

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2026 AT 11:30 am
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

Attendance: Councilors:

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

Oireachtas Members

Senator Cathal Byrne

Officials:

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Ms. Barbara Nolan, Staff Officer

Members of the Public:

Elaine, Orla, Caoimhe & Michael Kehoe
Helen Roban

Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy welcomed everyone to the second Annual Meeting of this term of Local Government. She particularly welcomed members of Cllr. Pat Kehoe's family.

Cllr Murphy reflected on her year as Cathaoirleach. She highlighted various achievements including progress at Turrett Rocks, Pairc na Gabhair Bunclody, the Bunclody Place Making Project and the information panels at Vinegar Hill. CCTV is now live in Enniscorthy with Bunclody due to be onstream in August/September. A big highlight was the opening of St John's Activity Garden which is being regularly accessed by the public. She welcomed the acquisition of Ballyhogue Post Office and works at the Astro Pitch. TAP Retail is now underway supporting local businesses who have been struggling to compete with online shopping and allowing consumers to "shop local" online. She welcomed the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme, the Columbarium Wall, the designation of Family Resource Centre in Templeshannon and the advancement of Castle Quarter and Templeshannon Regeneration Projects. All these developments create a ripple effect throughout the district. Enniscorthy Tidy Towns received another Gold Medal and Ferns and Bunclody Tidy Towns received funding from the Enniscorthy Municipal District for planting in the towns.

It was a year of wonderful festivals including the Fringe Fleadh events. Through Creative Places Enniscorthy the Council has been able to support many local artists to develop their practice. The Community Allotments have been a huge success, and the Farmers Market is a wonderful addition to the town.

Cllr Murphy mentioned the Civic Awards Ceremony which was a great evening and thanked everyone involved in organizing it. She also noted the Variation of the Co-Development Plan which allows for further development within the district.

She commended the District Engineer and all the crews and staff for their hard work in response to the Flooding event in Enniscorthy and Bunclody in January 2026. She welcomed the announcement of interim flood measures and stated that Enniscorthy Municipal District and Tullow Municipal District had met in May 2026 to discuss mutual areas of concern, and this would become an annual event.

Cllr Murphy thanked the members of the Press for their attendance throughout the year and their coverage of the meetings and events. She thanked the staff of the Presentation Centre and all the staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District for their hard work and support through flooding, festivals and heatwaves. She thanked Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Kehoe and her fellow Councilors for their support throughout the year.

The Members joined in congratulating Cllr Murphy on a very successful year and on a job well done.

Director of Services Carolyne Godkin thanked Cllr Murphy and Cllr Kehoe on behalf of the Executive. She said that Cllr Murphy had been an excellent chairperson and was always very professional. It was a year of highs and lows, and Cllr Murphy had handled all of it.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Browne the Members unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr. Kehoe as Cathaoirleach of the Enniscorthy Municipal District. No further nominations were made and therefore Cllr. Murphy declared Cllr. Kehoe elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

Cllr. Murphy transferred the Chain of Office to Cllr. Kehoe.

Cllr. Kehoe thanked his proposers and said it was an honour to serve as Chairperson of the Enniscorthy Municipal District of Wexford County Council and to serve the people of Enniscorthy and District. Cathaoirleach Cllr Kehoe said that he hoped that the Members of

the Enniscorthy Municipal District would continue to work well together. He thanked his family, in particular his wife Elaine, and all his extended family for their support since his election to Local Government in 2024. He said it was a huge honour to add his name to the 173 names already on the board and to be the first Kehoe added. He pledged to work tirelessly on projects to enhance the district and to work with all stakeholders to improve housing, infrastructure, roads and flood defence.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Kehoe called for proposals for Leas Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. Owens, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, Cllr. John O'Rourke was nominated. The Cathaoirleach asked the Members if there were any further nominations for the position. No other nominations were received.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. O'Rourke elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

Cllr. O'Rourke thanked his proposer and seconder. He declared that he would do his utmost to support the Cathaoirleach and work for the District during the coming year.

The Members and Executives extended their congratulations to Cllr. Kehoe and Cllr. O'Rourke.

3. Schedule of Meetings.

It was proposed by Cllr Byrne and seconded by Cllr Murphy that the schedule of meetings circulated prior to the meeting be passed by the Members. The meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am except for July 2026 when the meeting will commence at 9:00 am to facilitate the Blacktown Delegation Itinerary.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting at 12:01 pm.

Pat Kehoe

21st July 2026

CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE