

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on Wednesday 8th January, 2020 in the Tholsel, New Ross**

Presiding: Councillor John Fleming

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

Officials Present: Mick McCormack – District Administrator
Eamonn Hore - District Director
Dan McCartan – Senior Executive Engineer
Eilís Furlong - Executive Engineer
Martina Donoghue – AO Housing
Liam Bowe – Executive Planner
Eimear Kennedy – Staff Officer

Liam Fewer – Development Manager, Respond Approved Housing Body
Neil Bolton – Head of Housing, Respond Approved Housing Body
Dolores O’Grady – Tenant Relations Manager, Respond Approved Housing Body
Niamh Randall – Head of Advocacy, Respond Approved Housing Body

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for a presentation from members of the Respond Approved Housing Body, who then responded to queries by the Members.

This was proposed by Councillor Connick and seconded by Councillor Whelan.

Condolences

Condolences were extended to:

The Sinnott Family; the North Family and the Green Family on their recent bereavements. The members also expressed their best wishes to all involved in the search operation for the missing fisherman off the Kilmore Coast.

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to the administration of New Ross District Office for the display of Christmas Decorations and trees around the District.

Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting – December 10th 2019

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

1.2 *Matters Arising*

N/A

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.

In response to a query from the Members, he advised that the date of the opening of the New Ross Bypass was still unconfirmed. He also advised that a community event will take place before the bridge officially opens.

2.2. Roads Report

The Roads Engineer delivered her report and responded to queries from the Members.

She advised that the new roads boundaries are now in place in the County, as a result any roads related queries relating to areas that are now within the Rosslare Municipal District will be dealt with by the Rosslare District roads engineer.

2.3. Water Services Report

The Senior Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to queries from the Members.

2.4. Housing Report.

The Housing report was delivered by the Administrative Officer, Housing who responded to queries from the Councillors.

The Administrative Officer, Housing, advised the Members of changes in senior staffing within the Housing Section. Carolyne Godkin is the new Director of Service, replacing John Carley and Niall McCabe is the new Senior Executive Officer, replacing Padraig O'Gorman.

She reminded the Members that there is no out of hours Housing service. Outside of hours calls, if they are of sufficient urgency, such should be directed to An Garda Síochána.

Following a query from the members concerning loose horses on Council owned land (such as council housing estates), the Members requested a member of the Environment staff attend the February meeting to discuss the procedure for dealing with loose horses.

In response to a query as to the receipting of capital monies received when tenants buy their properties, she confirmed to the Members that the funds are allocated to capital codes to reinvested into the current housing stock.

2.5 Planning Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

The Executive Planner gave an update on the situation of the remedial works and likely reopening of the road at Terrerath Castle.

The members took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Planning Representative, James Lavin, for his contribution to the District over the past number of years.

2.6 Planning Grants

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.7 Planning Refusals

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.8 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.9 Community Development Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.10 Environment Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.11 Fire Services Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.12 Members Query System - NRMD

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

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

N/A

3. Other Business

Respond Housing Agency presentation, which was taken at the start of the meeting.

4. Notice of Motion/s –

N/A

5. Correspondence

N/A

6. AOB

N/A

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed _____

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Date _____