

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 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

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
Mr. Ian Plunkett, Executive Technician

Local Authority Waters Programme:

Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Catchment Manager
Mr. Stephen Davis
Ms. Ann Phelan, Community Water Officer

Apologies: Councillors:

Oliver Walsh

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 15th October, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the October 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th October, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 15th October, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th October, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 25th October, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 25th October, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.4 Matter Arising.

None.

Vote of Sympathy

Cllr. P. Kavanagh expressed his sincerest sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Morgan Doyle, RIP. Cllr. Kavanagh stated that he knew Mr. Doyle for many years and considered him a great friend. Cllr. Kavanagh continued by saying that Mr. Morgan carried out great work, especially around education for all and will be a great loss to society.

2. River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 – River Sow PAA.

Ms. Ruth Hennessey, Mr. Stephen David and Ms. Ann Phelan attended the meeting to make a presentation to the Members on the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 – River Sow PAA. The Chairman, Cllr. W. Kavanagh welcomed the group to the meeting.

Ms. Hennessey thanked the Members and briefed them on the aims and objectives of the programme:-

- The programme is made up of a catchment assessment team of 35 scientists working on behalf of Local Authorities on water quality/assessment.
- The programme will run from 2018-2021.
- The assessment team will be collaborating with a number of groups, agencies and landowners.
- Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme which is a free, confidential service supported by DAFM, DHPLG and Dairy Sustainability Ireland.
- 43 priority areas for action in the South East.
- Catchment area for assessment is the River Sow.

The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Hennessey responded, in particular the following was discussed:-

- Clarification on why the River Slaney was not identified for assessment.
- How any necessary works will be funded and monitored.
- Eligibility for Septic Tank Grant. Ms. Hennessey confirmed that her understanding is that the grant is available to anyone whose septic tank is impacting on water quality.
- EU regulations regarding the spreading of slurry.
- Nitrate Directive.
- Cost involved with replacement of septic tanks.

The Director of Services thanked Ms. Hennessey and her colleagues for their presentation and the group left the meeting.

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.

Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. P. Kavanagh enquired about units at the Technology Park and Cllr. Mythen asked if Wexford County Council can guarantee that under the Part 5 planning process that we secure 10% of houses from each housing development. The Director of Service confirmed that securing 10% of houses from housing developments is covered under Part 5 and that Wexford County Council are enforcing this in every case.

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.

Environment

The Members discussed a number of areas of concern regarding illegal dumping, charges at recycling centres, the level of fly tipping in Enniscorthy District and the need for a designated number for Elected Members.

The Director of Services stated that Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Executive Engineer will attend the December Meeting and the December Meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District to discuss the new rapid response unit and any other environmental issues.

Cllr. Mythen asked for an update on the pilot scheme for chimney cleaning. Ms. Hore undertook to clarify for the next meeting.

3.3 Enterprise

Cllr. Doyle asked if any contact had been made with appropriate groups/clubs regarding the small open space at Ross Road. Ms. Hore, District Manager stated she would arrange a meeting in the next few weeks.

Cllr. Murphy congratulated Wexford County Council and the Library Service on the facilitation of Science Week which was a huge success.

3.4 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.

A number of issues were highlighted by the Members to which Ms. Kehoe responded, in particular:-

- Ballycarney Bridge – update.
- Public Lighting – footpath in Kilmyshall.
- What plans are in place to deal with speeding in areas where ramps have been removed.
- School Signage – Oulart.
- Duffry Gate – Speeding. Ms. Kehoe confirmed that a traffic count analysis had been done over a two week period in this area and the results showed that speeding was not an issue. Ms. Kehoe stated that she can ask for a review of the area following Members concerns.
- Speeding – Irish Street.

- Request for the provision of parking at Rectory Field, Sean Brownes Court and Nolans Lawn to facilitate parking for sporting events taking place in the area.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan thanked Ms. Kehoe and her crew for the works carried out at Doransbridge.

Cllr. W. Kavanagh complimented the roads crew on the excellent work carried out this year on what was a limited budget.

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 asked what the status was on a plan to incorporate the story of Enniscorthy in the bridge design. Mr. McHale confirmed that this would be done as part of the final design, early in 2019.

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.

A discussion took place regarding the recent significant leak in Enniscorthy Town, which, Mr. O'Corcora confirmed has now been repaired with supply back to 100%.

The Members asked that the procedure for informing people of water interruptions be reviewed. Mr. O'Corcora undertook to bring back the Members recommendations to Irish Water.

6. Nomination for Public art Panel for M11 By-Pass.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan it was unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr. P. Kavanagh to the Public Art Panel for M11 By-Pass.

7. Enniscorthy Public Park.

Ms. Hore asked for recommendations on naming the Enniscorthy Public Park. On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh it was agreed to name the new public park 'Orchard Peace Park'.

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

8.1 Proposed Lease of Drumgoold Community Centre to FDYS

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Mythen the Members unanimously agreed the proposed lease of Drumgoold Community Centre to FDYS for a

term of 4 years and 9 months.

9. Correspondence.

None.

10. Any Other Business.

Congratulations

Cllr. Murphy extended congratulations to Bunclody on winning the Pride of Place Award recently. Cllr. Murphy thanked all involved.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan also thanked all involved in the project. Ms. Hore stated that this was a huge achievement for Bunclody and it is hoped that a community celebration will be organised for all volunteers.

Cllr. W. Kavanagh congratulated all those who achieved an award at the recent Wexford County Council Environmental Awards Night.

Christmas Festival

Ms. Hore confirmed that the Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Saturday 24th November, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

Parking

Cllr. Mythen asked if free parking will be provided over the Christmas period. Ms. Hore stated that it was currently been reviewed having liaised with the Enniscorthy & District Chamber and the Enniscorthy Business Association.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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