

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

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

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Mr. Noel O'Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. David Codd, Roads Safety Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner
Ms. Karina Fitzgerald, Assistant Planner
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing
Ms. Anita McLoughlin, Senior Staff Officer, Customer Services Project
Ms. Kathleen Morris, Senior Staff Officer, General Administration
Ms. Adrienne Larkin, Senior Staff Officer, General Administration
Mr. Brian O'Shaughnessy, I.T.

Apologies: Councillors: Johnny Mythen

1. Members Support System:

The Chairman welcomed officials from the Customer Services Project and the General Administration Department.

Ms. Anita McLoughlin gave a presentation to the Members on the 'Members Support System' which has been in place in Gorey as a pilot since June, 2016. This system allows the Members to make queries on-line which will be acknowledged by the CSL Section and forwarded to a contact person within the relevant section for distribution and response. It was noted that queries will be treated as a priority and will have a target response time of 3-5

days. It was further noted that it is proposed to now roll out this system to all districts.

A brief discussion took place and the officials responded to all queries raised by the Members.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

2.1. Minutes of the In Committee Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 16th January, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the January In Committee Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16th January, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.2. Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 16th January, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16th January, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.3. Matters Arising.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh asked if the Environment Officials would be attending the meeting today. The issue of dumping had been raised. The Director of Services confirmed that the relevant officials would be in attendance at the March Meeting of the Committee.

8. Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 and Preparation of the new Wexford County Development Plan 2019-2025.

It was agreed to take Item No. 8 at this point in the Meeting.

Ms. Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner gave a presentation to the Members on the Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 and Preparation of the new Wexford County Development Plan 2019-2025.

The Members stated that in particular they did not want to see Enniscorthy become a dormer town and felt that with the new M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy By-Pass it was paramount that people are encouraged to come to Enniscorthy Town for both work and leisure. Ms. Kearns, Senior Executive Planner highlighted the importance of providing a sustainable environment for all towns, bringing employment into the towns and offering a good quality of

life to all.

Other topics discussed included the Housing Strategy and the Climate Change Policy.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1. Housing.

Ms. Martina Donoghue attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Donoghue responded. It was noted that an update on the Housing Capital Programme will be circulated to the Members in due course.

Community & Environment.

Cllr. Doyle raised his concerns about the quality of air in Enniscorthy. On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members agreed to write to the Minister asking him to prioritise the development of a Strategy on the use of Smoky Coal.

Mr. Carley, Director of Services undertook to liaise with the relevant officials for the purposes of composing a letter on behalf of the Members for submission to the relevant government department. Mr. Carley also undertook to arrange for officials from the Environment Section to prepare a report on Air Quality and attend the Enniscorthy Municipal District March Meeting.

Cllr. O'Rourke asked if investigations could be made regarding the foul odor being experienced in the Shannon Area of the Town, especially in the mornings and evenings. Mr. O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer undertook to look into this matter and report back to the Members.

Cllr. Murphy recommended that the Council develop a policy on how to deal with the plant 'Japanese Knotweed'. Mr. O'Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer responded by stating that there is a three year programme currently in place whereby a Contractor has been engaged to spray Japanese Knotweed on the National Roads on an annual basis.

3.2. 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.

3.3. Roads Report.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer and Mr. Noel O'Driscoll, Senior 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, in particular:-

- Dangerous Bend on the R747.
- Ballycarney Bridge – cleaning.
- Footpaths – Ballyhogue Village and Cherryorchard Heights.
- Bridge in Killealy – speeding.
- Footpath at Bellefield.

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.

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. Draft Traffic Calming Policy.

Mr. David Codd, Roads Safety Officer attended the meeting to discuss Wexford County Council's Draft Traffic Calming Policy. Mr. Codd briefed the Members on the contents of the policy and a brief discussion took place.

7. Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2017.

Mr. David Codd, Roads Safety Officer gave a brief outline of the Draft County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2017, the contents of which were noted by the Members.

9. Festivals 2017.

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

10. Civic Receptions.

Ms. Hore, District Manager informed the Members that following a recent visit to the Hope Centre it was agreed that the proposed Civic Reception be held in May, 2017 after the Hope and Dream charity event in April.

The Members were requested to submit contact details of their submissions for the proposed Civic Reception to honor All-Ireland Winners/Finalists throughout the District to Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer, Enniscorthy Municipal District before the March meeting.

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

None.

12. Correspondence.

Correspondence from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Members to the Enniscorthy St. Patrick's Day Parade was noted.

The District Manager informed the attendees that the draft Strategy and Bye-Laws for Burial Grounds had been advertised in the local newspapers with a closing date of 31st March, 2017 for submissions or observations. It was noted that a copy of the draft strategy and bye-laws are currently available to view at all District Offices and the County Hall, Wexford until the 24th March, 2017.

13. Any Other Business.

The District Manager invited the Members to nominate representatives from the Municipal District Council to sit on the Steering Committee set up under the Redz Project for Bunclody. On the proposal of Cllr. W. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members agreed that Cllr. B.A. Murphy and Cllr. K. Codd- Nolan represent the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

Votes of Sympathy

The Members expressed votes of sympathy to the following:-

- The Family of the late Mr. David Walsh, RIP.
- The Family of the late Mr. Maurice Doran, Father-in Law to Cllr. Mythen, RIP.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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