

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY
HELD ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2018 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. Pdraig O'Gorman, A/Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Clerical Officer
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer
Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Broadband Officer

Apologies: Officials:

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 15th January, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. John O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, the Minutes of the January 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th January, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 15th January, 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. John O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh the Minutes of the January Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th January, 2018 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Broadband Update – Carolyne Godkin.

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, County Development/Broadband Officer attended the meeting to update the Members on the National Broadband Plan. Ms. Godkin made a presentation to the attendees, which included information on the following:-

- An introduction on the National Broadband Plan.
- The appointment of Broadband Officers by Local Authorities in late 2016.
- Local Digital Strategies for Local Authorities.
- High Speed Broadband Rollout in County Wexford and High Speed Broadband Map.
- Alternative Broadband packages for Amber area premises, i.e. ADSL Broadband, Mobile Broadband and Satellite Broadband.

The Members raised a number of concerns to which Ms. Godkin responded, in particular Cllr. Murphy raised concerns with the information supplied in the Broadband Map which appears to be incorrect. Ms. Godkin responded to all queries raised. The website facilitates members of the public to log on to review their local area and what zoning it comes under.

3. Amenity and Arts Grants & Residents Association Grants 2018.

The Amenity and Arts Grants & Residents Associations Grants 2018 were discussed.

The District Manager informed the Members that having looked at the accounts under the Amenity and Arts Grants & Residents Association Grants for 2017 there was an under spend which she recommended be transferred to the Enniscorthy Municipal Districts Community Festivals budget for 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Members agreed to the transfer of surplus monies from the Amenity and Arts Grants in the amount of €1,900 and the Residents Association Grants 2017 in the amount of €4,818.67 to the Festival Budget.

4. Vinegar Hill Commemoration Draft Programme 2018.

Ms. Hore, District Manager outlined the main points of the report circulated to the Members. Ms. Hore confirmed a number of events proposed for 2018, as follows:-

- 1798 Programme of Events at the 1798 Centre, comprising of a Vinegar Hill Photography Competition and Exhibition.
- 1798 Teaching Resource and Schools Activity Packs, April 2018.
- Archaeology Conference 25th to 27th May, 2018.
- Battle Re-Enactment 15th to 17th June, 2018.
- The Longest Day Commemoration 21st June, 2018.
- The French Connection 14th and 15th July, 2018.
- 1798 Event, an evening of traditional songs and music associated with the 1798 Rebellion, August, 2018.
- Vinegar Hill Research Study Publication, Autumn, 2018.

Cllr. Doyle spoke of the Battle Re-Enactment which will be a three day joint programme with the town of New Ross commemorating the 220th anniversary of the 1798 Rebellion. Cllr. Doyle felt this was a very positive approach which he feels will lead to a bigger event each year.

Other matters including the venue proposed for the Archaeology Conference were discussed and Ms. Hore undertook to follow up on all issues raised.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

5.1. Planning.

Noted by the Members.

5.2. Housing, Community & Environment.

Mr. Padraig O’Gorman, attended the meeting to discuss housing matters.

Mr. O’Gorman updated the Members on a number of housing issues, in particular:-

- Housing Construction.
- Provision of social housing in Enniscorthy.
- Affordable Mortgage Scheme.
- Refugee Programme.
- Housing voids.

The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. O’Gorman responded, queries included:-

- What proposals are recommended for tackling housing voids in the County.
- The need for applicants to show savings of 10% of the purchase price of the property to be eligible for the Affordable Mortgage Scheme. It was noted that applicants are finding it

difficult to meet this criteria.

- Appointment of additional staff to carry out inspections on the HAP & RAS units. It was noted that the recruitment process had commenced for an additional Staff Officer and two Clerk of Works to assist in these areas.
- Vacant serviced sites – does Wexford County Council have any such land in its ownership or any intention to purchase such sites?

Community

Under Community the Members raised their concerns with the increase in illegal dumping in the County and asked officials to provide a copy of the recent illegal dumping report.

A number of problem areas were highlighted, including Vinegar Hill and along the national routes.

Cllr. Murphy asked if it is intended to extend the 2K Community Clean Up Scheme to the Enniscorthy District. The officials undertook to speak to the relevant department and arrange for a staff member from Environment/Community to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Mr. O’Gorman stated that it is proposed to erect CCTV at particular hotspots around the County. A discussion took place regarding the €2.00 charge at recycling centres. Mr. O’Gorman confirmed that this initiative was introduced in the County Litter Plan and it was recommended that it continue for the year following which it will be reviewed.

Cllr. Doyle suggested that signage be erected in the illegal dumping hotspots around the County listing the number of prosecutions made by Wexford County Council in these areas.

Cllr. Mythen asked if Wexford County Council could write to the Supermarkets requesting them to reduce their use of plastic.

5.3 Enterprise.

None

5.4 Roads Report.

Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer updated the Members on the contents of the Roads Report, circulated prior to the meeting.

The Members raised concerns with regard to the following:

- Dorans bridge – safety issues.
- Condition of road at Slaney View, Enniscorthy.

- Chapel Lane update. Ms. Kehoe confirmed that the Council is proposing to erect gates instead of closing off the lane.
- Removal of the Speed Ramps at the Duffy, Enniscorthy.
- Hedge Trimming.
- Request for removal of ditch at the Ballina Road, Ballymurn.

The Programme of Works was discussed and noted.

Roads GMA

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members approved proposals under the Roads GMA for 2018 as presented by Ms. Kehoe.

Schools Signage

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr, O'Rourke the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with safety measures at Killealy National School and Courtnacuddy National School.

6. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer gave a detailed progress report on the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme. The Members put forward a number of queries to which Mr. McHale responded.

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 Order or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members.

8.1 Annual Report 2016 and 2017

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Members approved the Annual Report 2016 and 2017 as presented by the District Manager.

8.2 Disabled Parking Fines

Ms. Hore, District Manager informed the Members that with effect from 1st March, 2018 the

Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport is raising the fixed charge for parking in a disabled parking bay without displaying a valid permit from €80.00 to €150.00. It was noted that the offender will have the usual 28 days to pay, however after 28 days and up to 56 days the fine increases to €225.00.

9. Correspondence.

Ms. Hore informed the attendees of a Creative Schools Initiative led by the Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Up to 150 schools will participate in the pilot initiative and will work with artists, creative practitioners and educators to develop their own unique programme of arts and creative work, connecting them to the full range of local and regional cultural resources and opportunities.

It was noted that further information is available on the Arts Council Website.

10. Any Other Business.

International Architecture Exhibition

Cllr. Murphy informed the attendees that Bunclody had been selected as part of the International Architecture Exhibition at the Venice Architecture Biennale 2018. The exhibition called Free Market is exploring the common spaces to be found in market towns and is taking place in Venice on 26th May, 2018. Following this exhibition there will be a national road show in 2019 followed by a symposium on the market towns. District manager to prepare report for press on the event.

The members approved Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy Chair of the Bunclody Town Team to represent the Enniscorthy Municipal District at the prestigious event on the proposal of Cllr. Willie Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Keith Doyle.

Derelict Sites

Derelict Sites and Dangerous Structures in the district was raised and discussed.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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