

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 in The Tholsel, New Ross.**

Presiding: Councillor Michael Sheehan – Cathaoirleach

In Attendance:

Councillor Anthony Connick
Councillor Pat Barden
Councillor John Fleming
Councillor Michael Whelan (Teams)
Councillor Bridin Murphy

Officials Present:

Mick McCormack – District Manager
Eamonn Hore - District Director
Annette O'Neill – Head of Finance
Lynda Lacey – Financial Accountant (Teams)
David Murphy – A/Executive Engineer, Roads
Martina Donoghue – AO Housing (Teams)
Jill Kelleher – Business Advisor
Deborah Coleman, SSE Renewables
Martin Sweeney, SSE Renewables
Sharon Ryan – Assistant Staff Officer
Eoin Furlong- Clerical Officer

Others Present:

David Looby – Press
Deputy Verona Murphy- Teams

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all attendees both in person and through Teams, to the meeting. Cllr Sheehan proposed to adopt and amend that all of those attending through Teams must always have their camera on and always remain in frame. This was noted and agreed by all councillors.

Rates Incentive Scheme (In committee)

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001, Section 45 (1) (a) a resolution was passed to meet in committee, to discuss the Rates Incentive Scheme, in accordance with the Local Government Act, Section 45 proposed by Cllr. Connick and seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Standing orders were suspended, on the proposal of Cllr. Connick and seconded by Cllr. Murphy to allow for presentations.

Presentation by SSE Renewables re Celtic Sea Array Offshore Wind Farm

Deborah Coleman and Martin Sweeney, SSE Renewables gave a presentation regarding the Celtic Sea Array 1200MW off shore wind farm. Following the presentation, they responded to queries from the Members.

Presentation by Business Development Officer

The newly appointed Business Development Officer, Jill Kelleher gave a presentation regarding business development on the New Ross Greenway and responded to queries from the Members.

The Members congratulated Jill on her new position and thanked her predecessor, Alan Fitzhenry, for all the work he had done.

Cllr. Murphy raised the issue of the high price of bike rental, which may be a deterrent for people using the greenway.

The District Manager informed the Meeting that the issue of casual trading licences was with the council's solicitor, following a query from Cllr. Murphy.

Following a query regarding advertising the greenway from Cllr. Barden, Cllr. Sheehan advised that a campaign promoting the greenway and other attractions was launched in California in September this year.

Cllr. Whelan sought an update on the planned motor home park in New Ross, stating that more accommodation is needed.

Presentation on Wexford County Council Draft Traffic Calming Policy 2023

The Road Safety Officer gave a presentation regarding the Wexford County Council draft Traffic Calming Policy 2023. On the proposal of Cllr. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. Connick the Members agreed to adopt the policy

Sympathies

The Members sympathised with the Tobin family on the death of Martin; the O'Neill family of Killane on the death of Hannah; the O'Connor family on the death of Tessie; the McGarr family on the death of Ryan; the Hamilton family on the death of Mary; the Murphy family of Mount Carmel on the death of Paddy and the O'Brien family of Campile on the death of Lee.

Congratulations

Cllr. Fleming congratulated the villages in the district that received funding under the Community Development Fund.

Cllr. Connick congratulated Tadgh Furlong who was named Irish captain for the Ireland rugby match against Fiji on 12th November.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting –

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2022 were proposed as presented by Cllr. Anthony Connick and seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

2.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

2.1 District Managers Report

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

Tidy Towns Results

The District Manager congratulated the groups around the district following the recent announcement of results.

The District Manager reminded the Members that flowers/shrubs will be available again next spring, from our polytunnels site, and that groups should get their orders in as soon as possible.

New Ross Christmas 2022

The District Manager reminded the Members that the Christmas lights will be switched on this Saturday, 19th November at 5 p.m. by Cllr. Michael Sheehan, Dami Hope and Santa.

A 'Quiet Santa' event will take place this year in collaboration with the Dream Big Project.

Commemoration of Armistice Day

The Manager reminded the Members of the Armistice day Commemoration.

Baginbun Festival

The Manager thanked the organisers of the Baginbun Festival for hosting a very successful festival.

Brennan's Lane/Shambles Town and Village

The Manager gave an update on the Brennans Lane and Shambles project

CCTV

The Manager updated the Members on the progress of the Town CCTV Scheme.

Destination Towns Project

The Manager updated the Members on the Destination Towns project.

The Members thanked the Roads crew who dealt so quickly with the effects throughout the district following the recent storm.

2.1a Special Projects Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.2 Roads Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.3 Water Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.4 Housing Report

The housing report was delivered by the Administrative Officer, Housing who responded to the Members queries.

2.5 Planning Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

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 Portal Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

3.0 Business prescribed by Statue, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

N/A

4 Other Business

4.1 Presentation by SEE Renewables

This presentation took place earlier in the meeting.

4.2 Presentation by Business Development Officer

This presentation took place earlier in the meeting.

4.3 Wexford County Council Draft Traffic Calming Policy 2023

This presentation took place earlier in the meeting.

5.0 Notice of Motion/s –

N/A

6.0 Correspondence

N/A

7.0 AOB

Following a proposal from Cllr. Connick, the Members agreed that a joint meeting would be requested with Callan Thomastown Municipal District.

Following a proposal from Cllr. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. Connick it was agreed that a civic reception would be held for the FCA Pipe Band on their 75th anniversary.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Date _____