

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH, 2019 AT 3.00 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

Apologies:

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

Officials:

Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Larry McHale, Resident Engineer
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Mr. David Minogue, Broadband Officer
Mr. Jim Owens, Broadband Office

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the February 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th February, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Doyle, the Minutes of the February 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th February, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 18th February, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Doyle the Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th February, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3 Matter Arising.

None.

2. Amenity and Arts Grants and Resident Association Grants 2019.

A full list of applications and proposed funding by the Members under the Amenity & Arts Grants and Residents Association Grants 2019 was circulated.

Following a brief discussion on the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members agreed that each group be informed of the Members who supported their application and by how much.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. Doyle the Members agreed the list as presented at the meeting by Ms. Hore. It was also agreed to host an Awards Night for all successful groups on Monday 15th April, 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

The Members recommended that the scheme be reviewed for next year.

3. Events Update 2019.

The District Manager updated the attendees on upcoming Events in the Enniscorthy District, in particular:-

- Launch of the Town and Village Renewal Projects – Killealy 14th April, Bree 10th May.
- 1916 Easter Monday event and Bernard Dunne Memorial Seat.
- Launch of the Orchard Peace Park – May 2019.
- Advertisement for the Festival Grants 2019 to appear in the local papers with a closing date of 19th April, 2019.

Ms. Hore stated that a table outlining all proposed events and festivals will be forwarded to the Members.

3.45 p.m. At this juncture Mr. John Carley, DOS left the meeting.

4. Broadband Delivery in Wexford – Presentation by David Minogue, WCC Broadband Officer.

Mr. David Minogue, Broadband Officer and Mr. Jim Owens attended the meeting to update the Members on broadband delivery in Wexford. Mr. Minogue stated that Wexford County Councils role is in the facilitation of broadband throughout the County, through Road Opening Licences, etc., however it was noted that the delivery of Broadband is through contractors. Mr. Minogue made a presentation to the Members which included information on the following:-

- WIFI EU Scheme.
- Types of broadband.
- Broadband providers.
- Fibre types.
- National Broadband Plan.
- Eir 300K rollout.
- Shared Fibre Infrastructure.
- Wireless Retailers.
- Role of Broadband Officer.

Cllr. Murphy stressed the importance of a good broadband connection for commercial businesses.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh enquired if a commercial business unable to connect to broadband from any supplier can make a connection themselves. Mr. Minogue and Mr. Owens responded stating that it would depend on a number of elements including land ownership.

Cllr. Walsh asked if suppliers are obliged to connect a household where a fibre line exists. Mr. Owens stated that the provision of rural broadband is still a long way off.

The Members thanked Mr. Minogue and Mr. Owens for their presentation, following which they left the meeting.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

5.1 Planning

It was noted that apologies had been given for Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner.

Ms. Hore confirmed to the Members that submissions were lodged by the Enniscorthy Municipal District, the Planning Department and the Enniscorthy & District Chamber under the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Guidelines for inclusion of Enniscorthy as a town.

6. Flood Defence Scheme

It was agreed to take Item No. 6.

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer updated the Members on the contents of the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update circulated prior to the meeting.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

5.2 Housing, Community & Environment

Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section, updated the Members on all Housing Matters as outlined in the report circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. O’Gorman gave an overview of housing supply by a number of Approved Housing Bodies in the Enniscorthy District, in particular:

- Oaklee - 46 Unit Housing Development. It was noted that the first seven tenants would be housed within the next week.
- Meadowfields – 28 Unit Housing Development. The first 14 units should be allocated by Mid-April with the remaining units proposed to be allocated in quarter three of 2019.
- 10 Apartments in Abbey Square.
- Old Forge Road – 96 Unit Housing Development, Phase 1 will see 59 units completed.

4.43 p.m. At this juncture Cllr. O'Rourke left the meeting.

Mr. O'Gorman also updated the Members on CCTV and proposals for funding resources now available under the Traveller Recreation Programme. A meeting was held following last months joint meeting by the Members with the Gardai in relation to issues in the Drumgoold Area. Mr. O'Gorman confirmed that funding of €25,000 is allocated to support small scale measures.

The Members highlighted a number of queries to which Mr. O'Gorman responded, queries included:-

- The need for 1 and 2 Bedroom Units in Bunclody and rural areas throughout the district.
- Part 5.
- S.I.'s.
- Provision of small housing schemes in rural villages.
- Log Cabins.

Mr. O'Gorman stated that Wexford County Council would support the provision of housing in rural areas where serviced land is available. Where land is available, Wexford County Council are in negotiations with Irish Water regarding capacity, upgrades and other relevant issues.

5.3 Enterprise

Cllr. Murphy expressed her concerns that Enniscorthy is not highlighted in the Tourism Strategy and therefore the areas and attractions that will entice tourists to Enniscorthy are not taken into consideration. It is noted that a key infrastructure project including the Castle is being prepared for Failte funding and needs to take stronger prominence within the strategy as a key area for development. In addition recreational tourism through the development of walks, cycling routes, the River Slaney and the growth of Food Tourism through Taste Wexford are two key areas for the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

5.4 Roads Report

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora took this item on behalf of the Roads Engineer. Mr. O'Corcora updated the Members on the contents of the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting.

The Members raised a number of concerns to which Mr. O'Corcora responded, in particular:-

- Dangerous junctions and Ballycarney and Kyle Cross.
- Potholes.
- Promenade Walk – slippery surface on bridge.
- Speed Limit Signage – Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.
- All day parking in Graveyard Car Park.
- Parking issues at the Bus Stop, Enniscorthy.
- Damage to Old Bridge, Enniscorthy.

5.15 p.m. At this juncture Cllr. Codd-Nolan left the meeting.

7. Water Services Report.

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

- Re-instatement of stop cocks by Irish Water.
- Capacity of Sewerage at Clohamon and Kilmyshal.

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

8.1 Nomination of Mr. P.J. O'Connor to 1916 Committee

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. P.J. O'Connor to the 1916 Committee.

9. Correspondence.

Ms. Hore informed the attendees that Dermot Bannons team of Architects will be working with Enniscorthy Tidy Towns following their success at the National Tidy Towns Awards 2018 where Enniscorthy won the RIAI Award.

It was noted that the annual Hope and Dream Walk/Run will take place on Sunday 7th April, 2019 with the Pieta House, Darkness into Light Walk scheduled to take place on 11th May.

10. Any Other Business.

Votes of Sympathy

- The family of David Hasslacher, R.I.P.
- Nancy Treacy, R.I.P.
- The family of John Creane, R.I.P. who lost his life in a skydiving accident in Auckland, New Zealand.
- The family of Mary Morris, R.I.P.
- The family of P.J. Fanning, R.I.P.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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