

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018 AT 4.00 P.M.  
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

**Attendance: Councillors:**

Willie Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)  
Barbara-Anne Murphy  
Keith Doyle  
Johnny Mythen  
Kathleen Codd-Nolan  
John O'Rourke  
Paddy Kavanagh  
Oliver Walsh

**Officials:**

Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager  
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Mary Cline, Assistant Staff Officer  
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Larry McHale, Resident Engineer  
Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Leonard Poole, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Admin Officer, Environment  
Mr. Noel Byrne, General Services Facilitator  
Mr. Peter Byrne, Waste Disposal Supervisor

**Apologies:**

Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services  
  
Manuel Diez Garrido, ARUP  
Barry O'Connor, Mott McDonald  
John Bell, Roughan O'Donovan

Chairman, Cllr. Willie Kavanagh thanked all the staff for the work carried out over the previous weekend in dealing with the flooding and maintaining traffic flow.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the November 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of

the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

### **1.3 Matter Arising.**

None.

## **2. Templeshannon Regeneration.**

Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer outlined to the members the context of the Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy, adopted earlier that year and presented to the public in February 2018. The strategy has 3 primary objectives:

- Enhance the public realm and improve traffic management in Templeshannon;
- Develop a plan that will outline and facilitate urban development opportunities;
- Create new links and connectivity between the east and west side of the town

The current Part 8 proposal (LAC 1807) for street works in Templeshannon, will go to the full Council meeting in January, 2019 represents an effective delivery of these objectives and is recommended to the Members for adoption, as set out in the Chief Executive's report circulated last week.

The Part 8 proposal for street works at Templeshannon (LAC 1807) was advertised on 04/09/2018. A total of 15 submissions from the public were received within the period allowed for submissions.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Part 8 proposal was discussed in detail at an earlier Special Meeting of the District Council and the members had agreed the following recommendation to the next full council meeting in the new year.

### **Enniscorthy Municipal District Council Meeting Recommendation**

Following Consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on LAC 1807, (Proposed Street works and one way system for Templeshannon, Enniscorthy) the members of Enniscorthy Municipal District Council agreed to recommend to the County Council that the Proposed Development not be proceeded with in accordance with the proposal, and that the existing two way traffic system in Templeshannon remain in place. The Members also requested that further work be undertaken, taking account of the issues raised by them at the meeting, to address the traffic concerns raised in relation to the current proposal.

The recommendation by the members to the full council meeting January 2019 was proposed by Cllr. Keith Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh.

## **3. Environment Update –Litter Monitoring Plan**

Mr. Hugh McGuire provided an overview of the Environment department work on litter management. This was followed by Mr. Gerry Forde Senior Engineer, informed the Meeting that the Environmental Clean-up Crew operates out of Holmestown, with one two man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts and a second servicing Wexford and New Ross Municipal Districts. Work of the crews covers illegal dumping clean ups bring site inspections, ringbuoy Inspections and other works.

The Waste Enforcement Team carries out routine and non-routine inspections of Waste Facilities and problem sites in accordance with the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) as required by the EPA. The 2018 inspection plan was submitted to the EPA on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and allocates 2,678 inspections by 29 staff members. The inspection types cover the WEEE( Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations; ELV ( End of Life Vehicles) Regulations; Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations; Household and Commercial Food Waste Regulations; Batteries, Tyres, etc.

Due to net operating cost increases, an entry charge of €2 was introduced to all household recycling centres on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. Mr. Forde assured Members that they were moving from a reactive to a proactive approach and the new system would include a 6 day a week cover and depending on the job and volume involved it was hoped to have issues resolved within 3 days.

Mr. Peter Byrne stated that all reports of illegal dumping were time stamped with records maintained through the Customer Service Unit to assist enforcement. Mr. Leonard Poole referred to the importance of pin pointing evidence of dumping. Mr. Noel Byrne assured the Members that the department were in constant contact with the District outdoor staff and informed Members that the new Environmental Warden for Enniscorthy Municipal District and North Wexford was Clinton Donovan.

Cllr. Keith Doyle acknowledged the comprehensive report brought before the Members, he highlighted the fact that domestic waste was continually being put into the street bins.

Mr. Gerry Forde told the Members that they proposed to embark on a social media education and awareness programme to get their message across.

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh requested that people who made complaints on dumping would be informed of the outcome of investigations. He asked that consideration be given to promoting one designated collection area in estates and in the case of town centre apartments and flats that there should be tax incentives for landlords to provide bins. He felt the implications of collections by 'Man with a Van' also needed to be investigated.

Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan highlighted dumping on the National Routes, N80, asked if the use of CCTV cameras could be extended and if inspectors could call door to door to establish how people are disposing of their rubbish.

Cllr. Barbara Ann Murphy asked how many fines had been issued for dog fouling and stated that she felt the €2 charge at the Recycling Centre was a penalty on those doing the right thing.

Cllr. Oliver Walsh complimented the environmental staff on the presentation and emphasized the importance of getting the anti-litter message across.

Cllr. John O'Rourke welcomed the presentation and asked that contact be made with the providers of the Clothes Bin Charity collections, that they are more closely monitored and kept clean.

Cllr. J Mythen – called for information to be given to Schools on all aspects of litter prevention and complimented the mattress amnesty.

## **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendation:**

### **4.1 Planning**

#### **Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)**

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner, informed the members that the Southern Regional Assembly have prepared a draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the whole of the Southern Region for the period 2019-2031. The draft RSES provides a long-term regional level strategic planning and economic framework, in support of the implementation of the National Planning Framework, for the future physical, economic and social developments for the Southern Region.

The draft RSES is a consultation document and the Southern Regional Assembly will consider all submissions made in writing between Tuesday 18th December 2018 and on or before 5.00pm Friday 08th March 2019 before adopting the RSES.

Ms Kearns agreed to forward Members the link to the above strategy.

### **4.2 Housing, Community & Environment**

Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer updated the Members on all Housing Matters as outlined in the report circulated prior to the meeting. A brief discussion took place and Ms. Donoghue responded to all matters raised.

Cllr. John O'Rourke enquired as to when the houses for Oaklee Approved Housing Body, would be ready for allocation. Mr. John Carley stated that there were works to be done on the roadway and they were trying to advance completion as quickly as possible.

Cllr. J Mythen who raised concerns about vacant houses not brought back into occupation, Mr. John Carley undertook to bring back the statistics to the January Meeting of Enniscorthy Municipal District in relation to these voids.

### **4.3 Enterprise**

The Chairman congratulated Bree Community Development group who were awarded runner up in the National Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town and Village Awards for Leinster last month.

### **4.4 Roads Report**

Ms. Joanne Kehoe attended the meeting to discuss roads matters and updated the Members on the contents of the roads report circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. John Carley thanked all staff who were out the previous weekend putting diversions into place and keeping the traffic moving during the heavy flooding.

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

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

Mr. McHale informed the Members that detailed design was well advanced and tender documents were being prepared. Changes had been incorporated into the plans following observations received from the public consultations carried out, i.e. reduction in the wall height and the updated plans would again go on public display in the first week of March, representations received will go to the Minister and it is anticipated to have the funding application for approval with the Minister in June, 2019, with construction works to commence in the last quarter of 2019.

## **6. 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 discussed and noted and Mr. O'Corcora undertook to respond to all queries highlighted by the Members.

Mr. O'Corcora informed the Members that Irish Water had commenced the replacement of existing domestic lead connections from Junction Box to service main at numerous locations throughout Enniscorthy Town. The regional contractor for the water service work is Coffey Northumberland. It is estimated that there are between 75 and 260 such connections in the town to be replaced.

WCC and Irish Water have prepared plans in order to reduce leakages in the Enniscorthy water-main network. Funding has been approved by Irish Water for the replacement of all backyard services in Redmond Street, Drumgoold Villas, UDC Range, Pearse Road, St. John's Villas, Bellfield Road and St. Aidan's Villas.

Bellview Court WWTP Ballyhogue – Irish Water have approved financing upgrade work to Bellview Court WWTP under the Invest to Save project funding.

Mr. O'Corcora also informed Members that the Kiltealy boiled water notice had been lifted with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

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

### **7.1 Taking in Charge of Housing Development of Riverside, Blackwater.**

On the proposal of Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen the Members unanimously agreed that the Housing Development of Riverside, Blackwater be taken in charge by Wexford County Council.

## **8. Correspondence.**

None.

## 9. Any Other Business.

### Orchard Peace Park:

Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer updated the Members on progress with the completion of the Orchard Peace Park. Mr. John Carley stated that it was intended to include signage in Irish and that he envisaged the Park would be open to the public in the near future.

### New Lighting in Market Square, Bunclody

Cllr. Barbara Ann Murphy thanked Enniscorthy Municipal District for their work in providing new lighting in Market Square, Bunclody.

### Parking

Ms. Liz Hore, District Manager informed Members that there would be free parking in Enniscorthy in Council Car Parks for members of the public on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 inclusive. The District manager requested that people shop local as much as possible.

### 2018 Achievements

Ms Liz Hore highlighted the following achievements in the Enniscorthy Municipal District during the year of 2018;

- Bree – runner up in the National Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town and Village Awards for Leinster
- Bunclody – National 2018 Pride of Place winners
- Rockin Food Festival – South East Radio Award
- Enniscorthy Tidy Towns – Bronze Award / National RIAI award by Royal Institute Architects Ireland.
- Monageer Tidy Towns – National Sustainability Award

District Manager thanked the elected Members for all their support to he projects, communities and staff during 2018

The Chairman, Cllr Willie Kavanagh, concluded the Meeting by wishing all a very Happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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