

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 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. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Mick McCormack, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Michael Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer  
Mr. Davin Power, FDYS  
Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer

**Apologies: Officials:** Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the April 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.3 Matters Arising.**

Cllr. Murphy asked when the new Waste Management Bye-Laws would be completed. Mr. Carley confirmed that they would be available shortly.

## **2. Traveller Hub at Drumgoold, Enniscorthy – Davin Power.**

Mr. Davin Power, FDYS and Mr. Michael Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer attended the meeting to discuss the Traveller Hub Project at Drumgoold. Mr. Power made a presentation to the Members outlining the main objectives of the Traveller Inclusion Programme, including:-

- Actions in favour of disadvantaged Travellers accessing education, training and social services provision.
- Engagement through youth services, adult education services, WLD, the Probation Services, Family Resource Centres and the HSE Primary Healthcare Programme.
- Traveller focused events.
- Supporting Traveller families to access early year's education, ECCE.
- Supporting leadership capacity within the Traveller Community – recruitment, induction, support and co-ordination of voluntary workers.
- Networking, supporting and building of appropriate relationships with agencies, volunteers and community groups.
- Establish youth work programmes.
- Training for Traveller mothers and young women to delivery improved family living skills.

The Members wished Mr. Power the best of luck in his new role and welcomed this worthy initiative.

Mr. P. Kavanagh asked that some attention be given to the congregation of Travellers in the Drumgoold area.

A discussion took place regarding the recommendation by Mr. Power for the provision of a handball alley in Drumgoold.

A further discussion took place regarding the importance of getting children into early childcare education and developing strong linkages between interagency groups.

The Members thanked Mr. Power for his attendance and he left the meeting.

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

### **3.1 Planning**

Apologies received from the Planning Department.

Cllr. Murphy asked if a Planning Application had been received for change of use of the hotel in Bunclody to a Nursing Home. The Director of Services confirmed that to date no application had been submitted however it was noted that no further discussion could take place.

### **3.2 Housing, Community & Environment**

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

Mr. Michael Doyle, Executive Engineer gave a presentation on Housing Maintenance, the contents of which was noted by the Members.

The Members raised a number of queries under Housing, to which Mr. O’Gorman and Mr. Doyle responded, in particular:-

- Housing Statistics – transfers being considered under the statistics for allocations.
- Importance of the Members being informed about housing allocations.
- Footpath linkage from housing development in the Ballagh to the Ballagh Village.
- Chimney Sweeping.
- Inspection of void properties.
- Rapid response.

A discussion took place regarding deep retrofit works to 12 properties at College View, Wexford. Works included External Insulation, Attic Insulation, Heat Pump installation and Water Heat Efficiency works. It was noted that this initiative was 50% co-funded by the SEAI. The Members asked if this initiative is proposed for other districts in the County.

Mr. Doyle stated that before works took place these properties had energy ratings of G’s and F’s, however, following works 10 properties increased to an A2 rating, 1 property to an A3 rating and 1 property to an A1 rating.

A report on the cost effectiveness of this initiative will be completed after a six to twelve month period.

### **3.3 Enterprise**

Ms. Hore, District Manager gave an update on Special Projects proposed for Enniscorthy including the Enniscorthy Technology Park, Templeshannon Regeneration Project and Enniscorthy Tourism Project.

Cllr. Murphy welcomed the update and requested that an official from the Special Projects Department attend the Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting to provide further update.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh expressed disappointment that projects were not progressing at a faster pace from the date Consultants are appointed to the proposed commencement date of the project. He stated that the Templeshannon Regeneration Project will have taken a considerable time from start date to the target commencement date of March, 2019.

Ms. Hore confirmed that meetings have taken place over the past month with stakeholders with more planned over the next month in relation to Templeshannon Regeneration Project. She continued by stating that in tandem with the public display of the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme that there would be an Enniscorthy Expo of Capital Investment Projects planned for the town.

The Chairman pointed out that projects were progressing and we would have an update at the next meeting from the Special Projects Section on timelines.

### **3.4 Roads Report**

Ms. Joanne Kehoe attended the meeting to discuss roads matters. Ms. Kehoe outlined the main points of the roads report circulated prior to the meeting and responded to all queries raised, as follows:-

- Condition of Roads at Killealy National School.
- Speeding at Killealy National School.
- Doransbridge.
- Bridge at the Gap Cross and signage for Oylegate at this junction.
- Ramp at Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy.
- Kylecross junction.

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

Mr. Larry McHale attended the meeting to discuss the progress report on the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme.

It was noted that the scheme would be opened by Minister Kevin Boxer Moran for public display on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in the Athenaeum and would be available to the public that afternoon at 2.00 p.m. for four weeks. A brochure will be developed outlining times for the display and a P.R. campaign in relation to same.

### **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. Wexford County Council (EMD) Draft Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws 2018.**

Mr. Mick McCormack updated the Members on the Wexford County Council (EMD) Draft Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws 2018. Ms. Hore detailed the specific amendments outlined in Schedules 2 – 4. A discussion took place.

Cllr. O'Rourke asked if there are plans to recruit extra staff to police the new parking areas being introduced within the bye-laws. Mr. McCormack outlined the current staffing arrangements in Enniscorthy and stated that a new Part-time Warden was recruited earlier this year and a further warden pending funding maybe recruited in the long term to assist the towns to ensure they are adequately covered.

Ms. Hore outlined details of 4 submissions received from a business in Bunclody following the public consultation period.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members agreed to introduce maximum stay for parking in Main Street, Bunclody with an amendment to increase it from 3 hours to 4 hours under the Wexford County Council (EMD) Draft Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Wexford County Council (EMD) Draft Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws 2018 were approved subject to the

following amendment:-

“To remove areas Ross Road, Redmond Street, Upper Weafer Street, Patrick Street, Patrick’s Place and Mernagh Street from Schedule 3, Long Term Parking to Schedule 2, Two Hour Parking.”

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Rourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members agreed to hereby rescind the Enniscorthy Town Council Parking/Traffic and Car Park Bye-Laws 1995.

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

### **7.1 Proposed sale of Site at Esmonde Road, Enniscorthy.**

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Rourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members approved the proposed sale of a site at Esmonde Road, Enniscorthy, comprising of approximately 434.1 square metres.

### **7.2 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018 Update.**

Ms. Hore outlined a number of projects proposed for completion under H0909, GMA Discretionary Allocation for 2018, as follows:-

- Tourism
- Vinegar Hill 220<sup>th</sup> Commemoration
- Street Cleaning
- Festivals
- Curio Project
- Community Initiatives

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Members agreed the proposed projects as outlined by the District Manager.

### **7.3 Date of Annual General Meeting.**

It was unanimously agreed to hold the Enniscorthy Municipal District Annual General Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 following the June Monthly Meeting.

### **7.4 Notice of Motion – Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy.**

*“That the Wexford County Council Development Plan be reviewed to prohibit change of use of a building from hotel to nursing home”.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members agreed in principal to the Notice of Motion by Cllr. Murphy being brought to the full Council Meeting subject to seeking clarity from the Planning Department on the correct wording to ensure that all hotels in the County are not affected by the proposed Motion.

## **8. Correspondence.**

### 8.1 BOI National Enterprise Town/Village.

Ms. Hore sought approval for Bree Village inclusion in the upcoming Bank Of Ireland National Enterprise Town/Village Awards.

### 8.2 Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018.

Ms. Hore stated that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme has been advertised for 2018 with a closing date of 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was noted that Ms. Hore proposed to support and work with Blackwater and Courtnacuddy for inclusion into the scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan it was agreed that Blackwater and Courtnacuddy be included for application in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 as proposed by the District Manager.

## **9. Any Other Business.**

The District Manager informed the Members that the weekend Archaeology Conference was commencing on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy with the official opening by the Chairman of Enniscorthy Municipal District, Cllr. Keith Doyle and key note address by Mr. Noel Whelan.

Ms. Hore also stated that Africa Day, a joint event by Enniscorthy Municipal District and WLD will be official opened on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 12.00 p.m. in the Presentation Centre. Enniscorthy was successful in a funding application from the Department of Justice to host the event.

Ms. Hore updated the Members on the upcoming festivals and events, including the 51<sup>st</sup> Strawberry, Street Rhythms and Roots Festival which takes place on the June Bank Holiday Weekend with the annual Strawberry Ball taking place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May in the Riverside Park Hotel.

Cllr. Mythen asked for an update on the plan for the 1798 Centre. Ms. Hore confirmed that the current plan is to house the 1798 exhibition in The Athenaeum until a permanent home can be obtained. A further update will be giving at the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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