

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE 2026 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
Cllr. John O'Rourke

Officials: Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Ms. Lisa Moore, Assistant Staff Officer
Ms. Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist.
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Mr. Enda Waters, Executive Engineer Special Projects
Ms Caroline Creane, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Construction
Mr. David Wall, Executive Planner

Online Teams: Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer, Housing

Apologies: Gillian Power – Special Projects Flooding

Sympathies:

The members expressed their sympathy to following: -

- Paddy Murphy (Chief Fire Officer) and Family on the death of his wife Elizabeth Murphy
- The Family of Nuala Cloke, Enniscorthy (formerly Ballindaggin) on her recent passing.

Congratulations:

- Baile Dubh Tire Feile Ladies Football team which was part of the Double A Rackard league football and camogie winning teams.
- Sean Kelly, St. Abban's Kilmyshall Boxing Club – representing Ireland in the under 17 Four Nations.
- Aoife Wafer on being awarded Women's Six Nations Player of the Year for the second year running
- Enniscorthy Businesses at the County Wexford Business Awards 2026

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the May Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19th May 2026

On the proposal of Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Kehoe, the Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th May 2026 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Matters Arising

- Cllr Owens requested to know if chemists had been contacted in relation to opening on Sundays. District Manager confirmed a meeting was organised and some were unable to attend. She stated that Grants Pharmacy will continue to uphold the Sunday rota as they have been doing so for the last 15 years. District Manager will arrange another date for meeting and will also contact Care Doc regarding emergency supply to patients for weekend.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

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: -

- Consideration on proposed Variation 2 to the Wexford County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 which includes new zoning maps and objectives for Bunclody Town on Public Display from 17th June 2026 to Thursday 16th July 2026. Public meeting to be held and location to be advised.

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: -

- Concerns around unauthorised persons with trucks, lifting covers to water supply and extracting water from Housing Estates/St Marys Cemetery.
- Tractors/tankers possibly emptying slurry into sewage systems.
- Use of CCTV to identify who is dumping clothes at the Clothes Banks. Also requested Facebook campaign and anti – dumping initiative.

Ms Godkin confirmed that water taken from the main supply should not cause pressure issues unless Fire Services were drawing from the source at the same time as supply would replenish quite quickly. Ms Godkin undertook to raise this with the Fire Services.

Ms Murphy was thanked for bins on the Ross Road being removed

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, in particular.

- Request to audit district land as HSE Gov Dept to launch model of housing for those with addiction
- Request that drugs officer working with Cornmarket be deployed with housing team so that housing allocation is suitable to need.
- Waiting times for housing transfers, particularly in the case of special needs.
- Emergency accommodation timeline.
- Use of Choice Based Letting (CBL) and how to videos.
- Timeline for delivery of 31 new housing units.
- It was acknowledged that people are now being notified when not successful on CBL. Ms Redmond said notifications can only happen if a valid email address was provided and to check Junk emails.

2.3.2 Housing Capital

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Senior Staff Officer Caroline Creane answered queries from the members in particular: -

- The Lyre
- Delivery of 65 new units in Bunclody Q4

At this point 10:20am it was proposed and agreed by all members to move to **agenda item 3.1**

At this point Ms Barbara-Anne Murphy welcomed two student planners to the meeting.

10:22am – Break for Tea.

10:40am – Meeting reconvened.

2.4 Municipal District Report

The District Manager reported on the following items:

- Enniscorthy & Bunclody CCTV
- Changing Rooms for Enniscorthy's Community Astro Pitch
- Enniscorthy Farmers Market
- Enniscorthy Community Allotments
- Town & Village Building Acquisition Measure
- Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme
- Enniscorthy Town Planting & Maintenance Programme
- CLAR Funding
- Blacktown Visit
- Columbarium Wall
- Shopfront Painting Scheme and Flower Grant Scheme
- Bunclody Parking Bye-Laws
- Orchard Peace Park interpretive signage
- Festivals and Events
- Tree Planting Ceremony, Orchard Peace Park- Wednesday 22nd July
- Civic Reception Blacktown City Council

The District Manager answered queries on the following:

- The location of the Farmers Market was discussed. Ms Lawless confirmed that the group is satisfied with its current location.
- Queries were raised regarding CLAR funding; District Manager advised that the Community Section determines which application proceed and undertook to revert to Members with an overall number of applicants across Wexford.
- Parking in Bunclody
- Church Street Building– no ramp – need something for special needs. District Manager to look at the building with District Engineer
- Development of Vinegar Hill,
- CCTV in both Enniscorthy and Bunclody was discussed and a request was made for the Bunclody CCTV system to be linked to live streaming at Enniscorthy Garda Station.
- Roundabout Sponsorship – Members noted the successful completion of the initiative and extended their congratulations to all involved.
- TVRS Ballyhogue Community Hub

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: -

- Hedge cutting currently being done.
- Surface Dressing to commence in July.
- Cllrs to log via the office any site lines of concern.

- Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).
- Bellefield Park and Milehouse Road paths to be repaired via Active Travel.
- Bellefield Park bus stop.
- Spring Valley Heights – Traffic count.
- Emergency funding promised after then Flooding for roads – no update to date.
- Footpaths in towns and crossings.
- Crossing request on main road at St Marys Graveyard not seen as possible currently due to 80km zone.
- Line Marking to be done from list compiled.
- Uisce Éireann - issue with not providing notification regarding closing 1 lane on busy road and digger across 3 businesses premises causing closure of same. Mr Dempsey is hoping this transitioning period and hope to work better together going forward with Map Alerter etc.
- Flood defence Bunclody – Date of meeting to be agreed.

2.6 Flood Defence Report

The Flood Defence Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Mr Enda Waters was present to respond to queries raised, in particular: -

- Timeline for submitting bridge application.
- If another meeting with Minister Boxer Moran is planned.

Ms Godkin responded that temporary relief works are to be done in October 2026 and the main flood scheme application to be done early 2027. The Main work for flood defence is being done by Mr E Waters, which would consist of tenders and applications to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

2.7 Special Projects.

The report circulated during the meeting was noted. Mr David Whitty attend and responded to queries raised:

- Templeshannon project.
- Part 8. Market Square and Castle Quarter.
- Bunclody Town Park
- Bunclody Technology Park

Mr. Whitty confirmed that an application for funding has been submitted to cover the preliminary design phase and the appointment of a design team for project at Templeshannon. Work is expected to commence in September and will include the undergrounding of cables, subject to funding approval.

Mr Whitty confirmed that funding has been applied for phase 1. He outlined that demolition will be followed by an 18-month period, after which archaeological surveys will be undertaken, before progressing to an application for Phase 2. He also assured the members that works at Market Square and Castle Quarter would be phased to minimise disruption within the town. Bunclody Technology Park, Part 8 is in place now waiting on plans.

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

3.1 Consider Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. O'Rourke

"To call on the Minister of Education to look at reintroducing in all schools the teaching of our national anthem As Gaeilge, so that our tradition and heritage continues into the future".

All Members Agreed. Proposed by John O'Rourke and 2nd by Aidan Browne

4. Correspondence

District Manager referred to her correspondence regarding drug addiction sent to the Minister of State, Ms Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD, and it was noted that no response has been received to date.

5. Any Other Business

A request that signage at the Atheneum be replaced with an engraved sign or plaque more in keeping with the character of the building. District Manager will explore options for progressing this.

Members expressed their sincere appreciation to the Cathaoirleach Ms. Barbara – Anne Murphy for her dedication, leadership and commitment during her term of office, and wished her every success in the future.

This concluded the business of the main meeting at 10:30 am

Pat Kehoe

CATHAOIRLEACH

21st July 2026

DATE