

**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE  
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON MONDAY,  
15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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. Claire Lawless, District Manager  
Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer, Housing  
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer, Roads  
Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Clinton Donovan, Litter Warden  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Senior Staff Officer

**Apologies:**

**Officials:** Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following:-

- The Morrissey O'Shea and Owens Family on the death of Kerrie, RIP.
- The Buckley Family on the death of Sinead, RIP.
- The O'Brien Family on their recent loss.
- The Coughlan Family on their recent loss.

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed congratulations to the following:-

- The Enniscorthy CBS U16 School Football Team who won the Leinster Championship.
- St. Aidans School on recently receiving a Green Flag for Environmental Studies.
- The Volunteers of Darkness Into Light.
- Ferns, Marshalstown/Castledockrell on winning the schools Rackard League.
- Mr. O'Neill on reaching 100 years of age.
- Andy Doyle on winning Best Actor Award – RTE All Ireland Drama Festival Awards 2023.
- Bree Macra Na Feirme on their public speaking achievement.

- Castledockrell Youths on their win in the Youths Cup Final
- Ajax Athletics promoted to Premier League.

Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager took this opportunity to mark the retirement of Mr. Fran Breen, Foreman in the Enniscorthy Municipal District. It was noted that Mr. Breen had worked in Enniscorthy for 36 years. The Elected Members wished Mr. Breen the best of luck and health in his retirement. The Director of Services wished to be associated with these sentiments and added that he will be greatly missed in the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

It was further noted that a presentation would be made to Mr. Breen in the Bailey, Enniscorthy, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m.

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

### **1.1 Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the April Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **1.3 Matters Arising**

The Members requested an update on the following:-

- Improvement works at the Orchard Peace Park.
- Response to letter issued to the Minister of Public Expenditure requesting a meeting with the Elected Members to discuss the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme.

The Officials responded to all queries raised and the District Manager undertook to issue a reminder to the Minister in the coming weeks.

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

### **2.1 Planning**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

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

#### **Community**

The Community Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The Members raised a number of queries, including:-

- Toilet facilities for the availability of users of the Community Allotments, Learn to Cycle Park and Enniscorthy Sports Hub.
- Provision of a Playpark Facility in the Cloney Park area.
- Request for usage of Learn to Cycle Park by groups.
- Improvement works to toilet at the Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

The Director of Services responded and undertook to speak to the Community Allotments regarding toilet facilities. Challenges around available resources to secure full time toilet facilities in the area was discussed.

The current position on Phase 2 of the Enniscorthy Sports Hub was raised and it was recommended that toilet facilities be positioned in such a way as to ensure accessibility to members of the public without the need for the track to be open.

### **Environment**

Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Clinton Donovan, Litter Warden attended the meeting to discuss environment issue and gave a presentation to the attendees.

Following a brief discussion the Elected Members raised a number of concerns, in particular:-

- Collection rate of fines issued following court appearances.
- Dog Fouling in Graveyards.
- Waste Disposal Survey – number of households completed in 2023.
- CCTV.
- Provision of additional Dog Bins in a number of areas in Enniscorthy Town, including the Greenville Lane area.
- Date for paint and mattress amnesty in Enniscorthy.
- Illegal dumping and pollution of river in Carleysbridge, Enniscorthy.
- Street Cleaning/Road Sweeping to be carried out in Ferns prior to the June Bank Holiday Weekend.

Mr. O'Mahony and Mr. Donovan responded to all queries raised. Mr. O'Mahony stated he would examine the current locations of Dog Bins in Graveyards with a view to relocating, if necessary. The Executive Engineer also stated that he would speak to the Enniscorthy Municipal District regarding the provision of addition Dog Bins.

The procedure for the collection of information under the Waste Survey was discussed. In relation to CCTV it was noted that Wexford County Council was still awaiting guidelines for it's implementation from the LGMSB.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members agreed to write to the Local Government Management Services Board requesting the expedition of guidelines for the use of CCTV in the detection and prevention of illegal dumping.

### **Walking Trails**

Mr. O'Mahony updated the Members on the ORIS Grant Funding for the Enniscorthy River Walking Trails. The Elected Members expressed their frustration

with the pace of the commencement of works. Mr. O'Mahony undertook to examine the timeframes and come back to the Members with more specific dates.

A discussion took place regarding the need for consultants to be appointed for this type of project. The pedestrian bridge and lack of toilet facilities was also raised and discussed. It was agreed that going forward the District Managers Monthly Report would include an update on this project.

### **Libraries & Fire Service**

Cllr. Murphy extended congratulations to Ms. Eileen Morrissey on her recent appointment as President of the Library Association of Ireland.

At this juncture of the meeting it was agreed to take Item No. 6. Ms. Catherine McLoughlin joined the meeting through Microsoft Teams to discuss Vinegar Hill and the Heritage Led Plan for Enniscorthy.

Ms. McLoughlin stated that €40,000 had been secured from the Heritage Council for the provision of a Heritage Led Plan for Enniscorthy. She stated that submitted tenders were now being evaluated with consultants appointed in the next few weeks.

Regarding Vinegar Hill, Ms. McLoughlin confirmed that the Interpretative Panels would be installed during the Summer. The Members asked that these panels be installed prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> June, the anniversary of the 1798 Battle on Vinegar Hill. Ms. McLoughlin undertook to speak to the supplier with a view to expediting delivery.

## **2.3 Housing**

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

- Allocation of house at Carleysbridge, Enniscorthy.
- Possible provision of infill housing units to be developed at the Campus, St. Johns and at St. Patricks Special School.
- Emergency accommodation in Enniscorthy.
- Allocation of housing units at Castlelands, Ferns.
- Available land for house construction.
- Number of allocations in Enniscorthy in the last week/weeks.
- Number of vacant properties awaiting allocation.
- Housing Maintenance.
- Tenant in Situ.
- Request for breakdown of house type in monthly report.
- Single stage construction.
- Expressions of Interest – land and turnkey properties. It was noted that the closing date for expressions of interest was the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The officials responded to all queries raised.

## **2.4 Municipal District Report**

Ms. Lawless, District Manager outlined the main points of her report.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Fee for the provision of Outdoor Dining.
- Number of businesses facilitated under the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme.
- Location of the Well Being Garden – St. Johns Hospital.
- Current position on the CCTV for Bunclody.
- Management of the Astro Turf Pitch, following construction.

The District Manager and Director of Services responded to all queries raised.

It was suggested that the Orchard Peace Park be examined for the facilitation of the Well Being Garden. The Director of Services clarified the reason why the current location was chosen and stated that as grant money must be expended by October this year, this is a very critical point in the project. Ms. Godkin informed the Elected Members that funding under Creative Ireland, Placemaking Project may be available for the provision of an Activity Garden, with the Orchard Peace Park being the preferred location.

The Director undertook to speak to the Department regarding the possibility of moving location at this stage. It was noted that this may involve additional costs as the plan completed was specific to this location and cannot be utilised for another site.

The Elected Members asked that the provision of a similar facility be examined for Templeshannon. Ms. Godkin confirmed that management have committed to providing a playground in Templeshannon, however, she would undertake to examine the possibility of funding for the addition of a Well Being Garden.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Byrne the Members agreed to suspend the Standing Orders for fifteen minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

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

Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer outlined the main points of the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting.

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

- Hedgecutting – N80 as a priority.
- Speeding – safety measures needed, in particular in Ballindaggin.
- Surface improvements.
- Signage – speed indicator signage in Bree Village and ‘Yield, Right of Way’ at Carleysbridge and The Still.
- Pedestrian Crossing – Drumchatha.

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

It was noted that an update had been given to the Elected Members at a Special Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **5. Water Services.**

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

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

### *7.1 GMA 2022/2023*

It was unanimously agreed to proceed to 'In Committee' at the end of this meeting to discuss this item.

### *7.2 Municipal Civic Honour Recipients*

Cllr. Browne requested that Mr. Andy Doyle be included for a recognition/reception for his recent Best Actor Award. On the proposal of Cllr. Owens, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members agreed the list of Municipal Civic Honour Recipients as presented with the inclusion of Mr. Doyle.

It was further agreed to hold the Civic Recognition Award evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m. and the Civic Reception Award evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m.

### *7.3 Proposed date for AGM*

It was agreed to hold the General Meeting of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

## **8. Correspondence.**

Correspondence received regarding car parking issues at Enniscorthy United Playing Pitch in Sean Browne Court was noted.

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

A brief discussion took place regarding the Enniscorthy Town Team and it was noted that Minutes of these meetings will be available to the Elected Members.

Cllr. Browne took this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Bernie Quigley on her recent promotion to Senior Staff Officer and informed the Members that this would be her final meeting before she takes up her role in the Procurement Department. The Elected Members thanked Ms. Quigley for her hard work and support over the last number of years and wished her the best of luck in her new position. Ms. Godkin wished Ms. Quigley the best in her new role and stated that Wexfords gain is Enniscorthys loss.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Owens the Members agreed to suspend the Standing Orders for a further ten minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

5.54 p.m. At this juncture the meeting proceeded to 'In Committee'

7.1 *GMA 2022/2023*

A discussion took place regarding available funds under the GMA 2022. The District Manager outlined additional funding for 2023 and a brief discussion took place. The District Manager and the Director of Services undertook to bring a proposal to the June Meeting. It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting in June to discuss further.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Aidan Browne  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

19-06-2023  
**DATE**