

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 2015 AT 5.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Paddy Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)
Johnny Mythen
Barbara-Anne Murphy
Keith Doyle
James Browne
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Oliver Walsh
John O'Rourke

Officials: Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

Apologies: Officials: Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. Ollie Tierney, Assistant Liaison Officer, Roads

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th November, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke the Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th November, 2015 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 18th November, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the November Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th November, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Presentation on new Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer attended the meeting to give a presentation on the new Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme which will be commencing in January, 2016. Ms. Hore outlined the main points of the scheme under the following headings:-

- Legislation.
- Parameters.
- Eligibility.
- Discounts.
- Calculation of Tenant Income.
- Purchase Price.
- Types of Houses for Sale.
- Key differences with ITPS & the old TPS.
- Next Steps.

Ms. Hore confirmed that Wexford County Council will be organising a road show in each District and the end of January, 2016 along with a drop-in clinic to allow clients a forum in which they can discuss any queries or concerns they may have in relation to the scheme.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Hore responded.

3.2. 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.

3.3. 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 under this heading for consideration, and Mr. Dempsey undertook to respond

to same. Queries included:-

- Surface Water issues following the heavy rain.
- Drainage.
- Signage.
- Line Marking.
- Condition of roads following the heavy rain.
- General road repairs.
- Dangerous Junctions.
- Speeding.

4. Section 183 Local Government Act, 2001 – disposal of 1.406 hectares (being portion of the property comprised in Folio WX 3649 of the Register County Wexford) of land at Bessmount, Enniscorthy and granting of a wayleave/right of way for access over 0.075 hectares on the retained lands.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Members agreed to the disposal of 1.406 hectares (being portion of the property comprised in Folio WX 3649 of the Register County Wexford) of land at Bessmount, Enniscorthy and granting of a wayleave/right of way for access over 0.075 hectares on the retained lands under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

5. County Wexford Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2016.

It was unanimously agreed to defer this item until the January meeting of the Members of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

6. Flood Relief Report/Udate.

Mr. Larry Mchale, Project Resident Engineer updated the Members on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme and responded to all queries raised.

7. 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.

Mr. O’Corcora confirmed that water levels are being monitored frequently when under threat

from flooding.

Mr. O'Corcora undertook to speak to the Water Services Department to request a meeting with Irish Water to discuss the provision of network improvements and plant upgrade to the Sewerage Plant in Oylegate.

8. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

The District Manager informed the Members that the Events Management Plan for the County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorations on Easter Monday was near completion and would be submitted to the Planning Section for approval in early 2016.

The Athenaeum

Works on the Athenaeum are progressing well, on time and in budget.

Choral Concert

It was noted that the New Years Day Choral Concert was almost sold out.

1916 Centenary Commemoration Grant Scheme

The District Manager stated that the 1916 Centenary Commemoration Grant Scheme had been advertised with a closing date of 31st December, 2015. The District Manager undertook to bring a report to the January Meeting.

Event for families of participants of the 1916 Rising

The Members were informed that preparations for the proposed event for the families of participants of the 1916 Rising is almost complete.

Batallion Flag

The Batallion Flag has been repaired and restored and will be returned to Enniscorthy in due course.

Schools Programme.

The success of the above programme was recognised by the Members who complimented all Library Staff involved in this great project.

Exhibition

The District Manager stated that the Council's Archivist is working on moving an exhibition to the Athenaeum. The exhibition will not be ready for the official opening of the Athenaeum, it is expected however, to have an opening date for April, 2016.

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

None.

10. Correspondence.

The District Manager read a letter received from the Embassy of the United States of America acknowledging receipt of the Book of Condolence opened by the Enniscorthy Municipal District for the victims of the Berkeley tragedy.

11. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Murphy complimented all involved in the preparation and management of 'Santa's Enchanted Castle' which proved to be a great success. The District Manager confirmed that targets had been surpassed and acknowledged all work done by the Castle Staff. He continued by thanking the Enniscorthy Chamber of Commerce for their support and the Rathnure Pantomime Society for their commitment to the project.

The Director of Services thanked the Members, District Manager and staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District for their work and commitment during 2015 and wished them and members of the press a very Happy Christmas.

The Chairman on behalf of himself and the Members of the Enniscorthy Municipal District also thanked all staff and the press and wished them all the best for Christmas and 2016.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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