

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE  
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON MONDAY,  
19<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Aidan Browne (Cathaoirleach)  
Cathal Byrne (Leas-Chathaoirleach)  
Kathleen Codd-Nolan  
John O'Rourke  
Jackser Owens  
Barbara-Anne Murphy

**Officials:**

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service  
Ms. Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer, Housing  
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Edel Nolan, Staff Officer  
Mr Eoghan Greene, T/Projects Officer

**Apologies Officials:**

Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer  
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer

Cllr Browne welcomed Edel Nolan Staff Officer for Enniscorthy Municipal District.

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed congratulations to the following: -

Cllr John O Rourke - Ancient Connections Norman Way committee, fantastic event in ferns, crowd and activities were phenomenal.

Cllr Barbara Ann Murphy – Bunclody for 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary 1798 fantastic work  
Graham Donohoe Won Leinster Mens amateur mid golf Tournament.

Cllr Browne seconded above and congratulated William Peare on men's premier Soccer achievement.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

### **1.1 Minutes of the May Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cathal Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, the Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **1.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. John O Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **1.3 Matters Arising**

The Members requested an update on the following: -

- Contact Department of Environment re legal position on using CCTV for enforcement in illegal dumping
- Update on cleaning Urrin river at Carleysbridge?
- Update on proposed idea to engage with St Patrick's Principal re land on Bohreen Hill to use as housing.
- Meeting with Gardai and Engineer, speed van, change of signage and Bye Laws at Mile house coming off bypass.
- Any reply from minister re flood scheme ?

The officials responded to all queries and Director of Services Carolyne Godkin undertook to revert to Environment for a reply on the Urrin River Clean up and informed the members that the Outdoor Dining fee has been waived and that any payments made will be refunded.

## **2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:**

### **2.1 Planning**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

- Cllr Byrne noted that he has been quite critical of planning, however he has noticed a change in timeline for meetings, so he gave credit where credit is due.
- Cllr Codd Nolan queried the forward planning for the Enniscorthy town plan timeframe.
- Cllr Murphy queried how many derelict sites are specific to EMD?

The Officials responded to all queries raised and Ms. Lennon Executive Planner undertook to revert with breakdown of Derelict sites to members.

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

### **Community**

The Community Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The Members raised several queries, including: -

- Do we have grants for playgrounds and if so, is it through Community?
- Sean Browne Court, playground there but it is empty, nothing in it, why?

The Director of Services responded – playgrounds now under insurance risk's remit , no specific grant, some small funds for an item for a playground, will pass both queries to Insurance Risk. No main grant scheme, now its maintenance, most of money going to that. The director confirmed that there is a separate commitment to Templeshannon playground.

### **Environment**

The elected members raised the following queries:

- Stream in Ballindaggin, very contaminated, requires new pump.
- Hares Cross from Mangan road, Caim very overgrown.
- Waste disposal, house survey – number of houses in Enniscorthy?
- Biodiversity programmes in place, which is effective, Grass cutting contract queired.
- Look at a programme or campaign in relation to those that discard of their cigarette ends, and disposable Vapes. Educational programme put in place.
- Dog Fouling problem in the town.

Mr Shaw responded to queries in relation to grass cutting and undertook to follow up with estates mentioned by members. He also undertook to bring the members queries in relation to roads back to Mr Dempsey.

Cllr A Browne gave an update to the Members on the most recent Meeting of the Litter & Waste Action Sub Committee.

Conclusions and recommendations at the above included:

- Cigarette butts and what can be done to tackle the issue.
- More awareness measures recommended in relation to dog fouling.
- Improving litter blackspots with the use of gates, fences, signage and other measures.
- Mattress amnesties to be held annually in 4 recycling centres.
- Paint amnesties to be held also for 2023.
- Further research into the use of musical bins and similar novel technologies to encourage members of public to bin their litter.
- The Committee requested that a provision be included in Council tenancy agreements to require tenants to get wheelie bins from an authorised collector.
- A requirement was highlighted for more assertive anti-dumping signage.
- More feedback to litter/waste complainants on the outcome of incidents.

- The Committee requested more action to be taken under the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2018 for households with no apparent waste management arrangements.

The members commended Cllr Browne on the work done by the Litter & Waste Action Sub Committee.

### **Libraries & Fire Service**

The members expressed concern in regard to the current strike of the Retained Firefighters and commended them on the work they do.

Cllr Murphy congratulated Bunclody Library, Michael Fortune & Traveller women from Bunclody on the launch of the Book, No Twixing or Crossing.

Ancient Connections Presentation – Mr Eoghan Greene, Projects Officer attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the attendees.

The members thanked Mr Greene for his very informative presentation and all his hard work and the inclusion of the Ferns community in the project which saw the commencement of a festival in Ferns and the start-up of the Pilgrim Way.

The possibility of Twinning with A town in Wales was discussed and the possible invitation of a delegation from Wales to Wexford.

Cllr Codd Nolan also raised the question as to what is needed to continue the success of the project, Mr Greene discussed the figure of €10k to €20k in Festival Grant support.

Cllr O'Rourke suggested that previous connections made by Mr Keith Doyle should be re-established with Haverfordwest in Wales.

## **2.3 Housing**

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

- Land at back of numbers 1 to 11 Newrange, Templeshannon
- Plans to build houses in Enniscorthy District?
- Purchase of houses where tenant has been given notice.
- Carrig Ban, Bunclody residents' association assistance.
- House Types being purchased in Old Forest Bunclody
- Provision of 1 and 2 bed houses
- Affordable Housing Scheme

The officials responded to all queries raised.

## **2.4 Municipal District Report**

Ms. Bernie Quigley outlined the main points of report with update on Vinegar Hill.

The Members raised the following queries: -

- Washing of streets, need to be prioritised and done regularly.
- Tanyard Lane, is being used a public convenience, rotting bricks etc being pulled out and used for anti-social behaviour,
- Put in place a system for emptying of gullies and drains throughout the town before flooding etc causes problems for the towns.
- Communication to all residents affected by proposed walkway connecting Bellefield and Rugby Club.
- Notification of staff cover for annual leave.
- Rafter Street pedestrian zone enforcement of times.
- Overgrown paths and toilet opening hours at Vinegar Hill
- Request for canopies to be included in Shopfront painting Scheme going forward.

Ms. Quigley and the Director of Services responded to all queries raised and undertook to discuss matters raised with Roads Engineer and the District Manager upon her return.

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

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The Members raised the following issues to which Mr. Shaw responded:-

- Playground in Ballindaggin
- Castledockerel village, speeding by school
- Wall on road from Wexford to Enniscorthy approaching Seamus rafter, connecting to the bridge, needs repair.
- Patching for Wilton to Dunanore.
- Re surfacing on Bohreen hill.
- Disability parking spaces required at Railway Sq near Doctors.
- St Adian's hill parking on footpaths, contact school to reopen carpark.
- Sink holes on N80 down by Aldi in Bunclody.
- Active travel for St Aidans back on public display, we were told, not kept up to date when things are changing.
- Traffic calming on N80, very dangerous at cemetery.
- Uisce Eireann work on roads, patching.

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

Director of Services confirmed that Sinead Casey Director of Service with responsibility for Special Projects will address the above at the UDRF meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023. The members requested a written report going forward.

### **5. Water Services.**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Mr. Shaw responded to all queries raised.

- Water levels in Enniscorthy MD.
- Ballyhogue pump.
- Water fountains in Enniscorthy MD.
- Water restrictions at night time, notifications.

Mr Shaw responded to all queries raised.

On the proposal of Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr O'Rourke the members agreed to suspend the Standing Orders for 25 minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

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

None

## **8. Correspondence.**

Correspondence received regarding Twinning with Blacktown City Council, NSW, Australia requesting a delegation meeting, proposal Cllr Owens, and seconded by Cllr Byrne.

## **9. Any Other Business.**

A discussion took place in regard to the Meeting held in St. Senans and the lack of facilities in the Templeshannon area. Director Of Services confirmed the commitment of a playground for the area and the establishment of a new committee.

17.40pm At this juncture the meeting proceeded to 'In Committee'

### **GMA Budget 2022/2023**

A discussion took place as to the possible projects that could be achieved with the funds, the Members were given numerous proposals by the Director of Services and raised the query as to whether the members wished for individual amounts.

On the proposal of Cllr Byrne and seconded by Cllr Codd Nolan the members agreed to suspend the Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue.

Presentation from Dervla Howley HSE on the proposed Activity Garden located on the grounds of St. John's Hospital. Ms Howley outlined the projects history and confirmed the

funding is Departmental not council funded. The members voted and was unanimously agreed to proceed with the project.

On the proposal of Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Owens it was agreed to go ahead with this project and location.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

\_\_\_\_ John O'Rourke \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

\_\_\_\_ **17-07-2023** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**