

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON TUESDAY,
20TH JANUARY at 9.30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Pat Kehoe (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Aidan Browne
Cllr. Trish Byrne
Cllr. John O'Rourke
Cllr. Jackser Owens

Officials:

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Ms. Barbara Nolan, Staff Officer
Ms Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist.
Mr. David Wall, Executive Planner
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Catherine Fitzpatrick, Executive Technician
Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer, Housing,
Mr. Enda Waters, Executive Engineer Special Projects
Mr. Sean Meyler, Senior Engineer, Special Projects
Mr. Shay Howell, Senior Architect, Housing Construction
Ms. Ibolya Walsh-Fekete, Executive Architect, Housing
Construction

Sympathies:

The members expressed their sympathy to following

- David Wall, on the passing of his mother, Rose Wall
- Eamonn Manning on the passing of his father, Eamonn Manning
- Noel Byrne on the passing of his father Noel Byrne
- The family of Liam Bond, Bunclody on his recent passing
- The Gordon family, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy on the passing of Elsie Gordon
- The Allen & Bernie families on the passing of Agens Allen, Slaney Place
- The Byrne family, Court Street, on the passing of John Byrne
- The Ryan family on the passing of James Ryan, St Aidan's Villas

Cathaoirleach Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy called on all assembled to observe a minute's silence.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1.1 Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 16th December 2025

On the proposal of Cllr O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr Byrne, the Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16th December 2025 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Mr Shay Howell, Senior Architect, Construction and Ibolya Walsh-Fekete, Executive Architect, attended on behalf of Housing Construction. It was proposed by Cllr Owens and seconded by Cllr Browne that the order of the meeting be changed to facilitate an earlier presentation of the Turret Rocks Masterplan.

2.2.1 Presentation of Masterplan for Turret Rocks

Mr Howell gave a presentation on the plan outlining the history of the site and the requirement to construct a road which will open up the land and provide linkage to the town. The provision of 50 x houses (a mix of affordable and social houses), a tea house, playground, skate park and community centre means that this plan provides for facilities for the community not just a green space. Provision has been made for tree planting as well as retention of existing trees giving scope for biodiversity. The next stage is for surveys (ecology, archaeology) as well as survey by a tree surgeon. The QS is working on costs, and it is hoped to be ready for Part 8 planning in Q2.

The members welcomed this news and were unanimous in praising the design, particularly the inclusion of housing which is much needed in that area. Cllr Murphy stressed the importance of recreational space.

2.1 Planning

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

Executive planner David Wall attended on behalf of planning. There were no questions from the members. An Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Wall for his ongoing support to the Members in navigating various aspects of the planning process.

2.1.1 Presentation on Páirc na Gabhar, Bunclody

Executive Technician Cat Fitzpatrick presented the plan for Páirc na Gabhar, Bunclody. The design is based on the outcome from the Public Consultation process as well as input from the local community and residents' group. The design consists of green space and walkways, playground, car park as well as a link into the school via a fenced lit walkway. The design facilitates cross town connectivity. There is a wayleave for a future roadway which is a requirement from the previous planning

application. It is not anticipated that there will be any further barriers to the planning application process.

The members praised the design saying that the park would be a great boost to Bunclody which currently lacks amenities.

2.2 Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

The Community, Environment, Libraries and Fire Service reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted and various issues discussed – in particular: -

- Report on Litter Management – will be brought to the next SPC.
- CCTV approved for six hot-spots already agreed. To add another location for CCTV the process must be initiated again. Executive Scientist Siobhan Murphy stressed that it is important to report known locations for dumping so a case can be made for CCTV.
- Dumping of white goods - Ms Murphy reminded everyone that recycling of white goods and electrical goods is free at your local Civic Waste Centre.

The members welcomed the fact that with appropriate evidence those engaged in dumping will be prosecuted and receive the full rigours of the law.

Cathaoirleach called for a break at 10:25 for tea. The meeting resumed at 10:42.

2.3 Housing

2.3.1 Housing Acquisitions/Allocations

The reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted. Senior Staff Officer Roseanne Redmond answered the members queries.

- Cllr Owens raised a query regarding the transfer process. Ms Redmond confirmed that the practice is to carry out a pre-let inspection prior to arranging a transfer.
- Cllr Browne queried the policy regarding emergency accommodation. Ms Redmond to refer to HSSU.
- Cllr Murphy queried the numbers of new properties for 2025 and had all delivered. Ms Redmond confirmed that a number of properties were substantially complete at the end of 2025 and some be complete by the end of January therefore allocated in 2026 – these are not yet on CBL.
- Cllr Murphy queried the Estate Management stats. Ms Redmond to clarify numbers of complaints handled and revert.

2.3.2 Housing Capital

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Mr Howell answered the members queries, in particular: -

- Provision of 4 bed units, in particular cases where there are special needs and provision of an extra bedroom is required.
- Provision of new builds in Bunclody.
- The Lyre

2.4 Municipal District Report

Amenity & Arts Grants and Residents Associations Grant Scheme 2026

The Amenity & Arts Grants and Residents Associations Grant Scheme 2026 will go live on Wednesday 21st January. Details are as follows:-

(1) 2026 Amenity & Arts Grant Scheme – Small Scale Funding

This funding scheme is aimed at providing small-scale support to **community & voluntary based groups** and is designed to assist with a wide variety of projects that promote social inclusion and building strong communities e.g.

- Small scale village improvements,
- Community development initiatives,
- Promoting local heritage,
- Planting of trees, shrubs, landscaping,
- Promoting an interest in the Arts – e.g., Stage productions, arts & crafts exhibitions, public recitals, performances & arts workshops, participatory arts projects etc.

(2) 2026 Residents Association Grant Scheme

Projects will be considered within **private housing estates ONLY** which are designed to improve community facilities or enhance the appearance of the area concerned (**maximum grant payable is €600**). Works that will qualify include, but are not limited to:

- Planting of trees, shrubs, landscaping,
- Community development initiatives,
- Promoting social inclusion,
- Promoting local heritage.

Applications should be made online at www.wexfordcoco.ie/community-and-sports . Application Forms and Full Particulars for both Grant Schemes are also available from Enniscorthy Municipal District office. The latest date for receipt of completed Application Forms is: 4:00pm Friday, 13th February 2026

Enniscorthy: Phone 053-9196840 or E-mail
emdreception@wexfordcoco.ie

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Enniscorthy Town CCTV Project

Works are continuing. Civil Works and Electrical Works are complete. ESB connections almost complete. Waiting on authorisation for access to Garda Communication Mast from Garda Headquarters. There have been some changes to the application process since we submitted the application so there has been a delay there.

Bunclody CCTV Project

Awaiting authorisation from the Garda Commissioner.

Heritage Panels Vinegar Hill

The Vinegar Hill Heritage panels have been delivered. The panels will be installed in the coming weeks. The new panels detail the experience of the battle of Vinegar Hill in 1798 in both Irish and English.

National Play Day- Donation of Play equipment

Following the successful delivery of Play Day last July at the Orchard Peace Park, Enniscorthy Municipal District used the balance of funds provided by the Department of Children, Equality and Disability to purchase durable play equipment. These were presented to Templeshannon Community Playgroup, FDYS Enniscorthy and Enniscorthy Scouts. Donation of this equipment helps to create inclusive and engaging play opportunities for children and young people and encourages outdoor activity. Great to see everyone having so much fun!

Pairc Na Gabhar, Bunclody

The final draft of plan will be presented to the Members at the January meeting.

Enniscorthy Town Brand – Working Group

A Working Group has been set up with Members and Staff of Enniscorthy Municipal District and Enniscorthy Tidy Towns groups to examine the results of the recent survey. The group will meet on 26th January.

Sponsorship of Roundabouts

10 *Expressions of Interests* were received for sponsorship of the landscaping and maintenance of Roundabouts in the Enniscorthy area as listed below.

1. Blackstoops Roundabout R772,
2. Shingaun Roundabout R702
3. Bellfield Road Roundabout R702
4. Abbey Square Roundabout R744

5. Ross Road Roundabout L2028.

We will be in contact with the businesses in the coming weeks.

Promotional Campaign for Wexford Conty Council owned Outdoor Facilities in Enniscorthy Municipal District.

A promotional campaign has been developed to highlight the range and quality of Enniscorthy Municipal Districts outdoor facilities available throughout the district. The campaign aims to increase public awareness, encourage greater use of amenities, and support health, wellbeing, and community participation.

The initiative promotes parks, playgrounds, sports, and recreation areas, walking routes and other outdoor spaces. Delivery includes digital and social media promotion, updated promotional materials, on-site signage, and engagement with local schools, clubs, and community organisations.

The campaign is expected to result in increased usage of facilities, greater community engagement, and enhanced recognition of the district as an attractive and active place to live and visit.

Best Christmas Window Display Competition

Enniscorthy Municipal District Office were delighted with the festive Christmas Window displays throughout the district this Christmas. More businesses are participating each year

Taking 1st prize was Bernie's Florist, Bunclody whose display impressed judges with its eye-catching design and strong overall appeal.

The 2nd prize was awarded to Cahill Bros. Hardware, Bunclody while 3rd prize went to Heavenly Café, Weafer St., Enniscorthy.

Judging was carried out by 6th class students from St. Aidan's National School, who took their role very seriously. Displays were scored using a points system across several categories, including eye-catching impact, creativity, clarity of idea, neatness, and overall appeal.

District Manager Claire Lawless responded to questions and comments from the members in particular

-Request to contact HSE regarding the requirement for Sunday opening for chemists in Enniscorthy.

-Tap Retail pilot scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr O'Rourke and seconded by Cllr Browne that the Mayor of Blacktown be appointed Grand Marshall for the Enniscorthy St Patrick's Day Parade.

2.5 Roads Report.

Executive Engineer Neil Dempsey advised that he is awaiting notification of department funding. He is anticipating a difficult year as suppliers are already advising of a possible 10% increase in material costs. This equates to losing 1km of road in every 10km if there is no increase in funding. Many of the roads have deteriorated due to the bad weather.

It was agreed by all that the works that have been done to date have been carried out to a very high standard and will last the test of time. The crews were praised for all their hard work. Mr Dempsey answered queries from the members in particular:-

- Works in Galbally;
- Parking at the Ross Road.
- Clogogue Beg Lane
- Trip hazards on pavements
- Linemarking

At 11:15 am Cllr O'Rourke left the meeting.

2.7 Flood Defence Report

Enda Waters, Executive Engineer, Special Projects updated the meeting. He advised that he hasn't received an official report back from the Consultants yet regarding the submissions made on the online consultation portal but that there were 8 submissions made. He will update the members when he has further information.

2.7 Special Projects.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Senior Engineer for Special Projects Sean Meyler advised the members that Consultants for the Castle Quarter for detailed design, procurement and works supervision will be sought in tandem with consultants for the Templeshannon scheme. Castle Quarter will proceed to Part 8 on 11th February. A special meeting to be held on 10th February in advance of Part

8 to give the members an overview of the plan. The URDF call is imminent, however we will not necessarily need Part 8 to apply for funding.

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

None.

4. Correspondence

Letter received from residents in Salville Road, Enniscorthy seeking a deputation meeting. Cathaoirleach Cllr Murphy and Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Kehoe to meet with them along with the District Engineer.

6. Any Other Business

Cllr Kehoe raised a query about the repurposing of disused dumps. The District Manager advised that Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment is looking at some sites to reclaim.

This concluded matters at 11:37 am

Barbara Anne Murphy

CATHAOIRLEACH

17th February 2026

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