

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 16th JULY, 2018 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

In Attendance:

Councillors:

Willie Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)
Barbara-Anne Murphy
Keith Doyle
Johnny Mythen
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Paddy Kavanagh
Oliver Walsh
John O'Rourke

Officials:

Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Mary Clince, Asst Staff Officer
Ms. Pdraig O Gorman, SEO, Housing,
Mr. Nicholas Rossiter, Sen Eng, Water
Services
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer,
Mr. Graham Hunt, Executive Planner
Ms. Liz Burns, Arts Officer

Apologies:

Tadhg O'Corcora, Sen Executive Engineer

Votes of Sympathy

The following votes of sympathy were passed:-

Members joined in extending sympathy to the family of the late Billy Byrne, Edermine, Enniscorthy, who had worked with Wexford County Council for many years and who was a stalwart of the Fianna Fail party.

Sympathy was also extended to the family of the late Peter Barron, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, who was a member of the outdoor staff of Enniscorthy Municipal District.

Good Wishes

Good wishes were sent to Mark Redmond for a speedy recovery.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th June, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the June 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th June, 2018 were adopted

by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 18th June, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th June, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3 Minutes of the AGM of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the AGM of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th June, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.4 Matters Arising

None.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations;

2.1 Planning

The Planning Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Proposed Walkway through Urrin Valley and Millbrook Estates.

Cllr John O'Rourke highlighted objections raised by the residents of Housing Estates at Millbrook and Urrin Valley, Enniscorthy over the inclusion of a walkway linking estates in a planning application for a major housing development. Cllr John O'Rourke said that objection to the development had been lodged as a result of the walkway and that residents feared that it would bring problems with anti-social behavior.

Cllr Keith Doyle also asked that planners look into an alternative as the proposed walkway. Cllr Johnny Mythen stated that people were entitled to greenway and also supported the objection of the residents. Councillor Paddy Kavanagh stated that he would support the objection of the Residents and drew attention to Chapel Lane as an example of how such walkways were not desirable.

Greame Hunt undertook to take the concerns of the Councillors and Residents back to planning to try to find a solution and to revert back to the Councillors.

Cllr Kathleen Codd Nolan enquired about the Celtic Route funding and Mr. John Carley informed the Members that there was a a fund of €2m between

Waterford, Wicklow and Wexford, a business plan had been completed and he would update the Members in September.

Cllr Johnny Mythen expressed concern over the number of solar farms in the Enniscorthy district area with a total of 27 solar farms in Co. Wexford having been granted permission, 16 of which were in the Enniscorthy district, with 330 acres being taken over and asked if there was any stipulation on the amount of solar farms being provided. Mr. Greame Hunt informed the Members that currently there were no national or regional guidelines on solar energy. Some of these developments had been refused planning permission by Wexford County Council, but were later overturned by An Bord Plenála.

Cllr Willie Kavanagh suggested that maybe land used for solar farms could be dual purpose. Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh suggested that the roofs of farm buildings would be better used for harvesting solar energy.

2.2 Housing, Community & Environment

The Housing, Community & Environment Reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted by the Members.

Litter Control –

Cllr Barbara Ann Murphy highlighted the ongoing problem with refuse sacks full of rubbish being left at the bottle banks in Kilmishal and also asked if permanent CCTV cameras could be put in to monitor and prevent this happening.

Mr. John Carley informed the Members that the rapid response crews were being established in each district and for the summer there was regular beach cleaning in areas such as cuuracloe.

Cllr Keith Doyle disputed coverage by South East Radio in relation to litter control, but stated that the main message going out should be that beach users should bring their rubbish home.

Cllr Oliver Walsh complimented the Council staff on the cleaning of beaches and also on the Environmental Sections stand at the Bannow & Rathangan Show promoting the Green Dog Walking Scheme and environmental issues.

Housing Report

Grants; Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, informed the Members that the 2018 allocation to Wexford County Council for Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability for private householders was €2,165,026, which was an increase of over €370,000 on last year’s allocation.

Refugee settlement – 12 families relocated to Enniscorthy.

Members were informed of an information meeting taking place in the Riverside Park Hotel on 16th July, 2018 at 7.30pm outlining details of the Government's Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan, with a view to making property owners in Enniscorthy aware of the Repair & Lease Scheme.

Rent review currently underway and it was hoped to have all 4,993 rent accounts reassessed by the end of November, 2018 with the new rents effective from 30th December, 2018.

Mná na hEireann - Members were informed of this new publication by Sinéad McCoole, which contained a substantial listing of Enniscorthy women's names who participated in the events of 1916. The District Manager advised that Enniscorthy Library would host a lecture on Constance Markievicz next month as part of the celebration of women's centenary vote.

2.3 Enterprise

2.4 Roads

Ms. Joanne Kehoe attended the meeting to discuss roads matters.

Community Involvement Scheme

An application for funding was made to the Department for schemes in the Enniscorthy District. The allocation for 2018 is €65,000 and the scheme to progress is Crosses Lane, Glaslacken. An additional €50,000, plus the community contribution had also been received and it was proposed by Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan, seconded by Councillor Paddy Kavanagh, and agreed, that works at Colentra, which are part of the new Killealy Walking Trail, would proceed on a phased basis.

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

- Hedge trimming – from Blackwater Village to Ballyconnigar Beach.
- Speeding through village of Blackwater outside the Church.
- Flyover in Drumgoold/Cooladine still not opened.
- Road markings – Slaney View Park, Fr. Murphy Park, Galbally Village
- Pedestrian Crossing at St. Senan's Church and Mace, opposite Community Workshop – can timings be checked.
- Ongoing speeding in Bellefield Springs housing estate – need for speed ramps.
- Arnolds Cross – 2 houses looking for extension of footpath – can it be included with the Flood Defence Scheme. L McHale to examine.
- Kyle Cross – does it need more markings.
- Update on Dorans Bridge – Waiting on signage to be delivered – remedial scheme in design stage. Response to be requested from Carlow County Council.

3. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update

Mr. Larry McHale informed the Members that a public display and information event took place from the 11th June, 2018 to 7th July, 2018. Over 300 people visited and feedback was very positive. The minster launched the opening of the scheme and recommitted the funding to the programme. The members complimented the quality of the exhibition and the 3d graphics.

4. Water Services Report

Ms. Joanne Kehoe informed members that the boiled water notice remained in place in Kiltaly for a further 10 weeks. Tenders were being sought for the connection of a new supply. All recent tests were clear, Irish Water would be issuing an update and Members would be informed accordingly. Councillor Johnny Mythen stated that members of the public had only received one notification and it was going on too long. Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan also raised this issue and the length of time.

Mr. John Carley undertook to take up the matter with Management in Irish Water.

5. Roundabout sponsorship proposal.

Ms Liz Hore informed the Members that Wexford County Council was seeking expressions of interest for sponsorship of the maintenance of five landscaped roundabout areas in the Enniscorthy District as a first pilot phase.

- Blackstoops (N11)
- Abbey Square (N30)
- Bellefield / Cherryorchard (R702)
- Milehouse Road (R702)
- Carley's Bridge Road (L2028),
- Castle Hill (R702)

Sponsorship of a roundabout will entitle the "Selected Sponsor" to have advertising rights on the roundabout / landscaped area. Roundabouts and other visible landscaped areas offer an excellent promotional opportunity for business organizations.

The duration of the contract would be one year with an option of extension for a further two years. The sponsorship price for 2019 is set at a fee of €1,200 - €4,000 per annum.

It was proposed by John O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Paddy Kavanagh that the proposals be advertised and then evaluated.

Members asked if the plants could be sourced from nurseries within the Enniscorthy area, but were informed that any purchases would be governed by procurement rules.

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

None

7. **Events**

Civic Reception in honour of Mayor Coburn of Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Friday 20th July, 2018 at Bunclody Golf Club, followed by the opening of the Streams of Bunclody Festival, Bunclody 20th -23rd July, 2018.

Rockin Food Festival Aug Bank Holiday weekend, 3rd – 6th August 2018. Brochure and signage circulated. Increased number of sponsors coming on board, food marquee expanded, and new children's designated kids marquee and ferris wheel.

Ms. Liz Hore extended thanks to O'Connell Marketing, Enniscorthy & District Chamber and all groups involved in this festival, which was growing from strength to strength each year.

8. **Correspondence**

Ms. Liz Hore informed the Members that €9,000 had been received to go towards the refurbishment of the playground on the Fairgreen.

Two applications for walking trails had also been submitted for Enniscorthy District.

Cllr John O'Rourke highlighted the fantastic amenity of Borodale, which he felt was under utilised, with possibilities for a country walk.

Councillor Paddy Kavanagh enquired if Enniscorthy had qualified for the Urban Regeneration Project. Ms. Liz Hore undertook to follow up with Director of Services Eddie Taaffe.

Cllr Johnny Mythen asked for a report on the future of the 1798 Centre and Ms Liz Hore undertook to bring a report following the September 1798 Board meeting.

9. **Any other business**

No District Meeting in August, the September Meeting of Enniscorthy Municipal District to be held on Monday, 17th September, 2018.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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