

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER, 2014
AT 4.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Barbara Ann Murphy (Cathaoirleach)

Johnny Mythen
Paddy Kavanagh
Keith Doyle
James Browne
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Oliver Walsh
John O'Rourke

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. David Minogue, District Administrator/Meetings Administrator
Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Liz Hore, Administrative Officer
Mr. Michael Drea, Senior Staff Officer, Housing

Votes of Sympathy

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- Mr. David Minogue, District Administrator on the death of his Uncle.
- The Power family on the death of Mr. Jackie Power, retired staff member of Wexford County Council.
- Mr. Morgan Dunne, retired Member of Enniscorthy Urban District Council s. Molly Dunne on the death of her husband Mr. Morgan Dunne.
- The Casey family on the death of Mr. Ger Casey.

A Minutes Silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Other

Congratulations were extended to the following on their recent successes:-

- Enniscorthy Swimming Pool on their Gold Award Achievement.
- The ladies of the Caim Tapestry Project on their recent piece of work.
- The Transition Year Students of Colaiste Bride and the CBS on their street market stalls in Rafter Street.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. On the proposal of Councillor Kathleen Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor John O'Rourke the Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th November, 2014 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Matters Arising:

None.

It was agreed to take Item No. 3, Housing RAS/Leasing following the Confirmation of Minutes.

3. Housing RAS/Leasing:

Mr. Michael Drea attended the meeting to discuss the above. Mr. Drea gave a presentation to the Members outlining the main points of the Rental Accommodation Scheme and the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

A number of Members expressed the view that these schemes were not a solution to the current housing crisis, stating that the need for a social housing construction programme still exists as the most effective way to address long-term housing needs.

Concern was raised that a client housed under one of the above schemes was deemed as being adequately housed and was no longer eligible to be on the housing list. Mr. Drea responded by stating that the persons housed under the above schemes households have the right to be included on a transfer list to other forms of social housing, including local authority housing.

It was noted that in a case where a client had to leave a privately-owned house rented to them under one of these schemes, the Council would have a duty of care to this client and would look at other Local Authority Social Housing Sources in order to re-house them.

The Members asked that a copy of this presentation be forwarded to them along with the list of approved housing bodies.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Roads

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Ms. Kehoe undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Road Lining.
- Request for Pedestrian Crossings.
- Road Surfacing.
- Drainage.
- Speeding Controls.
- Signage.
- Public Lighting.
- Footpaths

A brief discussion took place regarding the provision of a second Bus Stop for the town. It was noted that this could be examined in conjunction with Park & Ride Facilities.

Mr. Carley, Director of Services stated that the management of traffic, including the pattern of traffic in the town would be examined as part of the Flood Relief Scheme.

Councillor James Browne asked that consideration be given to re-instating the Joint Policing Committee for the area to provide an outlet for the Members and public to express local concerns.

17:19 p.m. At this juncture Councillor John O'Rourke left the meeting.

Councillor Barbara Ann Murphy asked that the re-alignment of the Engineering Areas with the Electoral Areas be completed in 2015.

The Members thanked the Executive Engineer on work completed in 2014 and Mr. Carley continued by thanking all staff for the work done throughout the area throughout the year.

2.2 Water Services

Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Water Services Report. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Mr. O'Mahony undertook to respond to same.

Mr. Carley advised that he expected the Tender documents for the Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme Phase 2 to be completed by the middle of 2015.

The Members expressed their disappointment that the proposed extension of the sewer in Oylegate has not been approved by Irish Water.

4. Consideration of Directors Reports:

4.1 *Housing, Community & Environment*

Ms. Liz Hore, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Hore responded.

The Members expressed their appreciation of plans by the Council to develop a housing development in Cherryorchard. A brief discussion took place regarding the entrance to and the aesthetics of the development.

The Members asked that plans for the construction of a local authority house on the infill site at Marconi Park be considered.

Concerns relating to ongoing illegal dumping at Turret Rock were expressed and the Members asked that bottle banks be emptied before and after Christmas to avoid littering.

4.2 *Planning & Enterprise*

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner outlined the main points of the Planning Report circulated to the Members and undertook to respond to all queries raised.

5. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members:

None.

6. Correspondence:

The District Administrator informed the Members that a letter had been received from The Tidy Towns Committee advising that they wished to replace their gardening equipment at a cost of just over €3000, and seeking a contribution of €2,000 from the Municipal Authority towards these costs. On the proposal of Councillor Keith Doyle, seconded by Councillor Johnny Mythen the Members agreed to contribute €2,000 as requested.

7. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Update.

Mr. Carley informed the attendees that the Council has been in discussions with the OPW and that they have agreed to meet with representatives of the Enniscorthy Business Association in January, 2015 to review that organisation's recent submission in relation to the proposed flood defence works.

He continued by stating that the role of Resident Engineer will be advertised early in the New Year and that the Consultant's brief for production of detailed design drawings is near completion and will also be advertised in the New Year.

Regarding advance works it was noted that Irish Water has agreed to enter into a contract early with the preferred contractor in the New Year.

Queries relating to roads accessing the towns from the bypass were raised and the Director of Services undertook to bring these concerns to the Director of Roads.

Councillor Browne requested that the Members be given large scale drawings of the By-Pass and the Flood Relief Scheme.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Christmas Wishes

The Members wished the staff of Wexford County Council and their colleagues a Happy Christmas.

8.2 The late Cllr. Pat Cody

Councillor Mythen reminded the meeting of the Council's previous agreement to erect a public seat at Vinegar Hill in memory the late Councillor Pat Cody and asked that a section from one of Cllr. Cody's poems be engraved on a Plaque to be affixed to the seat. This was agreed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED

CATHAOIRLEACH

DATED
