

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY
HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JULY, 2017 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

Attendance: Councillors: Keith Doyle (Cathaoirleach)
Barbara-Anne Murphy
Willie Kavanagh
Oliver Walsh
Johnny Mythen
John O'Rourke

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer, Housing

Apologies: Councillors: Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh

Officials: Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 19th June, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Minutes of the June 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th June, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19th June, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th June, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19th June, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th June, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.4. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1. Planning.

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner outlined the main points of the Planning Report, the contents of which were noted by the Members.

Cllr. Murphy asked what approach will be taken in the new Draft County Development Plan with regard to villages throughout the district. Ms. Kearns stated that Bunclody will have its own set of objectives/zoning within the new County Development Plan while other villages of a certain size will be addressed by a series of policies within the plan.

At this point in the meeting the Members wished to extend congratulations to the following:-

- Dylan Hudson on representing Enniscorthy and Wexford in the Under 16 Leinster Pitch & Putt Competition.
- The Coach and members of the County Pool Team on winning a world title recently.
- The Wexford Ladies Darts Team on winning the Leinster Doubles Championship.
- Maree Lyng on her election as the new President of the Enniscorthy & District Chamber.

The Director of Services wished to be associated with all sentiments and wished Ms. Lyng best wishes in her role as President of the Enniscorthy & District Chamber and stated that he looked forward to working with her in the future.

The following votes of sympathy were extended by the Members:-

- The family of Ms. Martina Balph, R.I.P.
- The family of Fr. Fintan Morris, RIP and the people of the parish where he served.

2.2. Housing.

Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Donoghue responded.

Community & Environment.

The Members highlighted a number of queries under Community & Environment to which the Officials responded.

Cllr. Murphy asked for advice to be published by Wexford County Council on how to deal with Japanese Knot Weed. Mr. Carley stated that signs have been erected in a number of areas around the district and that a programme is in place for dealing with this issue on the National Roads by TII. It was noted that a Frequently Asked Questions Report is available on the Council's website and the Director of Services undertook to request that this report be forwarded to the Members for their information.

It was further noted that a short guide will be developed for landowners to assist in dealing with the elimination of Japanese Knot Weed on their land.

2.3. Enterprise.

No issues were raised under Enterprise.

2.4. Roads Report.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, in particular:-

- Works between the village of Ballymurn and Screen. Cllr. Walsh highlighted his concerns with the time of year chosen for completion of this work resulting in the closure of one of the busiest roads in the area.

Cllr. Walsh continued by stating that no preparation work was completed on the roads where diversions are in place and felt that it would be more appropriate to use the other main road until completion of works. Cllr. Walsh also felt the need for more signage to be erected in the area.

Ms. Kehoe responded by stating that 4.5 km of road had been identified as in need of hedge trimming and this work had commenced today. Ms. Kehoe undertook to bring these concerns to Irish Water.

- Request for replacement of Speed Ramp outside the Presentation Centre.
- Speed Limit Signage in the Moyne and at the Graveyard, Enniscorthy.
- Finger Post Sign for Housing Developments in the Moyne, Enniscorthy.
- Resurfacing works.
- Tree trimming in Graveyards.

3. Water Services Report.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer updated the Members on the contents of the Water Services Report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members outlined a number of queries to which Ms. Kehoe responded.

4. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer outlined the main points of the Enniscorthy Flood Defence, the contents of which were noted by the Members.

5. Three Year Capital Programme.

Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager gave details of the major projects proposed by Wexford County Council for the Enniscorthy District as contained in the Three Year Capital Programme.

A brief discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Members approved of the Three Year Capital Programme as presented by the District Manager.

6. Communities Facilities Scheme Applications 2017.

The District Manager highlighted the main objectives of the scheme. On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke it was agreed that the District Manager appraise the full list of applications and circulate a final list of recommendations to the Members for their comments and approval.

2.2. Housing

2.2.1 Housing Assistance Programme (HAP)

Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley made a presentation to the attendees on the Housing Assistance Programme. The introduction of Inter-Authority Movement which came into effect in April, 2017 was discussed. The Members raised a number of concerns to which Ms. Carley responded.

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

7.1. Nominations for representation on the Corporate Policy Group.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members unanimously agreed to nominate the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Doyle as the Enniscorthy Municipal Districts representative on the Corporate Policy Group.

It was further agreed that if Cllr. Doyle cannot attend a meeting of the Corporate Policy Group then the Vice-Chair or another Member would attend on his behalf.

7.2. Nominations for representation on a Sub Committee to promote 3rd Level Education in County Wexford.

On the proposal of Cllr. W. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members nominated Cllr. Mythen as the Enniscorthy Municipal Districts representative on the Sub Committee to promote 3rd Level Education in County Wexford.

8. Correspondence.

The District Manager updated the Members on Festivals and activities taking place in the district over the coming months, in particular the following were noted:-

- National Sheepdog Trials, Bunclody.
- Streams of Bunclody.
- Rockin Food Festival.
- Summer Fun Programme.

Ms. Hore informed the Members that the launch of the new Promenade Playground was taking place on the 4th August, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

9. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Murphy expressed her sympathies with the closure of the Echo Newspapers which she feels is a huge loss to the County.

Cllr. Mythen asked if enquiries can be made regarding the possibility of re-opening and restoring the laneway between Weafer Street and Main Street, Enniscorthy.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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