

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2026 MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON TUESDAY, 19TH MAY AT 9:30 AM

Attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Pat Kehoe (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Aidan Browne
Cllr. Trish Byrne
Cllr. Jackser Owens

Officials:

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Ms. Barbara Nolan, Staff Officer
Ms. Lisa Moore, Assistant Staff Officer
Ms. Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist.
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Mr. Enda Waters, Executive Engineer Special Projects
Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. David Wall, Executive Planner

Apologies:

Cllr. John O'Rourke

Sympathies:

The members expressed their sympathy to following: -

- The family of Fran Breen, former Town Foreman on his recent passing.
- Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist, WCC on the passing of her mother-in-law, Eithne Murphy
- Cllr John O'Rourke on the passing of his aunt

Cathaoirleach Cllr Murphy requested that all assembled observe a minute's silence for the bereaved.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 21st April 2026

On the proposal of Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Kehoe, the Minutes of the April Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 21st April 2026 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy - 16th April 2026

On the proposal of Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Browne, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 16th of April 2026 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.3 Matters Arising

- Cllr Owens requested an update on Sunday opening rota for Pharmacies. District Manager Claire Lawless said that she had received a response from one pharmacy outlining the challenges associated with Sunday opening. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with the District Manager and Cathaoirleach to meet with Pharmacy owners.

2.1 Planning

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted. Executive Planner, Mr. David Wall answered questions and queries from the Members, in particular: -

- Planning Application for 20 houses at St Joseph's
- Planning enforcement

The closing date for submissions to Variation No 2 County Development Plan is 28th May 2026.

There is no date yet for the Public Meeting in Bunclody.

2.2 Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

The Community, Environment, Libraries and Fire Service reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted and various issues discussed – in particular: -

Cllr Byrne commended the organisers of the recent Community Safety Partnership Meeting on a very good event. Cllr Murphy advised that anyone who missed the event can still email in with their concerns and be included in the Community Safety Plan.

Cllr Browne noted that the Learn to Cycle Park is being well used and requested that the central area be developed for biodiversity. Ms Siobhan Murphy to follow up with the Biodiversity Officer.

Ms Murphy updated the members on the issue of bins left at St Patrick's Place. An initiative is being rolled out with the bin providers regarding removing inactive bins. The issue of commercial wheelie bins being left on parking spaces was discussed. The District Manager confirmed that the community wardens are speaking with individual business owners about this and will continue to monitor the situation.

The issue of providing dog fouling bins in Ferns and Bunclody was raised. Other areas discussed were Greenville Lane, and around St Aidan's Primary School. Executive Engineer Mr Neil Dempsey advised that the locations are constantly being reviewed but each bin added impacts on staffing and resources. People should be encouraged to bring it home.

2.3 Housing

2.3.1 Housing Acquisitions/Allocations

The reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted. Senior Staff Officer Roseanne Redmond answered the members queries. The members welcomed the news that the property at Boremount, Bree is now on the market for sale.

2.3.2 Housing Capital

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

2.4 Municipal District Report

The District Manager reported on the following items:

- Public Information Event for Interim Flood Relief Measures
- Visit to London Irish Association
- New dates for Blacktown Delegation Visit – Itinerary being prepared.
- Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme
- Play Day 2026

Congratulations were expressed to all involved in the Rock n Food Festival held on the May Bank Holiday Weekend. The festival was a huge success. Cllr Owens particularly praised all those involved in the clean-up afterwards for a job well done.

Cllr Murphy thanked those involved in organising the Civic Awards night as it was a hugely successful event and much appreciated by the recipients and their guests as well as the Members.

Bunclody Parking Byelaws will be enforced from 15th June 2026. Permits will be available for residents. There will still be free parking available, but the four-hour max stay parking will be enforced in the Market Square and The Mall areas. The members agreed that this is a good move for the town. The District Manager confirmed that a review of Enniscorthy Town parking permits is currently being undertaken.

2.4.1 Meeting with Tullow Municipal District – 6th May 2026

The report on the meeting circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

All agreed that the meeting had been a very fruitful one in which shared areas of interest and concern were discussed. The two districts will meet annually and continue to strengthen cross border co-operation.

2.5 Roads Report.

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Executive Engineer, Mr Neil Dempsey answered questions and concerns from the members, in particular: -

- Potholes and path at Ashbrook
- Greenville Lane – crossing and footpath
- Further works on Old Dublin Road
- Crossing at Ballymorris and Galbally (T. Byrne)
- Crossing at Petrol Station at Gimont
- Footpath at Carrig Ban
- Crossing at Irish Street and Vocational College Bunclody

Mr Dempsey reiterated the challenges faced with rising costs of material and fuel which has led to a shortfall in funding. Some progress is being made by linking in with other funding streams.

Cllr Murphy asked could an accessibility audit be done in Bunclody as people need to be able to access footpaths – then perhaps finance could be got through accessibility funding. Mr Dempsey will speak with the Access Officer and Mr David Wall will raise this with the Forward Planning Team.

2.5.1 Interim Flood Relief Measures

Mr Dempsey confirmed that he has met with the residents of Island Road and is due to have a meeting with residents in Bunclody. The Public Information Session will take place on Wednesday 20th May.

Cllr Owens asked what the money will be spent on.

Mr Dempsey advised that there will be a range of measures used including flood barriers, non-return valves on drains, walls and raising banks. These measures will not prevent flooding but will mitigate the risk of damage to properties and businesses. All options will be looked at, and it was agreed that until the Flood Defence scheme is in place, every measure will help.

2.6 Flood Defence Report

The Flood Defence Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Mr Enda Waters advised that a pre-application submission had been made to MARA and a meeting held the previous Thursday.

Cllr Owens expressed frustration at the length of the process of implementing the Flood Defence Scheme.

2.7 Special Projects.

The report circulated during the meeting was noted. Special Projects will attend the June meeting.

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

3.1 Recommendation for Section 183 in relation to disposal of Sawyers Pub, Enniscorthy

Recommended.

3.2 Recommendation for Section 183 in relation to disposal of No 6 Templeshannon (formerly known as The Old House Pub), Enniscorthy

Recommended.

3.3 Proposal for Taking in Charge 155-166 Bridgemeanow, Shinguan, Enniscorthy - for approval.

On the proposal of Cllr Kehoe, seconded by Cllr Browne the proposal for Taking in Charge Nos 155-166 Bridgemeanow, Shinguan was approved by the members.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Any Other Business

The date for the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy was agreed for **Friday 26th June 2026 at 11:30 am.**

On the proposal of Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Kehoe, it was agreed to proceed to **“In Committee”** at this juncture to discuss Housing and Roads issues. Members of the press were asked to leave the meeting.

This concluded the business of the main meeting at 10:25 am

Barbara-Anne Murphy

CATHAOIRLEACH

16th June 2026

DATE