

**Minutes of Meeting of the Members of Enniscorthy Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, The Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy
on Wednesday, 17th September 2014 at 6.30pm**

Attendance: Councillors: Barbara Ann Murphy (Cathaoirleach)

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

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
Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Elizabeth Hore, Administrative Officer, Housing
Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

At the outset of the meeting the Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Carley to Wexford County Council. Mr. Carley responded by saying he was delighted to be once again working in Enniscorthy.

The District Administrator welcomed Mr. Carley on behalf of the staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- Councillor John O'Rourke on the death of his Grandmother.
- The Butler family, Milehouse Road, Enniscorthy.
- The Rackard family, Killane.
- The Harpur Family, Brownswood.

A Minutes Silence was observed as a mark of respect.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 On the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke, the Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 16th July, 2014 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2 Matters Arising:

Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. Mythen queried the current status of a number of items raised at the July meeting.

The Executive Engineer responded to all queries raised by Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. Mythen.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Housing, Community & Environment Report.

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

- Taking in Charge of Housing Estates
- Access to Ballyconnigar Beach.
- Illegal Dumping
- Chimney Fires – awareness campaign.
- Relocation of Recycling Bring Bank to centre of Buncloody.
- Amendment of Tourism Brochure

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

At this juncture, Cllr. O'Rourke left the meeting.

2.2 Roads and Water Services Report:

Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer presented the Roads and Water Reports. A number of matters were raised by the Members for consideration and attention, including the following:

- General repairs, including footpaths, drains & gullies, cleaning of laneways,
- Safety measures/ traffic calming at school locations
- Parking issues during events at Enniscorthy Sports Hub.
- Pedestrian Crossing on Nunnery Road.
- Road Markings on N11.
- The alignment of the Roads Engineers areas within the Municipal Districts.

The Senior Executive Engineer outlined the main points of his report on Water Services. Among the queries raised by the Members were the following:

- Additional capacity at Enniscorthy Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Location of the new Enniscorthy Bridge and need for a pedestrian bridge
- Foul odour omitting from Public Convenience in Bunclogh.

In response the Director of Services confirmed that Irish Water have reviewed a number of sewerage treatment plants around the country, including Enniscorthy Town with a view to ensuring that there is sufficient capacity into the future to allow towns to grow and develop.

The Director also advised the Members that as Chair of the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Steering Committee he would endeavour to fast track the appointment of Consultants to allow the project to progress. He confirmed that the Committee are meeting the OPW regularly and that a Project Manager would be appointed shortly.

2.3. Planning & Enterprise:

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss decisions granted and refused within the Enniscorthy District from 16th July to 29th August, 2014.

The Members raised a number of concerns including the following:-

- Modifications to the entrance gates and railings at Enniscorthy Castle.
- Concerns were highlighted regarding to the utilisation of the land at the Roundabout. Members wished that this site be developed in a way that will benefit the Town. Both Mr. Carley and Ms. Kearns assured the Members that this would indeed be the case.

In relation to modifications to the Castle, the Director stated that the Castle was a protected structure and the Council would be mindful of it's duties to neighbouring properties in the context of it's protected status.

3.

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

3.1. Nomination of a Member to the Corporate Policy Group of Wexford County Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keith Doyle, seconded by Cllr. James Browne it was unanimously agreed to nominate the Chairperson of the day to represent the Enniscorthy Municipal District on the Corporate Policy Group of Wexford County Council.

3.2. Fixing of date – Meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District to consider the Wexford County Council Draft Budgetary Plan 2015 (within period 1st October to 10th October 2014).

The Members agreed to hold the above meeting on Wednesday 8th October, 2014 at 6.00 p.m. It was further agreed that the ordinary meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District be held on the same day.

3.3. Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Keith Doyle, it was agreed that Cllr. Oliver Walsh be nominated to represent the Enniscorthy Municipal District on the above Committee.

4. Request for Deputation:

On the proposal of Cllr. Keith Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan the Members unanimously agreed to discuss the above item in Committee at the end of the meeting.

5. Templeshannon Business Incentive Scheme – Update and Amendment Proposals:

The District Administrator outlined the main points of the amended scheme to the Members:

- (a) An increase in grant relief -
 - 75% in Year 1
 - 50% in Year 2
 - 25% in Year 3

- (b) The inclusion of a number of additional portions of land within the Templeshannon area

On the proposal of Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Keith Doyle the Members approved the above scheme as amended.

Cllr. Doyle asked what the current position was on the renewal of Templeshannon. The District Administrator confirmed that funding for this project was through the Urban Road Grant, which this year will only cover the design stage of this project.

In reply to a suggestion from Cllr. Doyle that ESB cables in Templeshannon be undergrounded this year, Ms. Kehoe advised that the cables could not be undergrounded without renewing the footpaths as well, and this latter work would first have to be designed, and a cost plan prepared before tenders could be invited.

6.1 Letter of Thanks – St. Aidan's Cathedral.

The Members noted the correspondence

6.2 Invitation from London Wexford Association.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keith Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, the Members nominated the Cathaoirleach to attend the Annual Buffet Dance of the above association.

6.3 Correspondence from Council Access Officer.

The above correspondence was noted by the Members who welcomed the new consultation process outlined in the letter from the Access Officer.

7.

Notice of Motion – Cllr. James Browne:

"Considering that County Wexford has the second highest rate of people on rent allowance, an extremely long housing list and one of the highest rates of unemployment that this Council calls on the government to immediately commence a social housing building programme in Wexford to alleviate the crisis for those on the housing list and provide much needed construction sector jobs".

On the proposal of Cllr. James Browne, seconded by Cllr. Keith Doyle, the Members passed the above Notice of Motion subject to the following change:-

"Considering that County Wexford has the second highest rate of people on rent allowance, an extremely long housing list and one of the highest rates of unemployment that the Enniscorthy Municipal District call on the government to immediately commence a social housing building programme in Wexford to alleviate the crisis for those on the housing list and provide much needed construction sector jobs".

8.

Notice of Motion – Cllr. James Browne:

"That this Council calls on the government to release the list of medical conditions that will be given special allowance by Irish Water. The unnecessary delay is causing undue stress for the most vulnerable in our community".

Following discussion, and on the proposal of Cllr. James Browne, seconded by Cllr. Keith Doyle, the Members adopted the above Notice of Motion amended as follows:

"Enniscorthy Municipal District calls on the government to release the list of medical conditions that will be given special allowance by Irish Water, together with details of allowance to be offered to Sports Clubs, Churches and Community Centres. The unnecessary delay is releasing this information is causing undue stress for the most vulnerable in our community".

9.1. 2014 Tidy Towns – Adjudication Reports for all areas in the Enniscorthy District.

The District Administrator circulated details of the marks awarded to each of the towns and villages in the Enniscorthy Municipal District Area who had competed in the 2014 Tidy Towns competition

The Members extended their congratulations to Clonegal who won the 2014 Best Village Award and to all the Towns and Villages in the District on their significant improvements over the last 3 years. The Members also acknowledged the high standards of support and assistance given by the staff of Wexford County Council to the various Tidy Town Committees over many years.

The Members agreed to invite a representative from a Tidy Towns Committee in one of the larger and more successful Towns/Villages to a meeting of this District Committee to advise and assist on how towns in the Enniscorthy District can achieve best results. It was also suggested that representatives from local Tidy Towns committees would be invited to such meeting.

9.2. Twinning Enquires.

The District Administrator informed that Members that he had received enquiries from the town of Denain, France regarding the possibility of twinning with Enniscorthy.

The Members expressed their general support for the concept of twinning, while expressing caution in relation to the possible costs involved.

The District Administrator undertook to prepare a costing on the process of twinning with Denain to the next meeting of the Municipal District.

9.2. Cathaoirleach's Report.

The Members noted the report.

9.3. Vinegar Hill – Archaeological Survey.

Cllr. Mythen that a report be prepared for the October Meeting giving the up to date position on the Archaeological Survey of Vinegar Hill.

9.4. Presentation Centre.

Cllr. Codd Nolan raised her concerns regarding works to the fence and gate at the Presentation Centre as the Winter is now approaching. The Managements of the Centre was also briefly discussed.

9.5. Bye-Laws.

Cllr. Browne asked that Casual Trading Bye-Laws and Parking Bye-Laws be placed on the Agenda for the October Meeting.

9.6. Amendment to July Minutes.

Cllr. Doyle asked that the July Minutes be amended as follows:-

"2.1.10 All-Ireland Farmers Market & Riverside Jump Festival"

"Following discussion, it was agreed that festivals awarded funding in excess of €5,000 would brief the Council *in early Spring*".

9.7. Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

Cllr. Browne advised the meeting he was withdrawing his nomination from membership of the entity to be established to manage the Enniscorthy Sports Hub, in protest at the delay in establishing same.

9.8. Bunclody Cemetery.

It was suggested that consideration be given to the erection of signage or CCTV at Bunclody Cemetery to dissuade break-in's to parked cars in the area.

9.9. Allotments

A proposal to consider the development of an allotment scheme in the District was discussed, to which the Director expressed his full support.

The Director and District Administrator responded to all queries. The Director undertook to make every effort to ensure all necessary Committees for the Enniscorthy Sports Hub are set up. He also stated that the facility is due to be assessed and credited by the IWAF in the next couple of weeks.

The District Administrator stated that the Management Committee for the Sports Hub is in place and have met on several occasions. He stated that the Committee would welcome some direction from the Members on their role in the operation of the facility.

He also confirmed that as the Enniscorthy Town Council no longer exists it will be necessary for Wexford County Council to nominate 2 Members to the overall Board of Management, as set out in the agreed structure.

The hour having passed 9.30pm, and on the proposal of Cllr. James Browne, seconded by Cllr. Keith Doyle the Members unanimously agreed to suspend the Standing Orders and continue with the meeting.

The meeting then continued in committee.

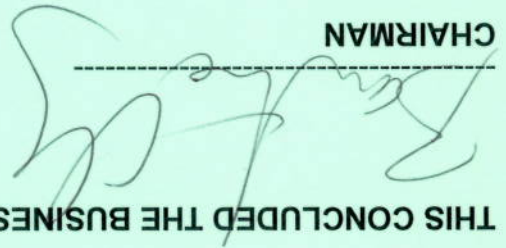
9.10 Acceptance of deputations.

Following a lengthy discussion the Members agreed that on receipt of any deputation request, that deputation would first meet with the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach accompanied by the District Administrator and any other appropriate official of the Council.

On hearing the deputation, the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach will then decide whether it is necessary for the deputation to come to a full Council Meeting. It was noted that this procedure can be reviewed at any time.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

CHAIRMAN



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