 2022 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.4 Matters Arising

A number of updates were requested by the Members: -

- Reserved funds by the Enniscorthy Town Council for works at Moran Park Grotto.
- The erection of a wall between Madeira Wood and Páirc Na gCon.
- Clarification on the position of the Traveller Accommodation Officer.
- Clean up at the river Urrin.
- Naming of steps opposite the Enniscorthy Castle to 'Wilkie Way'.
- Campus at St. Johns, Enniscorthy.
- Assessment at Carleysbridge in relation to a traffic system.

Votes of Sympathy

The Members extended Votes of Sympathies to the following families.

- The Moorehouse family on the sad passing of Tina, RIP.
- The Goff family on their recent loss.
- The Morrissey family on their recent loss.
- Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy on the sad passing of her aunt, Ms. Kelly, RIP.
- The Mulligan family on the sad passing of Michael Mulligan, RIP.
- The O'Connor family on the sad passing of Martin, RIP.
- The Jordan family on their recent loss.
- The sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II was acknowledged.

Congratulations

The Members extended congratulations to the following:

- The underage county and shield camogie finalists – Duffry Rovers, Ballyhogue and Kilrush.

2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

2.1 Planning

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. A number of queries were raised, including: -

- Movement on Pre-Planning Meetings.
- The appointment of additional staff to the Planning Department.
- County Development Plan.
- Part 8 Planning Process for the Astro Turf, Ross Road, Enniscorthy.

Ms. Hore and Ms. Lennon responded to all queries raised.

2.2 Housing, Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

Housing

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Ms. Donohoe updated the Members on the appointment of the Vacant Homes Officer. The Members put forward a number of queries to Ms. Donohoe to which she responded.

- Vacant property at Marley, Marshalstown.
- Income thresholds for consideration for social housing.
- The need for emergency accommodation in Enniscorthy Town.

3.23 p.m. On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Byrne the Members agreed to proceed to 'In Committee' at this juncture in the meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding Wexford County Councils Housing Transfer Policy.

3.40 p.m. The meeting reconvened.

Cllr. Byrne asked that Mr. Tom Fox, Vacant Homes Officer would attend the October Meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

Community

The Members put forward a number of queries to the officials, in particular: -

- Request for an audit and survey to be carried out on all Wexford County Council Playground Facilities with necessary funds to be secured to carry out any essential works.
- Provision of a playground/play area in Sean Brownes Court, Enniscorthy.
- Request that all playgrounds in Wexford be inclusive.
- Cleaning of laneway, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy.
- Provision of a Skateboard Park for Enniscorthy.
- Update on the Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

A brief discussion took place and the Director of Services responded to all queries raised and undertook to speak with the Community and Environment Departments in relation to concerns raised.

Environment

A number of concerns were highlighted by the Elected Members, including: -

- A date for installation of new Litter Bins in Bunclody.
- Provision of Litter Bins in Housing Development, Killealy Road, Bunclody.
- Refuse collection on Rafter Street – request for alternative collection times.

Libraries & Fire Service

The Members noted the reports circulated prior to the meeting.

2.3 Municipal District Report

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and the Members put forward a number of queries. In particular the following was discussed: -

- Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022.
- Request for inclusion of a number of additional streets/areas in the Street Cleaning Programme.
- Pay Parking – request for review regarding use of parking tickets in multiple areas of the town.
- Christmas Lights – proposal that lights be erected and lit for 2022.
- Works required to footpaths in a number of housing developments throughout the district.
- Sensory Garden – location of same.

The Director of Services and Ms. Quigley responded to all queries raised.

3. Decarbonisation Zone

Ms. Clare Kelly gave a presentation to the attendees on the County Wexford Decarbonisation Zone. It was noted that the Decarbonisation Zone was now included in Wexford County Council's Climate Action Plan with Enniscorthy being the designated Decarbonisation Zone for County Wexford. A discussion took place regarding funding, measures being considered, smokeless coal, application process, SEIA Grants.

4. Green Initiatives – Economic Department

Ms. Hore, Director of Services and Ms. Cosgrave, A/Senior Executive Officer attended the meeting to discuss the Green Hub Enniscorthy, Technology Park. Ms. Cosgrave gave a presentation to the Members following which a discussion took place. Ms. Hore outlined the significance of this initiative with funding available for the consultancy of an architectural design professional, the appointment of a Business Development Manager, overheads, marketing and office rental for the Green Hub.

The Elected Members thanked Ms. Hore and Ms. Cosgrave for their presentation and welcomed the provision of a Green Hub for Enniscorthy. A number of queries were highlighted, as follows: -

- Completion date and number of units.
- Availability of expert support for businesses who take up residents in the hub.
- How the success of the Green Hub will be measured.
- Provision of additional space to businesses who outgrow their units.

Ms. Hore and Ms. Cosgrave responded to all queries raised and a brief discussion followed. It was noted that it is hoped that a larger funding application will be made in the future.

5. XRS Payment Portal

Mr. Donal Gordon and Mr. Richard Mullen presented the XRS Payment Portal to the Members.

17:20 p.m. – Cllr. O'Rourke left the meeting

The Members put forward a number of queries to which Mr. Gordon responded. The workings of the system were discussed, and features highlighted by Mr. Gordon and noted by the Members. It was further noted that this system was not mandatory and current payment methods would remain in place.

At this juncture of the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members unanimously agreed to suspend the Standing Orders and continue with the meeting.

6. Roads Report.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer took this item in the absence of Mr. Neil Dempsey. The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The following requests were noted: -

- Petition from residents of Patrick Street for the provision of a ramp.
- Safety measures at Ballycarney junction.
- Repairs to Wilton Bridge.
- Provision of a pedestrian crossing – GAA Complex

Mr. O'Corcora, on behalf of Mr. Dempsey thanked the businesses for their co-operation with the provision of de-tours to facilitate works in Tanyard Lane.

7. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Mr. McHale, Project Resident Engineer updated the Members on the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme. A number of concerns were raised by the Members to which Mr. McHale responded.

8. Water Services Report.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. A discussion took place regarding surfacing works at Pearse Road, Mr. O'Corcora presented his report to the Members. The following issues were raised.

- The treatment capacity of Vinegar Hill Water Treatment Plant. Mr. O'Corcora stated that under the current planning permission for Clonhaston will permit 4,500.
- Timeline for repairs to Pedestrian Bridge on the Promenade Country Walk.

9. Vinegar Hill.

Cllr. Byrne asked if hedges on the pathways approaching Vinegar Hill can be trimmed. Cllr. Owens requested more manpower for Vinegar Hill. A request for additional General Operative Staff for the Enniscorthy District was made by the Members. A brief discussion took place and the official responded to all concerns.

10. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members.

None.

11. Correspondence.

Ms. Quigley informed the Members of correspondence received from the London Wexford Association regarding their Annual Wexford Town Reunion Buffet Dance scheduled to take place on Saturday 22nd October 2022. On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Byrne the Members agreed for attendance by the Chair, Cllr. Aidan Browne.

12. Any Other Business.

The Elected Members asked for a meeting of the URDF Working Group to be arranged as soon as possible.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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