

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016 AT 6.00 PM  
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

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

**Officials:** Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Mr. Padraig O’Gorman, District Manager  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Tadhg O’Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer

**Apologies: Councillors:** John O’Rourke

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the November Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

### **1.3. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr. W. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Minutes of the December Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

### **1.4. Matters Arising.**

None.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- The family of Sheila Kinsella, Enniscorthy, RIP.
- The family of Molly McAuley, RIP.
- The family of Paddy Burke, RIP.
- The family of Martin O'Connor, RIP.

A minutes silence was observed.

## **2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

### **2.2. Planning & Enterprise.**

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

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

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

- Improvement Grants.
- Request for information on the BER of housing stock.
- The number of housing units proposed for Enniscorthy.
- Derelict Properties.

- Special Need accommodation in Oylegate.

Ms. Hore informed the Members that an official review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018 had taken place in October this year, as directed by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. Ms. Hore continued by stating that this review has shown that there are now 91 families requiring Traveller Accommodation in County Wexford, which shows a decrease of 29.6% from 128 families in 2014. The targets based on the needs assessment will reflect this decrease and the revised target will move from 26 families to 18 families for 2016 – 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members agreed to the decrease of targets from 26 families to 18 families for 2016 – 2018 as proposed by Ms. Hore.

#### Community & Environment

The Members outlined a number of concerns including the ongoing issue with dog fouling throughout the district.

Cllr. Murphy welcomed the return of tree shredding to Bunclody.

It was noted that the Hope Centre in Enniscorthy was among the winners at the Pride of Place National Awards recently and the Members expressed congratulations to the Hope Centre on this very prestigious win.

### **2.3. Roads Report.**

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, 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 Ms. Kehoe undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Speeding at the National School in Oulart and the FCJ School in Bunclody.
- Improvement works/safety measures to a number of roads throughout the district.

The Members congratulated the Contractors responsible for the recent work completed on the N80.

**3. Proposed Taking in Charge of housing estates at Ashbrook, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, Bridgemeanow, Enniscorthy and Seven Oaks, Ballyhogue, under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members unanimously agreed to the proposed Taking in Charge of housing estates at Ashbrook, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, Bridgemeanow, Enniscorthy and Seven Oaks, Ballyhogue, under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 200 (as amended).

A discussion took place in relation to the taking in charge of a number of additional housing developments in the Enniscorthy District.

**4. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.**

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer gave a brief outline of the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report circulated prior to the meeting.

The Director of Services confirmed that there are ongoing meetings with the Consultants to ensure the project is being moved forward as quickly as possible. He continued by stating that it is proposed to have the Consultants make a presentation to the Members in April, 2017.

The Members thanked Mr. Mchale for the professional manner in which he is dealing with all queries and complaints relating to the scheme.

**5. Water Services Report.**

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Water Services Report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members outlined a number of queries to which Mr. O'Corcora responded.

**6. Enniscorthy Sports Hub.**

The District Manager updated the attendees on the current position of Phase 2 of the Enniscorthy Sports Hub. Mr. O'Gorman stated that following a meeting with the main users of the hub a few minor changes had been made to the plan. It was noted that it is intended to proceed with the Part 8 Planning Application in the coming week.

Cllr. Mythen expressed his concern with the position of the building, i.e. the rear of the building facing onto a housing development. Cllr. Mythen asked if this could be changed so that the front of the building faces the development. Mr. O'Gorman confirmed that some

improvements have been made to the rear of the building to enhance the aesthetics of same, however, it would be counterproductive to change the position of the building at this time.

**7. GMA Festivals.**

Mr. O’Gorman gave a brief update on the Christmas Festival 2016, which, he stated had been improved this year and subsequently showed a 100% increase from 2015.

Regarding funding for festivals proposed for 2017, Mr. O’Gorman asked that consideration be given to the early allocation of monies.

Cllr. Doyle expressed his disappointment with the recent negative press relating to some elements of the Christmas Festival. The Members supported Cllr. Doyle’s sentiments.

The District Manager gave a brief synopsis on expenditure and income for 2016 for Santa’s Enchanted Castle and also spoke of the positive effect it has had on Enniscorthy Town with a significant increase in the number of visitors to Enniscorthy recorded this year. The Director of Services thanked all involved in the administration of Santa’s Enchanted Castle.

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

None.

**9. Correspondence.**

None.

**10. Any Other Business.**

The Director of Service informed the Members that Mr. O’Gorman will be moving to the Housing Department in January, 2017 and Ms. Elizabeth Hore will be taking up the position of District Manager with the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

The Members expressed their sincere gratitude to Mr. O’Gorman for his assistance, enthusiasm, energy, work ethic and commitment to Enniscorthy during his time as District Manager. In particular the Members thanked Mr. O’Gorman for his commitment to the County Wexford 1916 Centenary Programme, which, they felt was a triumph and could not

have been improved upon, an event they stated they were proud to be associated with.

The Members welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Hore to the Enniscorthy District and looked forward to working with her.

Mr. O’Gorman thanked the Members for their kind words. He continued by thanking Mr. Carley, Director of Services and all staff at the Enniscorthy Municipal District. Mr. O’Gorman stated that Ms. Hore was inheriting something very special and he wished her the best in her new role as District Manager.

Ms. Hore also thanked the Members and Mr. O’Gorman and undertook to do her best to fulfill the role of District Manager, a role she was looking forward to undertaking.

Civic Reception

The Members agreed to hold a Civic Reception for the Hope Centre early in the New Year for their success in winning an award at the Pride of Place National Awards recently.

The Members wished all in attendance a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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