

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL, 2016 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Paddy Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)
Johnny Mythen
Barbara-Anne Murphy
Willie Kavanagh
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Oliver Walsh
Keith Doyle

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O’Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Councillor: John O’Rourke

Official: Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 23rd March, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Minutes of the March Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 23rd March, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 23rd March, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Murphy the Minutes of the March Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 23rd March, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

Cllr. Murphy asked for an update on improvement works to Bunclody Cemetery. Mr. Neil Dempsey responded by stating that costings had been received and once funding was in place works could commence. In relation to drainage works it was noted that these works will form part of the re-surfacing works, tender documents for which are currently being prepared.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Bridges-Carley responded, in particular:-

- Ramps in Housing Developments.
- Improvement Works to Roads and Footpaths in Local Authority Housing Developments.

The Members asked if the Housing Staff would consider holding a Tenant Purchase Information Workshop on an evening to allow people in employment to attend.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan wished to acknowledge the excellent litter picking work being carried out on the N80 and Cllr. Murphy welcomed the extension of the Gateway Programme to Bunclody and the outer areas.

2.2. Planning & Enterprise.

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner outlined the main points of the Planning Report circulated to the Members and responded to all queries raised including:-

- Wexford County Council's Enterprise Programme for Enniscorthy.
- Biodiversity.

2.3. Roads Report.

Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer briefed the Members on the main points of the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. Dempsey responded, in particular:-

- Speeding in Housing Developments.
- Street Lighting.

- Planting of Trees and Shrubs on approach roads to Villages throughout the District.
- Provision of widening the road at Barrack Street between Main Street and Irish Street for 2 way traffic and footpaths.
- Potholes.
- Signage.
- Road Lining.
- Advertising Signage.
- Pedestrian Crossing in Bunclody.

Cllr. Walsh asked if drawings of the Enniscorthy By-Pass could be circulated to the Members. Mr. Dempsey undertook to speak to Mr. Ollie Tierney regarding same.

3. Proposed Taking in Charge of housing estates at Oak Glen, Ballysimon, Monageer and Meadowfields, Enniscorthy.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members agreed to the making of an Order declaring the Roads contained within Oak Glen, Ballysimon, Monageer and Meadowfields, Enniscorthy to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

A brief discussion took place and Cllr. Walsh asked that a monthly or bi-monthly report be circulated to the Members with details of estates in the process of being taken in charge by Wexford County Council.

4. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

The report circulated to the Members prior to the meeting was discussed and noted.

5. Water Services Report.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Water Services Report. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Mr. O'Corcora undertook to respond to same.

6. Amenity & Arts Grant and Residents Association Grant 2016.

The District Manager confirmed that the final updated list will be circulated to the Members in the next week for completion.

7. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

The District Manager wished to express his sincere appreciation to everyone involved in the State Ceremony on Easter Monday. He continued by outlining the proposed itinerary for further events planned over the next couple of weeks in particular the Presentation of Certificates to the Relatives of Participants in the 1916 Rising in County Wexford scheduled for 27th April.

The Chairman extended a special word of thanks to Mr. Carley, Mr. O’Gorman and all staff at the Enniscorthy Municipal District whom he said worked over and beyond their duties to make the State Ceremony for the 1916 Centenary on Easter Monday a success and all involved in the 1916 School Programme, especially the Proclamation Day which took place in every school in County Wexford.

The Members wished to be associated with these remarks and commended Cllr. Kavanagh on the way in which he represented Wexford County Council on Easter Monday. They further thanked Ms. Grainne Doran, Archivist and the Library Staff.

The Director of Services thanked the Members, the Chief Executive and all staff of Wexford County Council who got behind the programme. He thanked the Media and the people of Enniscorthy and the surrounding areas for their support at the State Ceremony.

An invitation was extended to the Members to the Captain Thomas Weafer Memorial event in Dublin on Tuesday 26th April, 2016.

8. Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan.

The Director of Service gave an update on the preparation of the Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan.

9. GMA Festivals 2016.

The Members were updated on the proposed list of Festivals to take place in 2016 including the 1916 Exhibition which will open in the Athenaeum on Wednesday 27th April.

10. Proposed Pitch at Ross Road.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. Doyle the Members unanimously agreed to clear and grass 2 acres of waste ground at Ross Road in the ownership of Wexford County Council for the purposes of a sports pitch to facilitate training and youth games by a number of

sports clubs throughout the District subject to funding from the Discretionary Fund.

11. Stage 2, Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

It was noted that Wexford County Council have tendered for the procurement of Architectural Services and Services relating to the Planning Process for Stage 2 of the Enniscorthy Sports Hub. The winning tenders will be appointed shortly and contracts issued for this phase of the project and plans will be presented at a later meeting of this Committee.

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

None.

13. Correspondence.

Correspondence received from the Enniscorthy Chamber of Commerce congratulating Wexford County Council on the State Ceremony and thanking them for the kind sponsorship of the prize money for the shop front competition was noted.

The District Manager extended an invitation from Mayor Allen Buckfield, Haverfordwest Town Council to the Mayor's Ceremony to take place on Thursday 19th May, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Members agreed to accept this invitation and agreed attendance at this Ceremony. It was however noted that attendance will need approval at a meeting of Wexford County Council.

14. Any Other Business.

On the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members agreed to hold the May Meeting of this Committee on Monday the 16th May, 2016 at 9.00 a.m. in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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