

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018 AT 4.00P.M.  
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

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

**Officials:** Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager  
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer,  
Mr. Padraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Mr. David Codd, Roads Safety Officer  
Mr. Paul L'Estrange, Chief Fire Officer  
Mr. Neal O'Grady, Assistant Chief Fire Officer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. John O'Rourke, the Minutes of the March 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. John O'Rourke, the Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.3 Matters Arising.**

Cllr. Mythen requested that his objection to the sale of the 1798, omitted in the April Minutes be recorded and noted.

## 5. Community Fire Safety Plan – Wexford County Fire Service.

It was agreed to take Item No. 5 at this stage of the meeting. Mr. Paul L'Estrange, Chief Fire Officer and Mr. Neal O'Grady, Assistant Chief Fire Officer attended the meeting to make a presentation to the Members on the Community Fire Safety Plan.

Following introductions, Mr. L'Estrange and Mr. O'Grady stated that the plan is focused on prevention more than reaction and ways in which the Fire Service can promote and train individuals on how to stay safe.

He continued by saying that this is done through the formation of a policy and by carrying out a risk assessment. The Members noted the following activities to take place in 2018:-

- Fire safety presentations in Schools.
- Fire safety stands at events.
- Community group visits to Fire Stations.
- Smoke Alarm installations.
- Surveys for Smoke Alarm coverage.
- Home fire safety checks.
- Dissemination CFS material to public buildings.
- Fire safety talks.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh asked how difficult it is to overcome the fire regulations in vacant properties, in particular living quarters over shop units. The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that building regulations would apply along with the need for a fire safety certificate. He continued by stating that the process can be complicated especially with older buildings and each building would be assessed on a case by case basis.

Cllr. Walsh thanked the officials for the presentation and asked if there was any way in which the lack of fire stations in some areas of the county could be overcome or the response time to call outs in these areas be shortened.

Cllr. O'Rourke asked if figures were available regarding the number of call outs the Fire Service received up to, during and following Halloween 2017 and was there any information available to the public on bonfire safety. The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that as bonfires are not legal it would be very difficult for the Fire Service Department to offer safety information.

Other queries raised by the Members included:-

- If the installation of smoke alarms will be offered free of charge. Mr. L'Estrange confirmed that this was a free service.
- The location of T.V.'s over stoves/fires.
- Pellet Burners – any issues regarding the use of wrong fuel and plastics.

Cllr. Murphy wished to acknowledge the work of the fire service over the recent snow storm.

Mr. Carley confirmed that figures on the number of reports of chimney fires received by the fire service would be compiled for distribution to the members. The Members thanked the officials for their presentation.

#### **4. Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws.**

Mr. David Codd, Roads Safety Officer attended the meeting to discuss the draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws.

The Members raised a number of question to which Mr. Codd responded, in particular:-

- Following the public display period were all submissions written to informing them if there submission was considered.
- How submissions were considered.
- Request for draft bye-laws and a submissions report to be made available for viewing on Wexford County Councils Website.

A brief discussion took place.

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

##### **2.1 Planning**

Ms. Dierdre Kearns was in attendance to discuss planning matters and updated the Members on the contents of the Planning Report, circulated prior to the meeting. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Kearns responded. In particular the following was discussed:-

Cllr. Murphy asked if an application had been received or a pre-planning meeting taken place regarding the Millrace Hotel, Bunclody. Ms. Kearns confirmed that no application had been made to date, however, she was not at liberty to speak about any pre-planning meeting or the contents of any pre-planning meeting.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh asked if the Planning Department would look at the mast proposed at the gap cross on the motorway and recommend ways in which this mast could be camouflaged to fit in with the environment.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan expressed her disappointment with the closure of the Millrace Hotel in Bunclody stating that it would be a great loss to the town. Cllr. Codd-Nolan also referred to a new planning application for a mast at the Milehouse, Enniscorthy, which was previously refused by Wexford County Council.

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

Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman briefed the Members on the contents of the Housing Report.

Under Community it was noted that the presentation from Mr. Davin Power, FDYS, on the Traveller Community Project at Drumgoold has been deferred until the May Meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

Cllr. Murphy asked that the Council concentrate on estate management, in particular at Carrig Ban, Bunclody.

Cllr. Murphy wished to congratulate the Library Service, including Ms. Eileen Morrissey and Mr. Jarlath Glynn on their recent special commemoration to John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party from 1900 until 1918 on the

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan concurred with Cllr. Murphy regarding estate management and the special event ran by the Library in honor of John E. Redmond. She continued by stating that it was a very well organised event and was fitting considering the work he done for the country.

Cllr. O'Rourke congratulated the construction team working on the houses at Cherryorchard, Ross Road for their professionalism and consultation with residents of the area.

Cllr. O'Rourke also wished to congratulate all involved in the soccer at school level initiative for all their hard work and dedication.

The Members highlighted their concerns regarding illegal dumping and a brief discussion took place. The Director of Service undertook to ask Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment Section to prepare a report on the number of fines issues this year and the number of CCTV located around the County.

Cllr. Mythen requested a report on the number of Derelict Houses in the Enniscorthy District. Mr. O'Gorman responded by stating that the Housing Department are working on a report.

Other queries regarding biodiversity, Orchard Park and cleaning of streets and footpaths in the town were raised and discussed.

### **2.3 Enterprise**

None.

### **2.4 Roads Report**

The Roads Report submitted by Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer was noted by the Members.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked for an update on Dorans Bridge. Ms. Hore, District Manager stated that the delegation met with herself, the Chairman and Ms. Kehoe on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018. Ms. Hore continued by stating that a letter had been sent to the group last week. Ms. Kehoe confirmed that some work had been carried and it is hoped to have the first draft of the design completed in the next few weeks.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan queried if a report had been submitted to the department on the condition of the roads in the County following the snow storm. Cllr. Murphy asked if costings had been prepared on the cost to repair the damaged roads. Ms. Kehoe confirmed that it is hoped that the costings will be submitted to the department this week, however, it was noted that there is no indication of how much money will be made available to the Council.

The Members raised a number of further queries, in particular:-

- Condition of road to Vinegar Hill, Scurloughs Bush Lane and Ross Road.
- Speeding.
- Ramp at Pedestrian Crossing, The Duffry.

- Time for re-opening of Glenteigh Road.
- Request for Disabled Parking Bays at the Hope Centre.
- Pedestrian Crossing on Ross Road.
- Condition of road, Monart East.

The Executive Engineer stated that a draft policy on traffic calming will be brought to the SPC for adoption to ensure there is a consistent approach within the County regarding the provision of ramps.

She continued by stating that in respect of the road at Monart East, she had contacted the Contractor who confirmed that this road is inspected and repaired on a daily basis, which upon inspection appears to be carried out.

### **3. Proposed Amendment to Wexford Local Authorities Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the proposed amendment to Wexford Local Authorities Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 was agreed.

Cllr. Doyle asked what the plans for the infill site at Marconi Park were as illegal dumping is occurring again at this site. Mr. O’Gorman responded by saying that the County Architect was examining the possibility of the provision of a 2 bedroom unit for this site.

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

Mr. Larry McHale outlined details of the progress report on the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Kavanagh asked if the invasive species referred to in the report was Japanese Knot Weed. Mr. McHale confirmed this and stated they are treating the weed and the treatment is working well. Cllr. Kavanagh asked that details of how it is being treated should be made available to members of the public so they can treat it in the same manner.

Cllr. Doyle recommended that Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services attend the next meeting of this Committee to discuss and update the Members on projects proposed for Enniscorthy.

### **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 discussed and noted.

### **8. Amenity and Arts Grants & Residents Association Grants 2018.**

The District Manager informed the Members that the full list of applicants for the above grants was circulated to Members for allocation and approval. On the proposal of Cllr. O’Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members approved in principal the list of applicants under the Amenity and Arts Grants & Residents

Association Grants 2018.

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

9.1 Proposal to abandon a Public Road and extinguish the associated Public Right of Way under Section 12 & 73 of the Roads Act 1993

The District Manager outlined the proposal under the Roads Act legislation. On the proposal of Cllr. W. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members agreed to the proposal to abandon a section of the road adjacent to Clearstream Technologies, Moyne Upper, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford running for a length of 233 metres and to extinguish the associated public right of way under Section 12 & 73 of the Roads Act, 1993.

**10. Correspondence.**

None.

**11. Any Other Business.**

Ms. Hore circulated details of the upcoming Vinegar Hill Archaeology Conference which is taking place on May 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

1798 Centre

Ms. Hore, District Manager circulated a memo to the Members regarding the relocation of the 1798 Exhibit. Ms. Hore stated that a very positive meeting was held with the Athenaeum who are in agreement to support the hosting of the exhibit at their tourism facility.

Cllr. Mythen wished it to be noted that in his opinion the Council should provide a permanent fixture for the 1798 Exhibit and he highlighted his concerns that the Athenaeum was too small to house such an exhibit.

Cllr. Mythen stated that the 1798 Centre was a national centre which in his opinion is not promoted enough. Cllr. Doyle stated that this was a temporary solution, however he agreed that the centre needs to be developed more through investment if we are to encourage visitors to the town to view this exhibition.

Ms. Hore informed the attendees that the launch of the Enniscorthy Industry Exhibition takes place at 6.30 p.m. this evening, 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Castle.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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