

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Paddy Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)
Johnny Mythen
Barbara-Anne Murphy
James Browne
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
Mr. Noel O’Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician/Road Safety Officer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing

Apologies: Councillor: John O’Rourke

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 20th January, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Murphy the Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th January, 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 20th January, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Minutes of the January Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th January, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. Bailey responded.

Mr. Bailey updated the Members on the Housing Adaption Programme for the Elderly.

Under Environment the Members raised the following:-

- Drainage in Ryland Cemetery, Bunclody, St. Mary's Cemetery, Enniscorthy and Glenbrien Cemetery.
- Dumping in Marconi Park.

2.2. Planning & Enterprise.

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

2.3. Roads Report – including Roads Programme 2016.

Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer briefed the Members on the main points of the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. Dempsey circulated the Roads GMA Proposals for 2016 for discussion. The Members felt that the improvement/development of footpaths should not be expended from the GMA Budget but should however, be included under the Roads Budget. A brief discussion took place.

It was noted that the Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Schemes for 2016 will be brought to the March Meeting of Wexford County Council.

Under Roads the Members raised the following concerns:-

- Road Markings/Lining.

- Speeding controls within Housing Developments.
- Potholes/Poor road conditions.
- Public Lighting.

Mr. Noel O'Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer responded to all queries raised, in particular he stated that consideration will be given to an increase in the 2016 Roads GMA Allocation in each district for works to footpaths.

Mr. O'Driscoll also confirmed that Wexford County Council has made an application to the Department for funding of €3.5 million to assist with flood damage.

3. County Wexford Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2016.

Mr. David Codd briefed the Members on the Draft County Wexford Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2016. A brief discussion took place and it was noted that submissions can be made directly to Mr. Codd, Chief Technician/Road Safety Officer.

School Advance Warning Policy 2015

Mr. David Codd stated that this document was still under consideration and currently very much in its infancy. Mr. Noel O'Driscoll confirmed that once costing is complete it is proposed to carry out works on a phased basis.

A lengthy discussion took place and the Members raised the concern whether once the policy is adopted would their decision to allocate funds from their GMA for certain types of safety measures to schools in their district be stipulated. The question of whether this document should be a policy document or a guideline document was raised. Mr. O'Driscoll responded by stating that the policy would ensure consistency throughout the County and that the cost of providing a 'Driver Feedback' Sign at each school would be in the region of €10,000.

4. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

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

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 above schemes had been advertised in the Local Newspapers with a closing date of the 29th February. It is hoped to have a final report for the March Meeting of this Committee.

7. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

Relative's Presentation Night

The attendees noted that to date over 700 relatives had registered with Wexford County Council for the presentation night which will take place on the 27th April, 2016 in the Riverside Park Hotel. The District Manager stated that all relatives would receive an invitation to participate in the Easter Parade on Easter Monday.

1916 Conference

The District Manager informed the Members that bookings for the conference are going well with approximately 75 applicants registered.

Easter Weekend

A discussion took place on events taking place in Enniscorthy over the Easter Weekend and the District Manager confirmed that the PR Campaign will commence the 1st week in March to highlight and promote the 1916 Commemorative Celebrations.

Patriot's Flag

An up to date sketch of the Patriot's Flag was circulated to the attendees and the District Manager gave an update on its progress with the official unveiling scheduled for the 27th April, 2016.

Athenaeum Refurbishment

It was noted that works are progressing well and on budget. The County Wexford 1916 Exhibition will officially open in the Athenaeum on the 27th April, 2016.

Easter Monday

The District Manager stated that the Programme for the State Ceremony was now near completion and continued by outlining a number of events which will be taking place in Enniscorthy during the commemoration period.

The Members extended congratulations to the Mr. O'Gorman, District Manager and all staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District involved in 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

8. St. Patrick's Day Parade.

It was noted that the Enniscorthy St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place at 3.00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

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

None.

10. Correspondence.

None.

11. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Kavanagh extended best wishes to Cllr. Browne and Cllr. Mythen in the upcoming Elections.

The Members extended sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Philip Bowe, Killealy. A minutes silence was observed.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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