

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE  
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON MONDAY,  
16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 3.00 P.M.**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:** Aidan Browne (Cathaoirleach)  
Cathal Byrne (Leas-Chathaoirleach)  
Kathleen Codd-Nolan  
John O'Rourke  
Jackser Owens

**Officials:** Mr. Ger Mackey, District Manager  
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner  
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Fionnuala Callery, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Yvonne Kelly, Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer

**Apologies:**

**Councillors:** Barbara-Anne Murphy

**Officials:** Ms. Carolynne Godkin, Director of Service  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed Votes of Sympathy to the following:-

- Ms. Dervla Tierney on the death of her mother, RIP.
- The Harris family, Friary Hill on their recent loss.
- The Cowman family, Gimont on their recent loss.

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed congratulations to the following:-

- Michelle O'Neill, Referee on her recent appointment as Assistant Referee at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Members extended best wishes to Alejandro Miszan who returned home from hospital recently.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes:

### 1.1 Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

#### Matters Arising

None.

## 2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:

### 2.1 Planning

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Lennon responded.

### 2.2 Housing, Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

#### Housing

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The Members put forward a number of queries and concerns, in particular:-

- Windows and Doors replacement – security of funding.
- Emergency accommodation for homeless persons.
- Parking issues at Pearse Road during match times at Patricks Park.
- Request for consultation with the residents of Ross Road regarding traffic management arrangements at Pearse Road.
- Update on housing units in Castlelands, Ferns.
- Request for housing clinics to recommence.

The officials responded to all queries raised and it was agreed that a further meeting be arranged with all interested parties in relation to traffic management at Pearse Road.

#### Community

The Community Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

#### Environment

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The Members raised concerns in relation to the increase in littering over the Christmas period and asked if CCTV can once again be utilised to monitor and police the issue.

The provision of a paint amnesty was raised, and the District Manager undertook to get back to the Members in this regard.

#### Libraries & Fire Service

The Members noted both reports circulated prior to the meeting.

### **2.3 Municipal District Report**

Mr. Mackey, District Manager outlined the main points of his report and updated the Members on queries raised at the December Meeting.

Mr. Mackey informed the Members that due to the Chairman being out of the Country for the scheduled March Meeting of this Committee it is proposed to hold the March Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Owens the Members unanimously agreed to hold their March Monthly Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 3.00 p.m.

Mr. Mackey confirmed that this was his final meeting as District Manager of the Enniscorthy Municipal District as he was moving to the Housing Department on 1<sup>st</sup> February. The Members noted that Ms. Claire Lawless had been appointed District Manager and would take up her role on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

It was further noted that Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer was retiring on 1<sup>st</sup> February. The District Manager stated that he felt it an honour to have worked with Tadhg and wished him all the best on his retirement.

The Members highlighted the importance of having regular updates on the Enniscorthy Municipal District projects and recommended that Special Projects be included as an item on the agenda going forward. The Members welcomed the current review on Outdoor Dining within the district.

### **3. Roads Report.**

Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer outlined the main points of the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Dempsey highlighted the increase in cost of materials, which, will impact the roads programme for 2023.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Footpaths at Irish Street.
- Fencing at Shannon's Cross.
- Gritting of footpaths.
- Public Lighting – bottom of Slaney Street, Castle Gardens and from Ferns Village to the GAA Pitch.
- Request for Pedestrian Crossing at St. Marys Graveyard.
- Request for traffic calming measures at a number of locations throughout Enniscorthy.
- Signage.

The Executive Engineer responded to all issues raised and undertook to follow up with all relevant parties in relation to requests for gritting, public lighting, and footpaths.

### **4. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

## **6. Water Services Report.**

It was agreed to take Item No.6, Water Services at this juncture in the meeting.

Mr. O'Corcora presented his report to the Members and responded to all queries raised. A brief discussion took place regarding the quality of temporary re-instatements by contractors following works. It was noted that specific specifications apply on both temporary and permanent re-instatements which should be agreed with the Roads Engineer.

An update on surfacing works to St. Senan's Road and Pearse Road was sought, to which Mr. Dempsey responded.

## **5. Rural Water Presentation – revision of Lead Remediation Grant.**

Ms. Fionnuala Callery, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Yvonne Kelly, Senior Staff Officer, Water Services joined the meeting by Microsoft Teams to update the Elected Members on the recent revision of the Lead Remediation Grant. The Members noted the following:-

- Purpose of the Grant.
- Application Process.
- Information Links.
- Evidence of Requirements.
- Exclusions.
- Appeals Process.

The Elected Members put forward a number of questions to which the officials responded. It was noted that the grant is available for private houses. A brief discussion took place in relation to the necessity for notification from a registered building professional advising that there are lead pipes present before an application can be processed.

## **7. Vinegar Hill.**

The District Manager stated that a short report would be made available for the February Meeting of this Committee to update Members on the short-term measures for Vinegar Hill.

## **8. Nominations for Sub-Committee – Civic Memorial, Monument or Plaque Policy.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Owens, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan was nominated to the Sub-Committee of the Civic Memorial, Monument or Plaque Policy.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, Cllr. Jackser Owens was nominated to the Sub-Committee of the Civic Memorial, Monument or Plaque Policy.

It was agreed that this Sub-Committee be chaired by the Chair of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

## **9. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members.**

None.

**10. Correspondence.**

None.

**11. Any Other Business.**

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer and wished him the best of luck on his retirement. The Members wished to be associated with Cllr. Brownes sentiments and thanked Mr. O'Corcora for his diligence and work ethic throughout his time in the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

Mr. O'Corcora thanked the Elected Members for their kind words and assistance throughout his eight years working in the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Mackey on his promotion to Senior Executive Officer and stated that Enniscorthy's loss was Housings gain. He continued by stating that Mr. Mackey would be a big loss as District Manager and wished him the best of luck in his new position. The Members acknowledged Mr. Mackey's commitment and contribution to Enniscorthy and thanked him for all the work completed during his time as District Manager.

Mr. Mackey thanked the Members and stated that he enjoyed his time in Enniscorthy. He continued by stating that Enniscorthy was a great town, one that stands out on its own and shouldn't be compared with any other. Mr. Mackey thanked the staff at the Enniscorthy Municipal District and the Elected Members and acknowledged the great job they are doing for their district.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

\_\_\_\_ Aidan Browne \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

\_\_\_\_ **20-02-2023** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**