

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 26th MARCH, 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. Gerry Forde, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer,
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer
Ms Martina Donohoe, Administrative Officer

Apologies: None

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy to discuss Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy held on the 27th November, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan, the Minutes of the Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy held on 27th November, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 19th February, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan, the Minutes of the February 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th February, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19th February, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan, the Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th February, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.4 Matters Arising.

None.

2. Proposed Disposal of the National 1798 Rebellion Centre, Mill Park Road, Enniscorthy.

Members noted Memo dated 26th February, 2018, from Tony Larkin, Director of Services which outlined that Wexford County Council was proceeding with the sale of the National 1798 Rebellion Centre, Mill Park Road, Enniscorthy which had previously been approved. Agreement in principal has been reached and it is therefore proposed to dispose of the property in accordance with the terms specified.

Mr. Anthony Bailey informed the Members that the Section 183 Notice would be brought before the next full meeting of Wexford County Council.

Ms. Liz Hore, District Manager, informed the Members that the National 1798 Rebellion Centre would be open for the 2018 tourist season. It is envisaged that the new business proposal will feature in the tourism promotion of Enniscorthy and link with the food tourism trails and strategy that are currently being developed. Funding from the sale will be ring fenced to support initiatives for Enniscorthy and the process of reviewing options to find a suitable venue to host the 1798 exhibit will now commence.

3. Proposed taking in charge of the road known as St. Senan's Lane, Kilagoley, Enniscorthy under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

It was proposed by Cllr Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Johnny Mythen and agreed that St. Senan's Lane, Kilagoley, Enniscorthy, be declared a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993. Members raised that the entire road should be considered for taking in charge.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

4.1 Planning.

Ms. Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner was in attendance. Ms. Doyle updated the Members on the contents of the Planning Report, circulated prior to the meeting.

4.2 Housing, Community & Environment.

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, gave a presentation to the Members on the Environment Section and the rapid response team for illegal dumping, key points were:

- Wexford County Council received around 2,600 calls with regard to illegal dumping/littering issues in 2017 (up slightly on previous year).
- Expenditure of approx. €2.8 million in 2017 dealing with the effects of litter/dumping in Co. Wexford (includes street sweeping, bin emptying, enforcement, awareness, clean ups etc).

- Wexford County Council initiated 59 cases in the District Courts in 2017, with 27 successful prosecutions in the District Court under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 (as amended).

Expanded Rapid Response Crew

This new set up will provide a **one stop solution** for responding to illegal dumping (in public places) within the county. All complaints will be directed to the Environment Section and dealt with from there. The number of fines and prosecutions and the extent of planned activity will increase significantly leading not just to a reactive approach but a proactive approach to preventing illegal dumping. All illegal dumping will be recorded on Geopal, and blackspots will be identified and targeted (e.g. with CCTV).

Crews will be based locally (one two-man crew generally based in each Municipal District), leading to greater local knowledge of problem spots. Also, each crew, in conjunction with Environmental Officer, will be able to develop links with local Community Groups such as Tidy Towns. New staff will work Tuesday to Saturday. With existing staff working Monday to Friday, providing will have 6 day cover for illegal dumping response activity.

Cllr Kathleen Codd Nolan welcomed the introduction of new Waste Management bye-laws, which would be brought before the SPC shortly. She felt that receipts for Wheelie Bins service would have to be produced as evidence of waste disposal. She suggested opening the use of a dedicated email for use by Members in reporting illegal dumping and litter black spots.

Cllr Paddy Kavanagh stated that he felt the €2 charge on civic amenity sites was a retrograde step – penalizing those doing a good job. He also felt that cameras on bottle banks was over zealous, while a blind eye was being turned to fly tipping, with trailer loads of rubbish being dumped rather than penalizing those who have made a genuine mistake. Mr. Gerry Forde assured Members that the whole emphasis of the Rapid Response Unit was to tackle the fly tipping and they would start monitoring straight away, with a major expansion of the CCTV.

Cllr Barbara Ann Murphy stated that the countryside was destroyed with illegal dumping, but welcomed the expansion of this scheme and asked for a dedicated phone no. for prompt reporting.

Cllr Oliver Walsh enquired if private and Coillte owned lands and trails and walkways would be monitored. He also asked for an update on access to Ballyconnigar Beach. Mr. Gerry Forde stated that Wexford County Council had worked with Coillte previously in cleaning up the Quarry Lane on Forth Mountain, but in general they would not be going onto private land.

Cllr Johnny Mythen stated the he felt people were being charged on the double and there was a problem with bottle banks spilling over at weekends.

Mr. Gerry Forde assured Members that the Government were working on measures to reduce packaging. With a recent amnesty on mattresses, 500 mattresses were taken in at Holmestown. Mr. Forde also acknowledged the great work of the Tidy Towns Groups in cleanups.

Cllr John O'Rourke commended the Enniscorthy outdoor crew on clean-ups of

back lanes and right of ways, stating that a zero tolerance to dumping was needed – he also suggested going door to door to check for bins.

Chairman, Cllr Keith Doyle highlighted the practice of hoarding of materials at Halloween and the dumping and burning of these materials on greens in Housing Estates, he felt that this needed to be targeted with cameras.

All contents of the Environment Report from Mr. Gerry Forde were noted by Members.

Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman informed the Members that the new Traveller Community Development Project in Drumgoold had been refurbished and invited Members to see the resource and meet the resource worker. Cllr Kathleen Codd Nolan asked if they could be given quarterly reports on the project. Cllr Johnny Mythen felt that the Council should visit and support this project. Cllr Paddy Kavanagh also welcomed this resource. It was agreed that a visit and briefing by the resource worker would be organized for a future meeting.

4.4 Roads Report.

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

Cllr Oliver Walsh enquired when the footpath in The Ballagh would be completed from Glentire Heights to the centre of the village.

Cllr Johnny Mythen raised a problem of a storm drain at 6 Gimont Avenue and also with a step at the Grotto in Moran Park.

Councillors joined in thanking the Council workers for their work in keeping the roads accessible during Storm Emma, and also thanked all the volunteers throughout the county. The 24 hour hotline in County Hall and the provision of accommodation of the homeless were also acknowledged.

Mr. John Carley endorsed the Members comments and acknowledged the common effort over a wide range of services and stated that “everyone pulling together” was what Wexford did best. He informed Members that estimates were being prepared by the Area Engineer for the National Co-ordination Group and Transport Infrastructure Ireland and generous funding had been promised.

Cllr Paddy Kavanagh urged that there would be a plan in place with machinery owners and if they could be given insurance cover and possibly diesel voucher. He asked if the condition of the roads at Slaney View Park/ Fr Murphy Park up towards the School could be investigated. Also, the gullies at Carley’s Bridge were blocked and needed to be cleared.

Cllr John O’Rourke asked if Monart Hill could be repaired as it was being used as a Bye-Pass diversion route and had a high volume of traffic. Cllr Kathleen Codd-Nolan asked if the diversion route at Moneyhore could be repaired.

Local Improvement Scheme, 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Oliver Walsh and agreed that the amount of €90,000.00 would be allocated to road improvements at Park, Edermine, under the above scheme.

5. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale outlined details of progress report on the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme. The town was on flood alert second week of March but river slaney held.

Environmental Impact Statement – revised and complete.

Detailed design and tender process in progress, to be completed 2018

Public Display - Summer 2018

Advance Works - 2017/2018

Main construction work to commence – early 2019-duration 3 years.

6. Water Services Report

Members noted contents of Water Services Report dated 20th March, 2018 submitted by Mr. Tadhg O Corcora, SEE.

The report dealt with –

- Water Supply – general
- Enniscorthy Municipal District Waste Treatment Plants
- Water Supply Monitoring
- Wastewater Treatment – general
- Enniscorthy Foul Sewer Network Upgrade.
- Oilgate WWTP and collection system.
- Orchard Park – Public Park, The Presentation Centre.

Chairman Cllr. Keith Doyle raised the matter of a burst pipe at Parkton. Mr. Tadhg O’Corcora stated that Parkton had not been taken in charge and undertook to review what action could be taken.

7. Applications for Amenity and Arts Grants & Residents Association Grants 2018.

Ms Liz Hore informed the meeting that a total of 132 applications had been received.

Amenity & Arts Grants - 108 applications deemed eligible

Residents Associations - 15 deemed eligible

It was agreed to bring a listing before the April Meeting for adoption and groups who had not drawn down funding the previous year would not be eligible in 2018.

8. Festivals 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Barbara Ann Murphy and agreed that the proposed listing of funding towards Festivals in 2018, be adopted.

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

None.

9.1 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018

It was proposed by Cllr John O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr Oliver Walsh and agreed that the Schedule of Municipal Works for Enniscorthy Municipal District, be adopted.

10. Correspondence.

None

11. Any Other Business.

Votes of Sympathy

Chairman, Cllr Keith Doyle passed a vote of sympathy to the family of Ned Flynn, 1 Moran Park, Enniscorthy, who was a retired member of the outdoor staff. Also a vote of sympathy to the family of Philip "Féily" O Connor, 12 St. Aidan's Villas, Enniscorthy, on his recent passing.

Easter Monday Commemorations

Ms Liz Hore informed the Members that the Easter Commemorations would commence with Mass in Enniscorthy Cathedral at 10.00 a.m. followed by wreath laying in the Market Square and Abbey Quay.

An Easter Kids Fun Free Event would be held in the Athenaeum at 11.30 a.m.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Ms Liz Hore informed the Members that a Meeting would be held on Monday, 9th April at 8.00 p.m. at which the plans would be launched and an update on projects.

Enniscorthy Courthouse

In response to Cllr Keith Doyle, members were informed that tenders had been received for works to the Courthouse.

St. Mary's CBS, Enniscorthy

Cllr John O'Rourke congratulated St. Mary's C.B.S Enniscorthy on having booked their place in the school's first ever soccer All Ireland final and wished them the best of luck.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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