

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 21st JANUARY, 2019 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
Oliver Walsh
Paddy Kavanagh

Apologies:

John O'Rourke

Officials:

Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner
Ms. Siobhan O'Neill, Special Projects
Mr. Larry McHale, Resident Engineer

The Chairman asked the District Manager to brief the Members on their discussion at the previous meeting regarding the Local Electoral Areas.

The District Manager stated that the initial recommendation of the new 4 seat Kilmuckridge Local Electoral Area was changed to Gorey Municipal District and that Enniscorthy Municipal District would reduce to 6 Elected Representatives. The Enniscorthy Municipal District expressed their concerns about the impact of the changes on the people of the Enniscorthy District, some of who would have to travel significant distances to carry out their business.

The Members agreed that their preference was that the districts would remain as they are now, but failing that to implement Kilmuckridge Local Electoral Area as part of the Enniscorthy Municipal District and that this would be communicated from the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17th December, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Minutes of the December 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th December, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17th December, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th December, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3 Matter Arising.

None.

2. Enniscorthy Tourism Project.

Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer and Ms. Siobhan O'Neill, Special Projects attended the meeting and made a presentation to the Members on Enniscorthy Tourism Project.

Mr. Taaffe highlighted that the main focus of the flagship project for Enniscorthy was to develop the Castle as a national tourism destination but to also look at Enniscorthy Town within the wider context of the visitor experience.

5.00 p.m. At this juncture Ms. Liz Hore, District Manager left the meeting.

The Members thanked Ms. O'Neill for her in-depth presentation. The Members discussed areas in which they feel could be explored and highlighted the following:-

- Story of Enniscorthy displayed on Glass Wall of Flood Defence Scheme.
- Vinegar Hill.
- St. Senans Graveyard.
- Edermine House and the malting heritage.
- 1798 Centre.
- Boat Trips and River Slaney as an amenity.
- Utilisation of public transport.

The Members stated that Enniscorthy has 1500 years of history to be explored and felt that the project was a good future plan for Enniscorthy and its attractions. Mr. Galvin thanked the Members for their comments.

3. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Projects.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe stated that four applications were made by Wexford County Council under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Project. Ms. Kehoe continued by stating that the project for Enniscorthy was successful seeing funding of €200,000 being awarded for the walking trails linking the Enniscorthy River Walk to the Technology Park and Vinegar Hill.

Ms. O'Neill felt that this project would link very well with the tourism project.

Cllr. Doyle asked if consideration would be given under this type of project for a walkway behind the Grotto at Moran Park to Nunnery Road. Ms. Kehoe confirmed that the grants are very specific as to what measures can be undertaken.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh recommended that Turrett Rocks be considered for the route.

4. M11 Percentage for Arts Scheme Update.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh as member of the selection panel for the M11 Percentage for Arts Scheme informed the Members that the selection panel met on Friday 11th January, 2019 to discuss applications received for this scheme.

It was noted that 58 artists responded to an open call with expressions of interests, ten of which were shortlisted for consideration. Out of the ten shortlisted the following three artists were selected:-

- Maria McKinney who will work with the farming community.
- Christine Mackey – ‘Safe Hold – Pollinating Pastures’, a collaborative project between the artist and local communities in Gorey and Enniscorthy.
- Ciara Roche, Astrid Newman and Becks Butler – ‘Dis-Patch’, a pop up post office in an unoccupied unit on Castle Hill, Enniscorthy.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

5.1 Planning

Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss Planning Matters. The Members highlighted a number of concerns to which Mr. Hunt responded.

In particular the policy on Solar Panels, which, Mr. Hunt confirmed should be in place this year and the grants for septic tanks were discussed.

5.2 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 which included a query regarding the inspection of HAP properties within an eight month period of signing up with the scheme.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh raised his concerns regarding the anti-social behavior in Drumgoold each Sunday. Cllr. Kavanagh asked if a new Traveller Liaison Officer was in place and if so that he or she attend a meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District as the situation is not improving.

Mr. Carley, Director of Services undertook to speak with Mr. Padraig O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Mr. Ger Mackey, Community in this regard.

Environment

Cllr. Murphy enquired about the survey on how households are disposing of their household rubbish and asked when the bye-laws would be enforced. Mr. Carley stated that the Environment Section are currently working on the bye-laws.

Cllr. Mythen raised concerns with the use of Scrambler Bicycles and Quads on Vinegar Hill. Mr. O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer undertook to speak with the Gardai in this regard.

5.3 Enterprise

Cllr. Murphy extended congratulations the Library Service on their commemoration event to mark the centenary of the first convening of Dail Éireann.

5.4 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:-

- Condition of road - N80.
- Traffic management assistance for Oulart School - children crossing the road to use the community hall in the area. Ms. Kehoe confirmed that she is hoping to hear from the OPW in relation to the removal of boundary ditch before the end of January.
- Erection of signs following the adoption of the new Speed Limit Bye-Laws.
- Request for crossing from St. Marys Graveyard to the new extension located on the other side of the road.
- Doransbridge – light/sign.
- Road lining at the Grotto in Glenbrien.

Traffic management assistance for schools was discussed and Ms. Kehoe stated that the cost of installation of lights has seen a decrease and therefore it may be possible for the Enniscorthy Municipal District to carry out works at three schools in 2019.

6. 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. Mythen thanked Mr. McHale for his work and congratulated him on the work he is carrying out in relation to the scheme.

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 noted and Mr. O'Corcora undertook to respond to all queries highlighted by the Members, in particular the following was discussed:-

- Advisory Notice – Davidstown.
- Improvement of treatment systems in Davidstown and Monageer.
- Extension of Kilmyshall water system from Bunclody Water Treatment Plant. It was noted that there are three route options, however, to date no definite route

has been agreed.

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

None.

9. Correspondence.

Cllr. W. Kavanagh informed the Members of the following:-

- Invitation extended by Glenbrien Village Renewal Group to their commemorative event to mark the centenary of the first convening of Dail Éireann on Sunday 27th January, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.
- Let's Talk About Volunteering – Wexford PPN Consultation Event scheduled for 29th January, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the Riverside Park Hotel.
- Amenity and Arts Grants and Resident Association Grants Application Forms will be available from Tuesday 29th January, 2019 with a closing date for receipt of completed applications of Friday 15th February, 2019.

10. Any Other Business.

The Director of Services confirmed he had spoken with the Contractors at the Orchard Peace Park and it is progressing well for official opening this year.

Cllr. Mythen recommended that the Enniscorthy Municipal District consider marking the centenary of the first convening of Dail Éireann in some way.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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