

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE  
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON MONDAY,  
18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 9.30 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	John O'Rourke (Cathaoirleach) Jackser Owens (Leas-Chathaoirleach) Kathleen Codd-Nolan Aidan Browne Cathal Byrne Barbara-Anne Murphy
<b>Officials:</b>	Ms. Carolyn Godkin, Director of Service Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer Ms. Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Mr Tom Banville, S.E.O. Planning Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer Mr Sean Meyler, Senior Executive Engineer Mr Mick McCormack, Town Regeneration Officer Ms. Edel Nolan, Staff Officer Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer Mr. David Whitty, Executive Engineer.
<b>Apologies Officials:</b>	Mr. Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer Ms Niamh Lennon, Executive Planner Mr Rory O'Mahoney, Senior Executive Engineer

Cathaoirleach O Rourke proposed a minutes silence for the victims of the recent tragedies in Libya and Morocco and also for the votes of sympathy that had been sent in by the members.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following:-

- To the Bishop Ger and the people of the Diocese of Ferns on the death of V Rev Canon Seamus De Val, Bunclody.
- To Cannon Trevor Sargent, Bunclody on the death of his Mother Mildred in Dublin.
- To Cllr Owens cousins, Bridget, Mary and Theresa on the passing of their sister Margaret Owens.
- To the Byrne family on the passing of Mr Larry Byrne, Island Road, Enniscorthy.
- To the Mythen Family, Enniscorthy on the passing of Mr Aaron Mythen.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

### **1.1 Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **1.3 Matters Arising**

The Cathaoirleach asked if there were any questions arising from the list of response to queries sent out by Ms Lawless District Manager prior to this mornings meeting.

Cllr Owens looked for clarification as to whether the meeting should be held considering the current industrial actions been taken by Forsa members.

Director of Services Carolyne Godkin clarified that yes the meeting can go ahead, as it was not contravening the terms of the strike action.

Cathaoirleach O Rourke informed the members that correspondence received by Ms Lawless from the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform would be circulated to them via email during the course of the Meeting.

## **2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:**

### **2.1 Planning**

Mr Tom Banville Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Mr Mick McCormack, Town Regeneration Officer gave a presentation to the members on the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Call 3.

The members raised queries which were all comprehensively answered by both Mr Banville and Mr McCormack.

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

Cathaoirleach O Rourke addressed both items 6.3 and 6.4 on the Agenda. Both section 183's were proposed by Cllr Browne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Owens and were sent forward to full council meeting without any objections.

### **2.2 Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service**

#### **Community**

The Community Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

## **Environment**

Ms Lawless noted apologies from Mr Rory O Mahoney.  
The Environment Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

- Cllr Browne queried the delay in the commencement of works for various walking trails proposed in the district.
- Cllr Murphy requested that the mattress amnesty be extended to include suites of furniture in the future. She also queried if cameras could be used in litter blackspots.

Ms Godkin answered all queries.

The members raised numerous queries on the cutting back of hedgerows on different walkways in the district.

Ms Lawless committed to seeking clarification on the legislation around the cutting of Hedgerows and the possibility of cutting for health and safety reasons.

Cathaoirleach O Rourke requested that the correspondence he received in relation to a possible water contamination in the Bridge Meadows estate be investigated and also requested that a major rejuvenation be carried out at the Still Pond.

The Cathaoirleach then thanked the District Manager and her staff for the work and organisation involved in the recent delegation visit from Blacktown City Council for the Sister Cities agreement. Cllr Codd Nolan extended thanks to the Cathaoirleach for his involvement in the event also.

The meeting paused for tea break. 10.30am.  
Meeting resumed at 10.40am.

## **Libraries & Fire Service**

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

### **2.3 Housing**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The Members put forward a number of queries and concerns, in particular:

- Clarification of land swap at Templeshannon and Milehouse?
- Issues with the new Choice based letting system and how they are resolved?
- If there is antisocial behaviour in Approved Housing Body properties whose responsibility is it to deal with it ?
- Capital Projects representative for next meeting, what plans are there to build houses by Wexford County Council?
- More information on the secured emergency accommodation in the Moyne?
- Cllr Byrne proposed a request for a presentation on the scheme of works outlined for the new land swap site once planning permission has been finalised, Cllr Codd Nolan seconded his proposal.

Ms Carolyn Godkin and Ms Angela Finn answered the members queries and undertook to revert to the Members with more information on some matters.

## **2.4 Municipal District Report**

Claire Lawless District Manager outlined the main points of report.  
Cllr Murphy thanked Ms Lawless for her progress on the Cycle City signage.

The Members raised the following queries: -

- Can the Shop Front Painting Scheme be reviewed with a view to increasing funds available?
- Queries with regards to the proposed replacement of the old public payphones. Cllr Browne proposed to include the provision of public WIFI access points on the new installation, this was seconded by Cllr Murphy.
- Cllr Murphy thanked the District Manager and her staff for the fantastic reception given to the Rose of Tralee contestants on their visit to Enniscorthy.

Ms. Lawless responded to all queries raised and undertook review the Shop Front Scheme for next year.

## **3. Roads Report.**

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The Members raised a number of issues to which Mr. Dempsey responded:-

- The possibility of carrying out the current road works at night time to alleviate the road closure and the effect on businesses in the area.
- The proposed works for the Active Travel scheme, when will this commence?
- The removal of build up of vegetation on the two bridges in Ballycarney.
- Safety measures for Clohamon Cross.
- Wilton Bridge update?
- Street lights on Ferns to GAA grounds update?
- Lack of communication from Uisce Eireann with regards to works and timeline.

Mr Dempsey committed to reverting to the members on a number of queries before the next meeting.

## **4. Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.**

Mr Larry McHale read his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The letter from the Minister was also noted. Mr McHale responded to all queries raised by the members.

## **5. Special Projects.**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Mr. Meyler responded to all queries raised.

- Update on the second phase of the Sports Hub?
- Update on the Murphy Floods site in Enniscorthy?
- Update on the Park for Bunclody?

On the proposal of Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Owens the members agreed to suspend the Standing Orders for 15 minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

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

*6.1 Cathaoirleach O Rourke called for a proposer for the formal adoption of the amended Standing Orders. Cllr Owens Proposed the adoption and Cllr Browne seconded same.*

*6.2 Cathaoirleach O Rourke called for a proposer for the adoption of the Draft Wexford County Council (Enniscorthy Municipal District) Traffic and Car Parking Bye Laws 2023. Cllr Codd Nolan Proposed the adoption and Cllr Murphy seconded same.*

6.5 Mr David Whitty gave a comprehensive presentation on the proposed development of Market Square & town centre regeneration project, to which the members raised queries concerning the reduction of car parking spaces in Market Square and the proposed development of Templeshannon. Mr Whitty answered all queries and noted the members concerns.

On the proposal of Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Owens the members agreed to suspend the Standing Orders for 15 minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

## **7. Correspondence.**

## **8. Any Other Business.**

Cllr Murphy requested that the street name sign for the Mall in Bunclody be repositioned to its correct location on the opposite side of the Mall in memory of Canon De Val.

This concluded the business of the Meeting at 12.25pm.

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John O Rourke  
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16<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
DATE