

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JULY, 2019 AT 3.00 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

Attendance: Councillors:

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

Officials:

Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman A/Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Mary Cline, Secretary to meeting
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner,
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer,
Mr. Eddie Doyle, Tenant Liaison Officer,
Ms. Aisling Doyle, Housing Officer,
Ms. Siobhan Geoghan, Project Officer, Rediscovering
Ancient Connections – The Saints

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the May 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 20th May, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the May 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th May, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the May Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 20th May, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the May Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th May, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 14th June, 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 14th June, 2019 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

Votes of Sympathy:

Cllr Jackser Owens proposed a vote of sympathy to the Doyle Family on the passing of Pdraig Doyle and also to the Furlong Family on the passing of Tom Furlong.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Planning

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss planning matters and responded to all queries raised by the Members. She informed the Members that the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region (RSES) didn't go on display in June and would be displayed in September at the earliest. In relation to the Wexford Local Area Plan, population figures would have to be divided, and workshops would be held to discuss this with the Members during the 12 week consultation period.

2.2 Housing, Community & Environment

Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Housing Section, updated the Members on all Housing Matters as outlined in the report circulated prior to the meeting. Approved Housing Bodies, Oaklee had provided 46 units – Fearach an Cnoic, Greenville, Enniscorthy, 28 units at Meadowfields, 10 apartments by Circle at Abbey Centre with a further 10 apartments at the Grange in Ferns. Consultants have been appointed to the 17 units in the Carleys Bridge development.

Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, also introduced Aisling Doyle, Housing Officer and Eddie Doyle, Tenant Liaison Officer, for the Enniscorthy District Area to the Members.

Cllr John O' Rourke welcomed the ongoing work in trying to elevate the housing waiting lists. He referred to the letters that went out to tenants in relation to Wheelie Bins and asked that bins be collected when tenants moved to a new provider. He also referred to the new Information Handbook and felt that tenants could not be held accountable for waste pipes, and asked if the CPG for Housing could look at this matter. The control of vermin was also an issue with a lot of gardens backing onto agricultural land, and asked if the SPC could also look into this.

Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman stated that in excess of 1,000 replies had been received from refuse owners and he undertook to talk to Refuse Operators re collection of bins. He also undertook to list issued raised by Cllr O Rourke for the next SPC Meeting.

Cllr O'Rourke stated that the barrier at Hillview Heights was an eye sore and needed to be cleared up. This matter needed to be dealt with between the Roads Section and the Housing Section per Roads Engineer, Joanne Kehoe.

Cllr. Barbara Ann Murphy asked for an update on recycling centre usage.

Cllr. Cathal Byrne referred to the robust reporting of air pollution in Enniscorthy town and asked if it was possible to make a submission to have the smokeless coal ban rolled out as soon as possible.

Councillor John O'Rourke enquired as to the possibility of including a cycling route as part of the new bye-pass. He also asked if the area of Borodale could be looked at for a circular walkway back into Town.

2.3 Enterprise

None

2.4 Roads Report

Ms Kehoe updated the Members on roads as outlined in the report circulated prior to the meeting and responded to all queries raised.

Cllr. Owens raised the following items

- 4 bungalows in Greenville Lane and 2 metres of ground had been taken to put in paths, which has never been put in place.
- Pearse Road, Enniscorthy – Car parking.
- Overgrown trees on Bohreen Hill – lack of visibility.
- Greenville – 4 poles, lights never switched on

Cllr Murphy raised the following matters

- Traffic congestion management at Carrigduff caused by works underway by Priority Construction
 - Dorans Bridge – a lot of overgrowth from Mohurry side.
 - Ballycarney Bridge – overgrown
 - Signage at Tombrack – speed limit signs to go up as soon as possible.
- Cllr Codd-Nolan
- Enniscorthy Bridge and Ballycarney Bridge both not repaired yet.
 - Ms Kehoe informed members that the flashing light at Dorans Bridge was being repaired by its supplier and was expected back soon.

Cllr John O'Rourke

- Roadway at the Moyne, near An Glasán – electricity poles not working.

Community Involvement Scheme

Members were circulated with a listing of projects under the above scheme. The amount of €66,000 was available for allocation, with 15% matching funding from the local community.

Cllr .Aidan Browne advocated that the grant should go to the application for the Boolabawn Lane, and was supported by Cllr Rourke, Cllr. Owens and Cllr Byrne. Cllr Codd Nolan stated that it would be setting a precedent to allocate funds as the application was only received in May this year and other applications are awaiting funding for a number of years, this was supported by Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy. Following a discussion by the members a vote was taken on the issue with funding allocated by a majority to Boolabawn lane on the proposal of Cllr Aidan Browne, seconded by Cllr. John O' Rourke. The members agreed that if the Boolabawn project was not in a position to progress this year then the Cullentra application should be proceeded with.

3. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer, gave the Members a full briefing on the progress of the Flood Defence Scheme to date. The scheme was exhibited to the public in Enniscorthy Library from the 17th May to 18th June, 2019. Scheme documents were also available for inspection in the offices of Wexford County Council. Following consideration of submissions received during the exhibition, the scheme will go to the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform for consent and main construction work can commence when the scheme has been confirmed by the Minister.

4. Water Services Report.

District Manager Liz Hore welcomed the recent launch of the new Waste Water Plant at Lucas Park, St. Johns, with an investment of €16 million, which would allow for an increased capacity of 10,000 population equivalent (PE).

Cllr Codd Nolan asked for an update on the quality of water in Kiltlealy.

5. Ferns Project.

Ms Siobhan Geoghegan, Co-ordinator, gave an overview of the project, stating; Rediscovering Ancient Connections – The Saints is a collaborative, cross-border, arts and heritage programme, linking North Pembrokeshire (Wales) and County Wexford (Ireland).

- The project takes its inspiration from the story of the early medieval Saints – St. Aidan (Ferns) and St. David (Wales).
- Reviving ancient links between communities using shared heritage and cross-border stories as inspiration.
- Led by Pembrokeshire County Council
- Joint partners are Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Wexford County Council and Visit Wexford.
- A significant number of community and business stakeholder on both sides of the Irish Sea.

The Ferns Ancient Connections Project will undertake its work through a series of 8 work packages over a three year period (July 2020, with a budget of approx. €2.3 million). This project will work with the community and business sectors and will improve the social, cultural, economic and environmental aspect of the area.

Ms Geoghegan informed the Members that there would be a launch of the project in Ferns in October, with an office established at the local Hall. The Welsh launch will take place in September with the Steering Committee and chairs of Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts.

Members welcomed the comprehensive presentation and also the opportunity to visit the Ferns Project in October. Ms Hore said that this was a significant project for Ferns and that the public realm works would be conducive to supporting the project under the urban regeneration and other government grant funding. The members approved the project as a priority under this funding measure.

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

6.1 Section 183 Notice

“Proposed transfer of 9 mts. Sq. of land at Pig Market Hill, Enniscorthy to the Electricity Supply Board”.

It was proposed by Councillor Barbara Ann Murphy, seconded by Councillor John O’Rourke and agreed that 9 mts. sq. of land at Pig Market Hill, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, be transferred to the Electricity Supply Board.

6.2 Two nominations to the Board of the National 1798 Historical Centre, CLG.

It was proposed by Councillor Jackser Owens, seconded by Councillor Aidan Browne and agreed that **Councillor Cathal Byrne** be nominated to the Board of the National 1798 Historical Centre, CLG.

It was also proposed by Councillor Cathal Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jackser Owens and agreed that **Councillor Barbara Ann Murphy** be nominated to the Board of the National 1798 Historical Centre, CLG.

6.3 Two nominations to the trustees of The Athenaeum.

It was proposed by Councillor Cathal Byrne, seconded by Councillor John O’Rourke, and agreed that **Councillor Jackser Owens** be nominated to the Board of the National 1798 Historical Centre, CLG.

It was also proposed by Councillor John O’Rourke, seconded by Councillor Aidan Browne, and agreed that **Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan** be nominated to the Board of the National 1798 Historical Centre, CLG.

7. **Correspondence.**

- Ferns Plaque : It was proposed by Councillor John O’Rourke, seconded by Councillor Jackser Owens that a commemoration plaque for Leo Rowsome (Uileann Pipe player) be erected in Ferns to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his death in 2020
- Programme of Events July-August 2019 - District Manager Ms Hore circulated the programme of events for July-August, 2019 noting Bunclody streams and the Rockin’ Food Festival and the Civic Reception in honour of the 70th anniversary of St. Colmans Pipe Band, Ballindaggin. .
- New Enniscorthy Heritage Brochure for tourists and locals circulated to the Members.
- Opening of New M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Bye-Pass by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on 18th July, 2019.
- Derelict/Vacant Buildings – In reply to Cllr Browne, Ms Hore informed the Members that a survey was being undertaken on vacant buildings in the town core and the findings would be brought to the Members.

- Cllr. Jackser Owens welcomed the purchase of the building on the junction of Irish Street and Barrack Street, opposite Dunnes Stores, which had recently been sold.
- Members joined with the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Codd Nolan in extending best wishes to Liz Hore, District Manager on her new role in Wexford County Council and thanked her for her hard work right around the Enniscorthy District. They also extended best wishes to Ms Joanne Kehoe, Roads Engineer, on her promotion.
- Autism Friendly Town – Cllr. Aidan Browne requested that the possibility of Enniscorthy as an autism friendly town be reviewed.
- The Patriots Flag – Cllr Cathal Byrne asked if it was possible to commemorate the fact that, along with Waterford, the Irish Flag was first flown in Enniscorthy on the 7th March 1848
- Vinegar Hill - provision of bins.
- Dog fouling in Enniscorthy – provision of bins
- Celebration of Sports Achievements – Ms. Hore informed the Members that applications for recognition of sports achievements could be forwarded to Bernie Quigley in the District Office. A sports awards night will be held in the Autumn in recognition of those who had achieved outstanding results in sport.

District Manager, Liz Hore thanked the Chair, Vice- Chair and elected members as she starts her new role in economic development in September. She also thanked the staff in the office and the Press. The members wished Liz the very best in her new role.

9. Any Other Business.

None.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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