

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 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  
Oliver Walsh

**Apologies: Councillors:** Paddy Kavanagh

**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. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Larry McHale, Resident Engineer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Doyle, the Minutes of the September 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Doyle, the Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson with the following amendment:-

*7.1 Proposed Taking in Charge of the following Housing Developments:-*

- *Willow Bank, Blackwater*

**1.3 Matters Arising.**

Cllr. O'Rourke referred to the letter received from the Wexford Ex Boxers Group recommending the appropriate wording for inscription on the bench being dedicated to the late Mr. Bernard Dunne, RIP. The District Manager undertook to attend to same.

## **2. Draft Budgetary Plan Report 2019 – GMA Allocations.**

Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance attended the meeting to discuss the Draft Budgetary Plan Report 2019 – GMA Allocations. The Chairman welcomed Ms. O'Neill to the meeting.

Ms. O'Neill briefed the Members on details of the report circulated prior to the meeting and asked for Members support for adoption of the plan as presented.

The Members put forward a number of questions in the following areas to which the officials responded:-

- Town Twinning.
- School Meals.
- Amenity Grants.

On the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members approved the proposed Draft Budgetary Plan Report 2019 - GMA Allocations as presented.

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

### **3.1 Planning**

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss Planning Matters. The Members highlighted a number of concerns to which Ms. Kearns responded, in particular the Members asked if there was any update on the County Development Plan.

Ms. Kearns confirmed that the preparation of the plan has been paused pending the adoption of the regional plan which is due to be completed by April, 2019. It was noted that the draft regional plan will be on public display before April.

Cllr. Mythen asked if Wexford County Council were securing the 10% of houses from each housing development under Part 5 of the planning process. Mr. Carley, Director of Services confirmed that the Housing Department is working to secure housing under all options.

Following a query from Cllr. Doyle, Ms. Kearns confirmed that in the interim the current County Development Plan has been extended by legislation and variations and material contraventions can still be completed.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked if villages were considered under the regional plan. It was noted that villages were not included in regional plans.

### **3.2 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. The Members were informed that Ms. Angela Lawless, Area Housing Officer was leaving Enniscorthy to take up a position in County Hall, Wexford and that Ms. Aisling Doyle will be the new Area Housing Officer for the district.

The Members commended Ms. Lawless on the excellent work carried out by her during her time in Enniscorthy as Area Housing Officer and thanked her for her help and assistance. The Members extended best wishes to Ms. Lawless in her new role.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked that Ms. Doyle attend the November Meeting to meet the Members by way of introductions.

### Environment

The Members outlined a number of queries, in particular:-

- Request for 2K Clean Up to be adopted for Enniscorthy District.
- Payment of Litter Fines in installments.
- River Walk – reopening of gate.
- Weed control on Vinegar Hill.
- Emptying of gullies.
- Overgrown hedges/open spaces – masking illegal dumping.
- Tree trimming.
- Dog fouling.
- Query regarding time of day waste disposal companies can collect bins.

The District Manager confirmed that presently she does not have the resources to adopt the 2K Clean Up in the district.

Mr. Carley confirmed that in instances where fines are paid in installments Wexford County Council actively pursue all outstanding monies.

The Officials responded to all queries raised.

### **3.3 Enterprise**

The Enterprise Reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked about the current status of the Dunnes Stores Site, Rafter Street. The Director of Service stated that this was a private site.

Cllr. Doyle asked for an update on the old Murphy Floods Site. The Director of Service confirmed that this was a private site and he was not aware of any developments.

Cllr. Mythen queried the current position on the 1798 Centre. The District Manager confirmed that the sale of this property did not progress and therefore the centre remains open for business. Ms. Hore stated that the centre closes for the winter months and that staff will work in the castle in preparation for Santa's Enchanted Castle.

Ms. Hore informed the Members that the switching on of the Christmas Lights will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

### **3.4 Roads Report**

Ms. Joanne Kehoe attended the meeting to discuss roads matters.

A number of issues were highlighted by the Members to which Ms. Kehoe

responded, in particular:-

- Footpath repairs – Milehouse Road
- Improvement works – Monalee Cross and Ballyorrill Road
- Japanese Know Weed Programme.
- Tree Trimming at The Mall, Market Square, Bunclody.
- Works by T.I.I. on N80 – no consultation with businesses.
- Dangerous junction at Ballybeg – ‘Little Heaven’.
- Safety Improvement Works – Ballyconnigar Junction.
- Road Surfaces.
- Traffic – Duffry, Enniscorthy.

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

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

Cllr. Doyle expressed his disappointment that the report will not be completed and sent to the department before the end of the year and asked what the status was on a plan to incorporate the story of Enniscorthy in the bridge design.

Mr. McHale stated that the intention was to have the report sent to the Minister before year end, however, the recent public exhibit was a worthwhile action which had generated some amendments to the plan. It is necessary under the statutory process following inclusion of the amendments to put the plan on exhibit formally. It is envisaged that the report will go to the Minister in April/May next year.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. Events Update.**

The District Manager updated the attendees on all festivals and events in the district, in particular:-

##### **Tidy Towns Awards**

It was noted that Enniscorthy had received a bronze medal in this years Tidy Towns Competition along with the National Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland Award. Ms. Hore congratulated all involved. She continued by extending congratulations to Monageer and Blackwater on their achievements in the competition.

##### **Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

The District Manager confirmed that applications for funding through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme had been successful for the following villages:-

Blackwater	-	€200,000
Galbally	-	€100,000

Courtnacuddy - €32,000

- Ms. Hore informed the Members that Oulart had been successful under the Outdoor Recreation Grant Scheme securing a grant of €20,000.
- It noted that the Festivals Awards Night will take place immediately after this meeting at 6.30 p.m.
- The hosting of the Guild of the Freemen of London will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018 with a tour of the town and a reception by the Chairman.
- Works in Ballindaggin under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme are now complete with the official launch scheduled to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.
- Funding in the region of €70,000 has been secured by Wexford County Council for the Taste Wexford Project.
- Ms. Hore played a short video of Bree which was presented at the judging of the Bank Of Ireland Enterprise Awards which took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018.

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

None.

**8. Correspondence.**

None.

**9. Any Other Business.**

Congratulations

Cllr. Murphy extended congratulations to the village of Clonegal on their gold medal win at the Tidy Towns Awards Competition 2018.

Cllr. Walsh congratulated all groups involved in tidy towns throughout the district on their achievements.

The Members congratulated the District Manager, Ms. Hore and all involved in the preparation and submission of applications for inclusion in the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. The Members stated that they and were delighted to see money being allocated to rural villages and acknowledged the work and dedication of all involved.

Cllr. Murphy wished to congratulate the Woodsmen Horseshoe Club on winning their 19<sup>th</sup> County Title.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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