

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL, 2015 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Barbara Ann Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Johnny Mythen
Keith Doyle
James Browne
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Oliver Walsh
John O'Rourke

Apologies: Councillor: Paddy Kavanagh

Attendance: Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Padraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. Larry McHale, Consultant Engineer

Apologies: Official: Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer

Votes Of Sympathy

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- Family of the late Mr. Pat Quigley, Olyegate, former Wexford County Council employee.

Congratulations

The Members extended congratulations to the following:-

- The Raperees on their recent Feile success.
- Kilrush Drama Group on their success in reaching the All-Ireland Finals.
- Kilmyshall/Bunclody Drama Group on their success in reaching the All-Ireland Finals.

The Chairperson and the Director of Services, on behalf of the Members and staff of the Municipal District welcomed Mr. Larry McHale, Consultant Engineer, Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme to Enniscorthy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th March, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th March, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th March, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Minutes of the March Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th March, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

The District Manager informed the Members that the extension of the Vacant Property Rates Incentive Scheme for Enniscorthy and Bunclody was formally adopted by the full Council at their meeting on Monday 13th April, 2015. It was noted that application forms would be available in due course.

2. Update on Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme.

Mr. Larry McHale, Consultant Engineer attended the meeting to present to the Members an update on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme. Mr. McHale outlined the stages of the process from appointment of Consultants to completion, scheduled for 2019. The Members outlined a number of concerns to which Mr. McHale responded.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. Bailey responded.

Under Environment, the Members expressed the following concerns:-

- Litter/illegal dumping.
- Planting of Clover for Bees.
- Removal of Chewing Gum from footpaths around the district.
- Recycling Centre for Bunclody.

Under Community, Councillor O'Rourke asked that the Director of Services look at the possibility of developing a CE Scheme for participants of the 'Back to Education Scheme' following completion of the programme.

Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2015-2016.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer discussed the main points of the Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2015-2016. The Members welcomed the report and outlined a number of queries, including:-

- Accessibility problems in a number of cemetery's in the district.
- Dangerous crossings.
- Loose cobbles causing trips and falls.

Mr. O'Corcora noted all concerns raised and the Members asked that Ms. Caroline Horan, Accessibility Officer attend a future meeting of the Municipal District.

Climate Change Conference.

Noted.

Amenity Arts Grants Scheme 2015 and Residents Association Grants Scheme 2015.

It was agreed to discuss the above schemes in Committee at the end of the meeting.

3.2. Planning & Enterprise.

Noted.

3.3. Roads Report.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report, in the absence of the Executive Engineer. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Mr. O'Corcora undertook to respond to same, in particular:-

- Hedgecutting.
- Drawings for the Enniscorthy By-Pass.
- Signage.
- Surfacing.
- Advertising Signage at entrances and exits to town.

The District Manager informed the attendees that he is in the process of securing a tender for a cleaning campaign in the Town, to include Market Square, Rafter Street, Slaney Street and other areas where cobble has been laid.

4. Water.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, 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'Corcora undertook to respond to same.

The Members asked that if a departmental decision was received on the Council's application for funding for the Oylegate Sewer Extension, that they be informed prior to the May Meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Walsh, the Members proposed that a meeting be arranged with Irish Water to discuss the proposed additional plant capacity in the Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme Phase 3, if information is not forthcoming.

5. Review of Easter Monday Parade.

It was noted that the recent Easter Monday Celebrations proved to be a great success with very positive feedback from attendees. The District Manager wished to thank Mr. Rory O'Connor, A/Manager, 1798 Rebellion Centre for his input into the Battle Re-Enactment which took place as part of the celebrations.

The Members wished to extend their congratulations to all involved in the day. A brief discussion took place around the proposed centenary celebrations for 1916 and it was noted that the Wexford 2016 Commemorative Programme of events will be developed and brought to the full Council Meeting for approval.

The District Manager was pleased to announce that Enniscorthy is included in the National 2016 Programme which will involve a Ceremony on Easter Monday in Enniscorthy in 2016.

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

None.

7. Correspondence.

None.

9. Any Other Business:

Enniscorthy Sports Hub

The District Manager confirmed Saturday 16th May, 2015 at 3.00 p.m. for the official opening of the above facility. A brief discussion took place.

Memorial Seat for the late Cllr. Pat Cody, RIP

The District Manager undertook to liaise with the Chairperson to arrange an evening to commission and unveil the memorial seat located on Vinegar Hill for the late Cllr. Pat Cody, former Chairperson of the Enniscorthy Town Council.

Festivals

The District Manager updated the Members on the proposed schedule of events for the 2015 Festivals in Enniscorthy.

Other

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked if the letter, proposed by her at the February Meeting, had been forwarded to the Minister for Transport outlining the Members disappointment with the non-allocation of funds for the Community Involvement Scheme 2015 and the general decrease in the Roads Budget. The District Manager undertook to follow up with Mr. Eamon Hore, Director of Services.

A number of the Members expressed their disappointment with the non-inclusion of the many historical sites in Enniscorthy and in Wexford as a County in the Failte Ireland Historical Wexford Trail initiative.

The District Manager circulated a report on the Tourism Networking Event taking place on Monday 20th April, 2015 which was noted by the Members.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

At 8.18 p.m., on the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Walsh, the meeting returned to Committee and the press withdrew from the room.

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