

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2014 AT 6.00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENISCORTHY.**

**Attendance: Councillors:** Barbara Ann Murphy (Cathaoirleach)

Johnny Mythen  
Paddy Kavanagh  
Keith Doyle  
Jams Browne  
Kathleen Codd-Nolan  
Oliver Walsh  
John O'Rourke

**Officials:** Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Mr. David Minogue, District Administrator/Meetings  
Administrator  
Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner  
Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance

**1. Municipal District Draft Budget Plan 2015:**

Ms. Annette O'Neill briefed the attendees on the contents of the above plan which had been circulated in accordance with the statutory provisions of the 2014 Act. It was noted that the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for the County was €1,120,000, €271,000 of which has been allocated to the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

Councillor Kavanagh proposed that parking charges be suspended from 3.30 p.m. each day, 5 days a week to encourage people into the town. In reply, Ms. O'Neill pointed out that such a proposal would have an impact on parking income and would therefore reduce the amount of income available to the Council under the GMA.

The District Administrator advised the Members that the current pay parking system in Enniscorthy had potential for generating additional income, which, if realized, could fund temporary suspension of parking charges from time to time.

There followed a debate on parking income and charges to which all members contributed.

*The Members took a brief break.*

*The meeting resumed, Councillor O'Rourke was temporarily absent.*

Councillor Kavanagh withdrew his proposal on parking. He then proposed that the Executive prepare a detailed report on the operation of pay parking in the town with a view encouraging more people to visit and shop in Enniscorthy. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan and agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Members unanimously agreed to re-allocate monies provided for Town Twinning to Tourist Facilities Operations with the understanding this would not inhibit its use for twinning purposes if a suitable proposal emerged.

On the proposal of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the Enniscorthy Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2015 as amended above was adopted by the Members on a vote of seven Members in favour and one abstention (one Member temporarily absent from the meeting)

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Ms. O'Neill for her input into the Budgetary Plan and her assistance during the meeting. Ms. O'Neill thanked the Members for their courtesy and took her leave of the meeting.

## **Other**

The Cathaoirleach, on behalf of the Members, extended congratulations to the Wexford Ladies Junior Football Team who won the All-Ireland Football Championship recently.

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Administrative Officer, Housing Department on the death of her Mother.

Ms. Sal Brooks.

Mrs. Cunningham.

The Rackard Family.

A Minutes Silence was observed as a mark of respect.

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**2.1.** On the proposal of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Browne the Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

### **2.2. Matters Arising.**

Councillor Doyle, Councillor Walsh, Councillor Codd-Nolan and Councillor Kavanagh queried the current status of a number of items raised at the September meeting.

The Officials responded to all queries raised.

Councillor Mythen suggested that Ms. Jacqui Hynes, Manager of the 1798 Centre be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to update the Members in relation to the Vinegar Hill Archaeological Survey Project

*At this juncture Councillor O'Rourke returned to the meeting.*

## **3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:**

### **3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.**

The above report was noted. The Members highlighted and queried several issues including the following:

- Septic Tank Inspections.
- Radon Programme.
- Allocation of Tenants to available housing units.
- Attic and Wall Insulations.
- Estate Improvements.
- Issues with Bonfires during Halloween.
- Litter Management.

The Members of the Executive present responded to all matters raised and undertook to attend to the various requests and representations.

### **3.2. Roads & Water Services Report.**

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer presented the Roads Report. A number of matters were raised by the Members for consideration and attention of Ms. Kehoe who noted these queries and undertook to respond to same.

Mr. Rory O'Mahony Senior Executive Engineer outlined the main points of his report on Water Services and responded to queries raised by the Members in respect of same

### **3.3. Planning and Enterprise.**

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss decisions granted and refused within the Enniscorthy District from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Kearns responded.

*At this juncture, Councillor O'Rourke left the meeting.*

## **4. Request for Deputation:**

### **3.1. Enniscorthy Tidy Towns Committee.**

On the request of Councillor Doyle, the Members agreed to discuss the above deputation and all future requests for deputations in Committee. The District Administrator undertook to amend the Standing Orders accordingly.

## **5. Car Parking Bye-Laws:**

It was noted this matter had already been dealt with at the meeting.

## **6. Casual Trading Bye-Laws:**

Councillor Browne outlined his concerns regarding casual trading in Abbey Square and other areas of the town during the 2014 Strawberry Festival. He asked if the Bye-Laws could be amended to specify the type of stalls to be permitted in these areas, in particular Abbey Square.

The District Administrator stated that he would arrange to review and amend the current Bye-Laws to include the issues raised and would bring a draft to the Members for consideration, following the review of the Parking Byelaws.

**7. Any Other Business:**

**7.1. Nominations to 1798 Centre Board and 1916 Committee.**

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Walsh, the Members unanimously agreed to nominate Councillor Browne and Councillor Mythen to the Board of the 1798 Centre and Councillor Codd-Nolan and Councillor Murphy to the 1916 Committee.

**7.2. Orchard Park.**

The Senior Executive Engineer presented draft tender documents for the development of the Orchard Park to the Members and highlighted the main features therein. It was noted that the park would be gated and would be open during daylight hours.

The Members welcomed the Plan and looked forward to the project moving to tender stage.

**7.3. Deputations.**

The Members agreed that requests for Deputations be dealt with in Committee before the commencement of the monthly meeting. It was also agreed that a request for a deputation is not listed as an item on the agenda.

The District Administrator confirmed he would amend the Standing Orders accordingly, for adoption by the Members.

**This concluded the Business of the Meeting.**

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**DATE**