

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL, 2019 AT 3.30 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

Attendance: Councillors:

Willie Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)
Barbara-Anne Murphy
Keith Doyle
Johnny Mythen
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Oliver Walsh
Paddy Kavanagh
John O'Rourke

Officials:

Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Resident Engineer
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the March 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 25th March, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the March 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 25th March, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 25th March, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 25th March, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3 Matter Arising.

None.

The Chairman took Votes of Sympathy and Congratulations.

Votes of Sympathy

- Ms. Sharon McCarthy and family on the death of her son.
- The family of Mr. Billy Courtney, RIP, former employee of Wexford County Council.

Congratulations

- Enniscorthy Rugby Club on their success in gaining Division 1 status.
- Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer on her recent promotion to Senior Executive Engineer. The Members wished Ms. Kehoe every success in her new position.
- Mr. Bertram Allen on his great success to date in Showjumping.
- Wexford U19 Girls Soccer Team who won the All Ireland Final recently.
- Wexford U14 Kennedy Cup Soccer Team who were successful against Liverpool.
- Hope and Dream on the success of the 2019 10K/10Mile Walk/Run which took place on 7th April.

The Members wished Mr. Colm Tobin continued good health and congratulated him on his recent article which the Members felt was a very powerful piece of writing.

Mr. Carley wished to be associated with the above sentiments.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Planning

Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss Planning Matters and responded to all queries raised, in particular the Members highlighted the following:-

County Development Plan

It was noted that background work is being completed on the County Development Plan while awaiting the completion of the Regional Spatial Strategy which Cllr. Walsh gave an update on.

Education Centre

The Members asked if the site in Wexford deemed unsuitable was recommended by Wexford County Council and if they could have a list of all sites proposed for consideration. The question of whether a recommendation could be made by the Enniscorthy Municipal District was also raised

2.2 Housing, Community & Environment

Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing Section, updated the Members on all Housing Matters as outlined in the report circulated prior to the meeting. In particular it was noted that the Housing Assessment Forms will be forwarded to all clients currently on the Wexford County Council's Housing List for completion.

Community & Environment

Cllr. Doyle acknowledged Wexford County Council's embracing of nZeb Housing and feels that we should be promoting the recent visit from Pennsylvania representatives.

Cllr. Mythen asked for clarification on what authority had the power to ban smoke coal. The Director stated that Wexford County Council are currently seeking legal advice on the matter and that the best way of dealing with this issue would be a national ban.

The Members also highlighted a number of additional concerns, including:-

- Illegal dumping.
- Water Leak – Esmonde Road.
- Provision of Litter Bins for Bunclody.
- Information regarding the Green Dog Walker.
- Dog fouling.
- Septic Tank Inspections – grant criteria.
- Use of Drones to assist with illegal dumping.

2.3 Enterprise

None.

2.4 Roads Report

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss Roads Matters. The Members highlighted a number of queries and concerns to which Ms. Kehoe responded, including:-

- Boulaban – deputation request. The meeting was advised that the group should put their request in writing.
- Tree Trimming – Bellefield Road.
- Moran Park – steps and footpath.
- CCTV Programme – inclusion of River Slaney.
- N80 resurfacing by Carlow County Council – importance of consultation between Wexford County Council and Carlow County Council and liaison with residents and businesses in the area.
- Replacement trees requested in Bunclody.
- Possibility of facilitating community and voluntary groups fundraiser on the new by-pass before the official opening.

The Director of Services confirmed that the CCTV Programme will be discussed at the April JPC Meeting, following which it will go to the Gardai for approval. It is hoped that this programme will be up and running in 8-12 months.

Mr. Carley also stated he would raise the Members concerns regarding works on the N80 with the relevant Director of Services in Carlow County Council.

It was noted that the Director would speak to Mr. Niall Carroll and Mr. Sean Dobbs regarding the logistics of facilitating the fundraising event on the N11 By-Pass.

3. Flood Defence Scheme

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer updated the Members on the contents of the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update circulated prior to the meeting and responded to all queries raised. It was noted that the final scheme will go on public display on 17th May with a four week submission period.

4.45 p.m. *At this juncture Mr. John Carley, Director of Services left the meeting.*

4. Water Services Report.

Mr. Tadhg O’Corcora attended the meeting to update the Members on Water Services. The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Mr. O’Corcora undertook to respond to all queries highlighted by the Members, in particular the following was discussed:-

- Re-instatement of footpaths by Irish Water in housing development following works to pipes – it was noted that all openings are granted under a Road Opening Licence which stipulate strict conditions on how re-instatement works must be carried out. It was further noted that a temporary re-instatement must be carried out in the first instance and left for a particular period before permanent re-instatement can be completed.
- Capacity of sewerage in Bunclody and Kilmishal.
- Increase of water pressure requested for Enniscorthy – Upper Weafer Street.

The Members highlighted recent media coverage on an E.U. Compliance issue and Mr. O’Corcora responded that Ms. Fionnuala Callery was dealing with the matter.

5. Norman 850 Programme.

Ms. Hore, District Manager circulated the Norman 850 Programme to the attendees. It was noted that the programme has had good media coverage at national level.

Ms. Hore stated that a number of events were planned throughout the County, including events in May in Bannow Bay and Enniscorthy. It is proposed to hold events in Enniscorthy again in July, August and September with a night in the Enniscorthy Castle along with a culture night.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh referred to the heritage project in Ferns and feels now is the time to commence consultation with the development group in Ferns in relation to this project.

Cllr. Doyle felt that Wexford County Council should promote the Norman 850 Programme in England where there are a number of strong Norman areas and encourage visitors from these areas to Wexford to experience the events proposed throughout the year.

6. Promenade Walking Trail App.

Ms. Hore, District Manager made a presentation to the Members on the Promenade Walking Trail App.

The App entitled ‘Wilder Wander’ is a free app which can be downloaded to a mobile phone and is perfect for locals, visitors, groups, schools and tourists. The app allows information on wildlife and local heritage in key locations. Locally, the app has seven tours in Enniscorthy and Oulart with other tours in Courtown, Tara Hill, Ferns and in the South of the County.

Under the app, Enniscorthy has 19 points of interest and local heritage and nature around a 5km roundtrip with a 1km walk in Oulart outlining the history of 1798.

The Members congratulated all involved in the production of this wonderful app.

Cllr. Doyle stated that the promenade walk was a great asset to the town and Wexford County Council should now look at the provision of an extension under its three year Capital Programme. Cllr. Doyle asked that some trimming be done towards the end of walk, which is somewhat overgrown at the moment.

Cllr. Walsh stated that he was happy to see Oulart Hill included in this app and hopes that the development of other apps to include walks throughout the District can be considered.

Cllr. Murphy concurred with the above.

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

7.1 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2019

Ms. Hore informed the Members that the budget for 2019 had been adopted, however it was a mandatory requirement for the Members to approve the Schedule of Municipal District Works each year.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Mythen the Members approved the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2019 as presented by the District Manager.

In relation to the changes to the Electoral Areas and Boundaries and current budget allocations, it was envisaged that the budgets for 2019 will remain as is for the year.

8. Correspondence.

None.

9. Any Other Business.

The Members approved hosting a reception for the Ballindaggin Pipe Band in July to celebrate their 70 years in operation.

This District Manager circulated a schedule of events, in particular the following events were highlighted:-

- Amenity & Arts Grants and Residents Grants Awards Night which will take place at 6.30 p.m. following this meeting in the Athenaeum.
- 1916 ceremonies on Easter Monday at 10.00 a.m. with Mass in the Cathedral followed by launch of the Bernard Dunne Memorial Bench at 12.30 p.m. opposite the Presentation Centre.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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