

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY
HELD ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 2017 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

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

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Ms. Marie Butler, Clerical Officer
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer
Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer
Tim Ashton/Eunan O'Donnell, Austen Associates.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 20th November, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, the Minutes of the November 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th November, 2017 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 – 20th November, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh the Minutes of the November Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th November, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Mr. Eunan O'Donnell and Mr. Tim Austen, Austen Associates.

Messrs. Eunan O'Donnell, Tim Austen and Rory O'Mahony attended the meeting to update the Members on the Orchard Park.

Mr. O'Donnell informed Members that the design of the park was to combine the existing elements with a new fully accessible pathway that creates a new link from Irish Street to the presentation centre, increasing permeability in the town. The existing woodland planting at Irish Street is to be rationalized to accommodate the new path. This will be planted with native species that will grow on and form a legacy of strong planting for generations to come. He further stated that the park would be finished by the end of March. The District Manager stated that the new park would provide a valuable public amenity green space in the centre town and was ideally placed adjacent to the primary school.

The Members raised a number of issues which Messrs. O'Donnell, Austen and O'Mahony said would be addressed at their next site meeting. The Chairman then thanked them for attending and they duly left the meeting.

3. Vinegar Hill – Archaeological Study, Preliminary Findings.

This matter was deferred to the January meeting of the Council.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

4.1. Planning.

Members asked if there were any substantial developments in the pipe-line for the Enniscorthy area and if there were any water/sewerage constraints in the villages. Mr. Hunt said that he would check out these matters and revert back.

4.2. Housing.

Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. O'Gorman responded.

4.2.1 Proposed Disposal of properties at 20 and 20a Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy.

It was proposed by Cllr. Oliver Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan and agreed to proceed with the sale of 20 and 20a Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy. Cllr. Mythen

voiced his objection to the sale and asked that same be used for emergency accommodation.

4.3 Enterprise.

None

4.4 Roads Report.

Joanne Kehoe, E.E. gave a detailed report to the Members and stated that the majority of surfacing etc., was now complete, that footpath reconstruction had now been carried out at Milehouse Road and Cherryorchard Heights, and footpath construction had been completed at R746 at the FCJ, R741 at Blackwater. The Engineer further stated that upgraded school warning signage had been erected at Caim and St. Aidan's School.

Members then raised concerns with regard to the following;

- During the recent snowfall, no gritting services were available in areas where there was snow such as Ballindaggin. Also members requested that in the event of further snow/ice that consideration be given to salting outside schools.
- Doran's Bridge – Members raised concerns about this area and stated that something needed to be done.
- Fairy Lane in the Ballagh/Ashfield Housing Estate – Members asked if these areas could be looked at – blind entrances to these estates?.
- Pedestrian Crossing at the Duffry removed – will same be re-instated? Joanne said that she would have a look at re-instating.
- Pelican Light – Grotto in the Shannon
- Speed Limit sign – Moyne Lower. – Can same be replaced?

5. Taking in Charge.

5.1 Proposed taking in charge of Meadowbrook, Oulart Housing estate in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Johnny Mythen that the above Housing estate be taken in charge and so agreed.

5.2 Proposed taking in charge of Waterside Close, Clohamon Housing Estate in Accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Johnny Mythen that the above estate be taken in charge and so agreed.

6. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Larry McHale gave a detailed report to the Members on Communications, Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, Works on Site and Programme for the upcoming Flood Defence Scheme. He further stated that it was hopeful that the scheme would go on public display in March/April, 2018 and following on would then go to the Department.

7. Water Services Report.

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

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

8.1 – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. Proposal to take in charge road known as St. Senan's Lane, Killagoley, Enniscorthy.

Ms. Hore informed Members that this matter had been deferred for amendment to the maps.

8.2 – Schedule of Charges

Ms. Hore informed Members that a review of the schedule of charges will be taking place in 2018 for Enniscorthy Municipal District that will support the new bye laws and will liaise with the Head of Finance on same.

9. Correspondence.

The District Manager updated the Members on all correspondence received since the previous meeting in particular:-

- Pobal – 3 year business plan had been approved for the Castle/'98 Centre and approval of €270,000.
- Urban Adventure - €44,500 had been received under this scheme to develop the River Slaney in Bunclody for sporting activities with Wexford Sports Active.

9. Any Other Business.

Votes of Sympathy:

Lucy Wall Murphy
Maurice Lyons
Pat Furlong
Nicholas Roche
John Walsh
Msgr. Lory Kehoe
Ger Morrissey.

Christmas Wishes:

Cllr. Keith Doyle extended good wishes to all Members, Officials, Staff and the People of Enniscorthy for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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