

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 in the Tholsel, New Ross**

Presiding: Councillor Michael Whelan

In Attendance: Councillor John Fleming (Via Teams)
Councillor Anthony Connick (Via Teams)
Councillor Michael Sheehan (Via Teams)
Councillor Pat Barden (Via Teams)
Councillor Bridin Murphy (Via Teams)

Officials Present: Mick McCormack – District Manager
Eamonn Hore - District Director (Via Teams)
Dan McCartan – Senior Executive Engineer (Via Teams)
David Murphy – A/Executive Engineer (Via Teams)
Martina Donoghue – AO Housing (Via Teams)
Liam Bowe – Executive Planner (Via Teams)
Ger Walsh – Staff Officer (Via Teams)
David Lee – Clerical Officer
Sharon Ryan – Asst Staff Officer (Via Teams)
Tom Banville – SEO Planning (Via Teams)
Sinead Casey – Senior Engineer, Special Projects(Via Teams)

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended by Cllr Whelan to Integer, who have just marked their 25 years in New Ross and he asked that a letter be sent to them to mark that milestone. He also congratulated all involved in the Christmas ceremony in New Ross and in the making of the Christmas video

Cllr Sheehan congratulated Mrs O Connor, Charlton Hill on her 99th birthday and asked that a letter be sent to her

Cllr Barden also congratulated Integer on their 25th anniversary in New Ross and also congratulated all involved in the Christmas festivities

Cllr Connick congratulated New Ross Municipal District, Visit New Ross and the Dunbrody Visitors Centre on the Christmas videos

Cllr Fleming congratulated Integer on their 25 years in New Ross and also congratulated New Ross Municipal District and Visit New Ross on the Christmas video

Cllr Murphy congratulated all involved in the Virtual Christmas ceremonies

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended by Cllrs Sheehan and Fleming to the family of Pascal Murphy, Hewittsland, New Ross. Cllr Barden extended sympathies to the family of David Forrestal, Adamstown.

Suspension of Standing Orders

On the proposal of Cllr Connick and seconded by Cllr Fleming, Standing Orders were suspended to allow for a presentation from Tom Banville, SEO Planning on Derelict sites and Sinead Casey from Special Projects with an update on the current projects

Derelict Sites

Following a presentation, the SEO responded to queries from the Members.

Special Projects

Following a briefing on the current projects, the SE responded to queries from the Members.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting – 11th November 2020

The November Minutes were proposed as presented by Councillor Barden and seconded by Cllr Connick.

Matters Arising

N/A

2.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1. District Manager's Report

The District Manager delivered his report and responded to queries raised by the Members.

He advised that he was awaiting confirmation of a meeting with the Members of the Thomastown/Callan District.

Cllr Fleming requested that if shop front funding became available, that rural villages would be considered for it

The District Manager congratulated Edno Delaney and Jimmy Fitzgibbon on the Kavanagh Collection which is displayed in shops in South St and Charles St and acknowledged the role which Cllr Murphy played and also acknowledged her role in St Michael's Theatre

2.2. Roads Report

The Roads Engineer delivered his report and responded to queries from the Members.

2.3. Water Services Report

The Senior Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to queries from the Members.

Cllr Sheehan acknowledged the team involved in the emergency works in Mahers Yard the previous weekend and the Director and Cathaoirleach acknowledged the continuing works in Water Services in the District

2.4. Housing Report.

The Housing report was delivered by the Administrative Officer, Housing who responded to queries from the Councillors.

Cllr Whelan asked that the Caretaker of the Halting Site be introduced to the Members and the AO agreed to arrange this.

The A/SEO of Housing then joined the meeting to respond to queries from the Members in relation to housing supply.

2.5 Planning Report

The Executive Planner delivered his report and answered questions from the Members.

2.6 Planning Grants

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.7 Planning Refusals

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.8 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.9 Community Development Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.10 Environment Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

The Members enquired as to whether there would be a mattress/paint amnesty in 2021.

2.11 Fire Services Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.12 Members Query System - NRMD

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

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

3.1 Amendment of Standing Orders Dec 2020

Following discussions it was proposed to postpone any decisions until January.

4.0 Other Business

4.1 Presentation by Tom Banville SEO Planning on Derelict sites

4.2 Briefing by Sinead Casey Senior Engineer on Special Projects

These presentations took place earlier in the meeting

5.0 Notice of Motion/s –

N/A

6.0 Correspondence

7.0 AOB

The Members, District Director and District Manager all wished Seasons greetings to all and thanked the Members and Officials for their work throughout the year

On the proposal of Cllr Fleming and seconded by Cllr Murphy, the meeting then went into Committee

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Date _____