

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JULY 2021
AT 3.00 P.M., AT KILCANNON GARDEN CENTRE MEETING
ROOM.**

Attendance: Councillors: Cathal Byrne (Cathaoirleach)
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
John O' Rourke
Barbara Anne Murphy,
Aidan Browne
Jackser Owens

Officials: Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services
Ms. Bernie Quigley, A/District Manager,
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. Niall Sheehan, Assistant Planner, Planning
Mr. Michael Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer, Community
Ms Mary Clince, A/Staff Officer

Guest: Verona Murphy, T.D.

Apologies: Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer

Votes of Sympathies

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following: -

- The Hyland Family on the death of Fr. Sean Hyland in Florida
- The Kinsella Family, Marshalstown on the death of Eileen Kinsella
- Martina Furlong and the Furlong Family, Ballyphilip, Bunclody on the death of Michael Furlong.

Congratulations

- Good wishes to Michelle O'Neill, on her selection as a Referee in this year's Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.
- Lisa Byrne, The Presentation Centre, on the Murals Project, with the first wall having been completed at Abbey Square.

The Cathaoirleach informed the Members that Deputy Verona Murphy would be joining the Meeting remotely. It was noted that the meeting would be limited to 1 hour and 55 minutes duration.

Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the In-Committee Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17th May 2021

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the In Committee Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th April, 2021 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 21st June 2021

On the proposal of Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 21st June 2021 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.3 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 28th June 2021

On the proposal of Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Codd Nolan, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 28th June 2021 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.4 Matters Arising

- Section 40 declarations discussed at the June Meeting – Corporate Section to attend the September Meeting.
- LCDC Minutes to be made available to Members through email.
- A limited number of Umbrellas to be placed on Slaney Street, due to impending works.
- Cllr Owens asked that the letters issued to the two Ministers for the receipt of a deputation in relation to approval to the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme be followed up.
- Carolyne Godkin undertook to look at the issues raised by Cllr O' Rourke around back boilers and fires in former Council houses which were causing difficulties for applicants of SEAI Grants.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Planning

Mr. Niall Sheehan attended the meeting to discuss planning matters and updated the Members on the Planning Report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Cllr Owens raised the matter of a vacant and derelict house at 34 Island Road

2.2 Housing

Ms. Redmond, Senior Staff Officer attended the meeting to update the Members on Housing. The main points of the Housing Report circulated prior to the meeting were highlighted following which a number of queries were raised by the Members: -

- House at Ross Road – Cllr Owens queried house type, in particular the number of bedrooms and why it was taking so long to complete and be allocated. Cllr Browne asked if the Members could do anything to progress. Having spoken to Shay Howell, Architect, Ms Redmond informed Members that negotiations were ongoing, and she would revert with an update when available. The Cathaoirleach asked for a report to be circulated to members in relation to this house.
- Housing Aid for Older People - Cllr Murphy asked if the delay in processing grants could be addressed as older people were having to secure match funding to carry out urgent works.
- In relation to former St. Patrick's Special School on Convent Road, Cllr O' Rourke asked if the Director of Services could engage with the HSE and the Board of Management of the School with a view to putting in shallets/housing for the elderly at this location, similar to the housing provided in Loreto Village, Pearse Road. Ms Godkin stated that she would investigate the possibility of repurposing this site.
- At the request of Cllr Byrne, Ms Godkin undertook to bring a detailed report to the Members at their September Meeting in relation to the recent survey results of the Affordable Housing Scheme, with a breakdown for Enniscorthy.
- The availability of forms from the Housing Section was raised by Cllr Codd Nolan and Ms. Godkin stated that such forms would be issued from the Customer Service Unit, however she would look into this matter.
- Cllr Murphy asked for consideration to be given to the painting of houses at Ross Airt, Clohamon. Insulation was pumped into the walls leaving patchy circles on the façade of these houses which are prominent buildings in the area.

- The announcement of the availability of funding through LCDC was welcomed by Cllr O'Rourke.

The Officials responded to all queries raised.

Community, Environment, Libraries and Fire Service

Community

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Environment

Cllr Murphy asked if anything could be done under the Noise Pollution Act, in relation to the problem of barking dogs. Ms Godkin stated that this was a civil matter, however, she would speak to the Dog Warden to see if anything could be done to resolve the problem.

Libraries & Fire Service

The Libraries and Fire Service Reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

2.2.1 Naming of Enniscorthy Cemetery.

Mr. Michael Sweeney attended the meeting and updated the Members on the naming of the municipal cemetery at Enniscorthy and his report, which was circulated prior to the meeting. Following public consultation and public advertisement, two submissions were received, and Enniscorthy Cemetery was the preferred name, but the Members were open to make recommendations.

On the proposal of Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr O'Rourke, it was agreed that this cemetery be named 'Enniscorthy Cemetery'.

Cllr Owens asked if it was possible for the car park to be cleaned with the overgrowth cut back.

Mr. Sweeney gave the Members a summary of upgrading works carried out in cemeteries throughout the District.

2.3 Enterprise

The Economic Development Report submitted to the Members prior to the meeting was noted. Cllr Murphy asked for a breakdown of the grants given out in the Enniscorthy District Area. Ms. Godkin stated that she would request this breakdown from Economic Development for the September Meeting, while Cllr Byrne asked for a further updated report for the October Meeting.

2.3 Municipal District Report

Ms Quigley outlined the following items for discussion; -

Enniscorthy Technology Park

Sports Hub

Enniscorthy Trails Feedback

Outdoor Summer Assistance

Live Performance Scheme 2021

Historic Towns Initiative

Old Dublin Road Business Park, Enniscorthy

Umbrellas

Street Cleaning

A discussion took place in relation to outdoor dining venues. Cllr Murphy strongly objected to the placing of a catering facility in the bus parking bays at the promenade walkway as it would be in direct competition with the outdoor facility located at the Riverside Park Hotel. Cllr Murphy asked that options be re-examined. Ms Godkin informed the Members that a final decision had not been made yet and all options would be reviewed. Cllr Byrne asked that Members be given more information. Ms Godkin stated that having heard the concerns of the Members, the process needed to be finished out in a logical way to achieve the best outcome.

In answer to Cllr O' Rourke in relation to the Enniscorthy Technology Park, Ms Godkin stated that the Councils Economic & Community Programme is funded through borrowings underpinned specifically by the additional local property tax raised in the County.

3. Roads

Mr. Niall Dempsey, Executive Engineer, attended the meeting and updated the Members on the main points of his report, circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr O Rourke welcomed second round monies being allocated to Local Authorities under the Local Improvement Scheme 2021.

Cllr Murphy expressed thanks for the works carried out on the Glaslacken/Ballypracus Road, and asked if the ditches on the R746 road at Kilmyshal could be cut back. She also referred

to the very poor condition of the L6167,61661, 61662 and said that the ongoing work on the Mall in Bunclody was being positively received.

Cllr Owens raised the following issues; White line markings on the Cherryorchard Road, Safe crossing at St. Senan's School, provision of path beside Red Pats Cross, provision of bollards at Duffry Gate.

In relation to the selection of lanes for works under the Local Improvement Scheme, 2021 Mr. Dempsey stated that the timeframe was very tight as works had to be completed before October. In relation to the cutting of ditches, Mr. Dempsey said he would issue letters to landowners where possible but with constraints from budgets, timelines and restrictions from national parks and wildlife, this would prove difficult. Mr. Dempsey hoped to address the congestion at St. Senan's School through the Safe Routes to Schools programme, with the joint co-operation of all involved.

Cllr Codd Nolan thanked the Roads team for the cutting back of the overgrowth at big bridge in Killealy and asked for signage to be erected at Caim Village Junction.

Councillor Byrne expressed thanks for the works carried out on the R730

And stated that works were required to the roadway at Lucas Park, Red Pat's Cross to Knockmarshal along with surfacing and drainage works at Bellview Cottages in Ballyhogue,

Mr. Dempsey undertook to investigate these matters, taking into consideration available funding.

4. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale circulated the Members with the Flood Defence Scheme Report prior to the meeting and Mr. Neil Dempsey undertook to take any questions on Mr. McHale's behalf.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to put in a phone call to the two Ministers offices to ascertain when a deputation could be facilitated in relation to the commencement of the above scheme.

5. Water Services Report.

Mr. Neil Dempsey also undertook to take any questions on Mr. O'Corcora's behalf.

Queries raised by the Members included: -

- Interruption to water supply levels for the town.

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

None.

7. Correspondence.

None.

8 Any Other Business.

Cllr. Owens asked if the provision of a seat in Moran Park by the O’Leary Family could be followed up. Ms. Quigley stated that she had written to O’Leary Family for clarification. The issue of cleaning at the Play Area in the Cherryorchard Housing Estate was also raised and whether they had applied for any grant assistance.

Ms. Quigley informed Members that funds under the Amenity Grants Scheme had been paid out to roughly half of the recipients with the remaining to be paid out shortly.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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