

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020 AT 3.00 P.M.  
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

**Attendance: Councillors:**

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

**Officials:**

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Acting Director of Services  
Mr. Ger Mackey, District Manager  
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner  
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer  
Mr. David Minogue, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Helena Browne, Executive Technician, Roads

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**1.2. Minutes of the In Committee Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.**

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the In Committee Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**1.3. Matters Arising.**

The Members highlighted a number of issues raised at the December Meeting, in particular:-

- Cllr. Murphy confirmed that St. Aidan's Primary School have stated that they have gone to tender on refurbishment works to the P.E. Hall to facilitate a number of ASD Units. The Members welcomed this news.
- Taking in Charge, Belleview Court. Mr. Dempsey, Executive Engineer stated that he met with the Residents Association and inspected works. It was noted

that there is a Bond available and costings on the works are now being sought. It was further noted that the Bond will not cover all necessary works and therefore funding from another source will be explored.

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

### **2.1. Planning**

Ms. Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss Planning Matters and responded to all queries raised. In particular the Members asked about the current status of the County Development Plan, to which Ms. Lennon undertook to seek an update from forward planning.

### **2.2. Housing, Community & Environment**

#### **Housing**

Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss Housing Matters as outlined in the report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members highlighted a number of concerns, in particular:-

- Cost of repairs on vacant houses prior to re-let and length of time it takes to carry out works.
- Insulation upgrades.
- Attic Insulation under the S.E.A.I. Grant Scheme for private houses.

#### **Community**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

#### **Environment**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Cllr. Murphy asked for a report on the recent survey carried out regarding household waste and disposal of same. A brief discussion took place regarding illegal dumping and the Members thanked the Rapid Response Unit for their assistance in dealing with same.

#### **Libraries & Fire Service**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

### **2.3 Enterprise**

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked for an update on the Enniscorthy Technology Park. Ms. Godkin, Director of Service responded and it was agreed that an update on this item will be included in the Municipal District Report each month.

## 2.4 Municipal District Report

Mr. Ger Mackey, District Manager updated the Members on the main points of the report circulated prior to the meeting, in particular:-

- Draft Summary of Transforming Enniscorthy Event 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.
- Enniscorthy Sports Hub – grant of €300,000 from the Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport. This funding will allow Phase 2 of the facility to proceed. The District Manager took this opportunity to thank Mr. Keith Doyle for his kind contribution to the facility during his time as Chairman of Wexford County Council.
- Leader Funding – submission of Expressions of Interests for funding for Feasibility Studies under four Leader funding calls with a request for €135,000 across all four measures.
- Enniscorthy Bus Stops and Bus Service.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan stated that this was a very positive report. She continued by thanking all involved in securing the grant for Phase 2 of the Enniscorthy Sports Hub, a sentiment which all Members wished to be associated with.

Cllr. Murphy congratulated the District Manager on the Transforming Enniscorthy Event which took place recently.

## 3. Customer Service/Members Queries System – Mr. David Minogue.

Mr. David Minogue, Senior Executive Officer attended the meeting to discuss the Members Queries System.

Mr. Minogue gave a brief outline on how the system works and the reason behind having a system of this nature in place. He continued by saying that at the moment the system is not working as the number of queries entering the system is very low.

Mr. Minogue continued by stating that changes will be made to the system to offer more informative responses along with updates. The system will maintain a record of all queries and status of same and the Members were asked to take a look at the system with a view to utilising it for future queries.

The Members put forward a number of observations and questions regarding the system to Mr. Minogue, who responded the same. It was noted that the system will also facilitate a proper authorisation method in line with GDPR Regulations.

### Broadband

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members of an initiative whereby free Wi-Fi can be made available at hot spots in remote parts of the County. This initiative is funded under Rural Community Development with twelve areas across County Wexford selected for this service. It was noted that there were a number of stipulations, however, Mr. Minogue outlined the following three areas in the Enniscorthy Municipal District as areas eligible for the initiative:-

- Ballyroeback – Community Hall.
- The Duffry, Enniscorthy – GAA Complex.
- Marshalstown – Farmleigh Pitch.

A brief discussion took place regarding the logistics of the initiative following which Mr. Minogue asked for the Members approval to proceed connection in the three areas presented by him.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Browne the Members agreed that Wexford County Council proceed with the proposed initiative to facilitate free Wi-Fi hot spots in Ballyroebuck, The Duffry and Marshalstown as presented by Mr. Minogue.

#### **4. Presentation on the Public Consultation Report for the proposed “Draft County Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020”.**

Ms. Helena Browne, Executive Technician, Roads, attended the meeting to discuss the Draft County Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020. Ms. Browne circulated the report to the Members and outlined the main points.

Following a brief discussion on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Browne the Members unanimously agreed to the Draft County Wexford Road Traffic SSL (Amend) Bye-Laws 2020 as presented.

#### **5. Roads Report.**

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

Mr. Dempsey updated the Members on queries raised by them at the December Meeting and asked that the Members be mindful when putting up election posters to ensure they do not interfere with sight lines.

The Members raised the following:-Mr. Dempsey responded:-

- Roads Budget.
- Request for the provision of new Street Lighting across the district where necessary.
- Request to review the Roads Programme which was agreed by the previous Committee of the Enniscorthy Municipal District. Proposal that this could be completed once budgets have been identified.
- Public Lighting – repairs.
- Pedestrian Crossings – the Quay and Duffry Gate.
- Condition of road at Moran Park.
- Safety Barrier on corner of Old Mill, Waterford Road – request to have barrier moved in as a number of cars have hit it.
- Hedge Strimming.
- Gritting of roads following sever frost.

Mr. Dempsey responded and it was noted that the Promenade Area needs to be reviewed, which, can be done in line with the Flood Defence Scheme to ensure it is planned correctly. It was further noted that the gritting route is agreed with no further capacity for expansion. A small machine is used for the town route, however, there is no capacity to do the footpaths.

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

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer outlined the main points of the report circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Byrne asked if any car parking spaces would be lost on Mill Park Road as part of the Flood Defence Scheme and if the location of the new bridge, where it links with Arnotts Cross would create a bottleneck of traffic coming in Mill Park Road.

Mr. McHale stated that no car parking spaces will be lost as part of the scheme and with the reduction in speed limits and improved visibility there will be a reduction in traffic coming in Mill Park Road.

Cllr. Owens asked if there was a commencement date, to which Mr. McHale stated that approval of the Minister is awaited.

## **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 was noted.

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

### **8.1 GMA Budget 2019.**

It was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Owens and agreed that the GMA Budget 2019 amendments outlined to the Members be approved.

## **9. Civic Receptions.**

The District Manager asked that the Members bring a list of groups they feel deserving of a Civic Reception to the February Meeting. A Special Meeting can then be arranged to discuss.

## **10. Correspondence.**

Mr. Mackey, District Manager informed the Members that a local business man had made representations regarding the Enniscorthy Municipal District facilitating Commercial Parking Permits for the Old Dunnes Stores Car Park. Mr. Mackey stated that an analysis had been carried out over the last few weeks which showed a total of 5 car parking spaces being occupied by Commercial Permits in this particular car park. Mr. Mackey undertook to speak to the business man to discuss.

Cllr. Owens stated that he believed this car park should remain a public car park. Mr. Mackey suggested that a review be completed on the Commercial Permit Scheme in 2021, however, he does not feel that it is an issue as only 3% of the car park is being used by Commercial Permit holders.

On the proposal of Cllr. Owens, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan it was agreed that a plaque be erected in Ferns to commemorate the legendary piper Mr. Leo Rowsome.

## 9. Any Other Business.

A number of issues were highlighted under this item for discussion, including the following:-

- Dog Fouling.
- Enniscorthy Greyhound Track.

Cllr. Owens asked if this Committee could meet in deputation in support of keeping the track open. Mr. Mackey confirmed that to date the board have not made a request to the Enniscorthy Municipal District to make a deputation on their behalf, however, if they do so this can be explored.

Ms. Godkin stated that there is a process in place which would have to be considered in any support offered by the Municipal District. Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked for the Members agreement to issue a letter of support from this Committee. All Members were in favour.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**DATE**