

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON MONDAY,
19th FEBRUARY at 9.30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr. John O'Rourke (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Jackser Owens (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Cathal Byrne
Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cllr. Aidan Browne

Officials:

Ms Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Edel Nolan, Staff Officer
Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer
Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.
Ms Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist.
Mr Ian Plunkett, Executive Technician.
Mr Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer.
Mr Mick McCormick, Town Regeneration Officer.

Via Teams:

Mr Eoin Newman, Assistant Planner.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following:-

- The Nolan Family Boolabeg, Ballindaggin on the death of Matty Nolan, RIP former Wexford County Council employee.
- The Hanley Family on the death of Mary, RIP.

Congratulations:

The Members expressed congratulations to the following:-

- Ann Redmond and the Women's Irish Darts Team who won the World Championship.
- All recipients of the Enniscorthy District G.A.A Awards which were presented last weekend.
- Irish Actor Cillian Murphy on his BAFTA award.
- Sean Nolan, Kilmlyshall on winning a silver medal at the European Wall Ball Championship.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 15th January 2024

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Nolan, the Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th January 2024 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Matters Arising

Cllr Byrne requested an update on the online booking system for the Sports Hub, the District Manager updated Cllr Byrne and confirmed that the system could be used for the Astro Pitch in the future.

Cllr Owens requested an update on the security camera for the presentation Centre entrance to the Orchard Peace Park. The District Manager informed the members that a quote for an extra CCTV camera had been requested and would hope to have the camera in place before the next meeting.

Cllr Browne requested a copy of the drawings for the development planned for the Sports Hub. Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Rourke informed the members that a report on same is been finalised and would be forwarded to all members in due course.

2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:

2.1 Planning

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

Eoin Newman Assistant Planner joined the meeting via Teams.

Cllr Murphy thanked Mr Newman for forwarding replies to queries from last months meeting prior to this morning's meeting. Cllr Murphy requested an update on the Local Area Development Plan.

Cllr Owens queried the ownership of a derelict building on Island Road.

Cllr Codd Nolan queried the timeframe for preplanning meetings for 2024.

Cllr Byrne raised the issue of maps for the Residential Zoned Land Tax and if the maps are correct?

Mr Newman committed to reverting to all queries before the next monthly meeting.

2.2 Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

The Community, Libraries and Fire Service reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

2.2.1 Mr Ian Plunkett, Executive Technician Environment updated the members on his presentation circulated prior to the meeting on the changes effective from the 1st

of January 2024 regarding Domestic Waste Water Treatment Grants available to the public.

The members had some queries following the presentation and Mr Plunket replied to all.

Director of Services Ms Godkin thanked Environment for their work on this and also confirmed that more staff will be allocated to Environment in the coming months.

2.3 Housing

The reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted. The Members put forward several queries and concerns, in particular:

- Clarity for an applicant that has been on the housing list since 2012 whom is still awaiting an offer.
- An update on the house in Borromount, Bree which has been vacant for 6 years.
- Update from SPC meeting and if the motion from EMD members on the Choice Based Letting Service was considered at same.
- The possibility of building houses in Marshalstown as there is land with services available.

Director of Services Ms Godkin and Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer discussed some issues with the members and committed to reverting with answers and updates before the next meeting.

Cllr Owens requested that the meeting would go into committee to discuss a sensitive housing matter. Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Rourke advised that they would discuss this at the end of the meeting in committee.

2.4 Municipal District Report

The Municipal District report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Springvalley Playground

The Pre planning application has been submitted. The Part XI application and Tender documents are being prepared at present. An Ecologist to be appointed in the coming week.

All-Weather Astro Pitch, Ross Road, Enniscorthy

Work are ongoing on site to include the following:

- Drainage diversion, now commencing.
- Complete floodlight installation
- Final blinding layer and install carpet.
- Goal post supply

A meeting was held on site with FAI representatives in relation to the pitch size and certification by the FAI, and they were satisfied on the size for certification at the site visit.

Cllr Owens queried if there will be a charge to use this facility to which the District Manager confirmed that yes there will be a charge, which will be determined at a later date.

Outdoor Dinning Structures

A review of the outdoor dining structures has commenced. EOI have been sought from the businesses. 5 Applications have been received. Inspections are being carried out at present.

Cllr Browne queried if the application received were existing structures or new applications. The District Manager confirmed that they were existing structures.

Vinegar Hill

The seating for the trails have been delivered. A site visit will be carried out next week to look at locations to install the seats.

Cllr Murphy requested an update on the Heritage information signs. District Manager informed the members that the new Heritage Officer will be appointed in the coming weeks and an update would be given once they are in situ.

Amenity and Arts Grants 2024

The closing date for application was Friday 16th February.

The overall allocation for the Amenity and Arts Grant is €48,000 and €15,000 for the Residents Association Grants.

Enniscorthy Athletics Track

Online Booking System

Details of the Data Protection Impact Assessment which is required for the online booking system are being finalised.

Track Upgrade

The Assessment on track has been completed and works have been instructed to be carried out. Works to be carried out are subject to the favourable weather conditions. Awaiting start date from Contractor.

Sport Equipment

There is a delay in the delivery of equipment that has been purchased for the Athletics Track. Awaiting date for delivery of same.

Civic Awards

The Civic Awards nomination forms have been circulated to the Members with a suggested timeline of.

- Recommendation of Sub Committee, for consideration by Members at the March Meeting of the Municipal.
- Presentation of awards at a function in May 2023.

Please submit forms as soon as possible.

Tour de France- Cycle City Label

Following on from the successful application of the Tour the France Cycle City Label, the official launch will take place in March. More details to follow.

Festival Programme 2024

St. Patricks Day

The St. Patricks Day Committee are working hard behind the scenes for this year's parade. The newly formed Committee are calling on all Enniscorthy groups, organisations and businesses to make this a St. Patricks Day to remember.

The Theme for this year parade is 'Mardi Fleadh'. As Wexford will host the 2024 Fleadh Cheoil na Eireann in 2024 the committee are encouraging groups taking part in the parade to include a Fleadh Cheoil element with Irish music and to express creativity, colour and fun where possible in their entries.

Enniscorthy Municipal District, Wexford County Council and Enniscorthy Creative Places have kindly sponsored prizes for the St. Patricks Day festival this year. The prizes up for grabs are as follows:

Win €500 for Best Overall Commercial Entry in the parade

Win €500 for Best Community Entry in the parade

Win €500 for Best Dressed Business Window Display

Pettits Supervalu in Enniscorthy have kindly sponsored a €100 Hamper Prize for the Best Dressed person on the day.

The most creative entries will be awarded the prize in recognition of their efforts. The winning entries will be announced on the day.

To enter the Best Dressed Window Display competition please email your interest to emdreception@wexfordcoco.ie by 10th March. Best of Luck to all!

Once the parade ends there will live traditional music performances on the Market Square. Face painters will be on hand to help everyone get into the festive spirit.

The route is the same as last year. Details are as follows: -

Starting at Shannon Chapel marching down the Shannon and through Temple Shannon, along Shannon Quay to the new bridge, up through Abbey Square and over Mill Park Road, up Friary Hill, turning left onto Court Street and turning right up Hospital Lane onto Lymington Road, over to Duffy Hill to John Doyles corner and down Main Street. The walkers will finish at Market Square and disperse from Wafer Street with vehicles going back to Abbey Square.

The Viewing Stand will be in Abbey Square with music in the Market Square during and following the parade.

Easter Monday – 1st April

It has been agreed to proceed with the Easter Monday Event with the celebration of mass in the Cathedral followed by a procession to Market Square where the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John O'Rourke will lay a wreath. Further details along with the running order of the event will be circulated in due course.

Draft Heritage-led Regeneration Plan for Enniscorthy

The draft Enniscorthy Heritage Led Plan will go to the County Heritage Forum for adoption prior to final adoption by Enniscorthy MD.

Enniscorthy Riverside Trail

Rehabilitation work will commence on the Riverside Trail from the 4th March until the 26th April.

The Trail will be closed at the Urrin Footbridge during this time. Wexford County Council wishes to apologise for any inconvenience cause.

Cllr Owens requested an update on the commencement of works on the new development at Murphy Floods Site. District Manager Ms Lawless informed Cllr Owens that the as per the Special Projects report circulated Phase 1 works are due to commence in Quarter 1 of 2024.

Cllr Murphy requested a time schedule for street cleaning in Enniscorthy and Bunclody, Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer updated the members that the first street cleaning will take place in April. Cllr Murphy also requested Dog foul bins for Bunclody, Mr Shaw committed to look at this request.

2.5 Roads Report.

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The Members raised several queries to which Mr. Dempsey, Executive Engineer responded:

- Various road repair issues in around Enniscorthy town needing attention.
- Works for the Shroughmore to Monalee road in Ballindaggin and the road between Bree and Dunanore near bad bends.

- The review of management of Rafter Street Pedestrianisation.
- Replacement of recently resigned School warden in Enniscorthy Town
- Update on funding announcements.

Mr Dempsey committed to reverting to the members with any outstanding queries and will look at all roads once the funding allocation has been received.

Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Rourke at this juncture called for a break in the meeting to allow for tea 10.31am.

Meeting resumed at 10.44am, Cathaoirleach O'Rourke asked if there were any further questions in relation to the Roads Report.

Cllr Murphy and Cllr Codd Nolan raised several issues in relation to the N80 especially around safety for user when turning off the N80. Mr Dempsey updated the members that Wexford County Council had carried out some repair works to the N80 where manhole covers had sunk. He had received no response from TII to his request for works to be carried out. Mr Dempsey also informed the members that re surfacing works on part of the N80 were scheduled to commence in March.

2.6 Flood Defence Report.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Mr Larry McHale updated the members and answered queries that were raised.

2.7 Special Projects.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. District Manager Ms Lawless committed to bringing any queries the members had back to Special Projects.

Cllr Codd Nolan requested an update on the Part VIII for the Town Centre First plan.

Cllr Murphy requested an update on the funding for the North Enniscorthy Business Park and an update on the proposed Park for Bunclody.

All members highlighted the importance of considering alternatives to the proposed plan for Market Square in regard to parking bays.

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

3.1 Section 183 Notice to District, Graiguemore, Bunclody. All members agreed to proceed with the notice.

6. Any Other Business.

6.1 District Development Projects 2023/24 Allocation. The proposed projects were circulated to the members, Cllr Owens proposed the projects and Cllr Byrne seconded. All projects were unanimously agreed.

4. Notices of Motion.

4.1 Consider Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Owens.

To have the barrier rails put back up on the path outside St Aidan's Parish School. (900 Students)

4.2 Consider Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Owens.

Pedestrian crossing to be put in place at St Senan's School (430 Students).

Both Cllr Owen's motions were discussed by the members, Cllr Byrne proposed that the Active Travel Team who are working on the Safe Route to School project be invited to attend the March Monthly Meeting to answer any queries the members have. Cllr Codd Nolan seconded the motion.

5. Correspondence.

None.

At this juncture (11.21am) the Cathaoirleach passed a resolution for the meeting to go into 'In Committee' to discuss a personal sensitive Housing issue and EMD festival Funding applications. Cllr Browne proposed and Cllr Murphy Seconded the resolution.

This concluded the business of the Meeting at 11.57am.

John O'Rourke
CATHAOIRLEACH

25th March 2024
DATE