

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2015 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Barbara Ann Murphy (Cathaoirleach)

Johnny Mythen
Paddy Kavanagh
Keith Doyle
Jams Browne
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Oliver Walsh
John O'Rourke

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. David Minogue, District Administrator/Meetings Administrator
Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Administrative Officer, Housing

1. Presentation: Wexford Walking Trails Group:

Ms. Mary Donohoe, Ms. Catherine MacPartlin and Mr. Brian O'Cléirigh attended the meeting and made a presentation to the Members on behalf of the Wexford Walking Trail Group. The reason for the presentation was to brief the Members on the present status of the group, seek support from the Enniscorthy Municipal District and identify mutual benefits from collaboration. The Members thanked the group and congratulated them on their excellent presentation. The Members offered their support and following a brief discussion the group left the meeting.

Votes Of Sympathy

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- The Families in Paris affected by the recent terrorist attacks.
- Ms. Amanda Byrne on the death of her son Sam and Father-In-Law, Mr. Matt Murphy.
- The Families of the four girls who died tragically in the recent Road Traffic Accident.

It was noted that the Director of Services would like to be connected with the vote of sympathy for the Families in Paris.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

2.1. Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17th December, 2014.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th December, 2014 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17th December, 2014.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Minutes of the December Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th December, 2014 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.3. Matters Arising.

None.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

The above report was noted. Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Hore responded.

Ms. Hore informed the Members that the grant scheme for Housing for Older People (HOP) had re-opened in 2015 for new applications from January to May. This was welcomed by the Members.

The Members raised their concerns regarding illegal dumping in the District. A lengthy discussion took place and Councillor Doyle asked if legal advice could be sought around the area of 'Naming and Shaming' those found guilty of littering. The Members also asked that additional signage be erected for the recycling centres provided by Wexford County Council and that consideration be given to re-opening these centres each Monday.

The Members asked if any plans had been made to utilise the Courthouse. The District Administrator stated that this had now become the responsibility of the Property Division in Wexford, however, once the building was protected from the elements it could then be utilised. The Members outlined a number of potential uses for the building which were noted by the executive team.

3.2. Planning & Enterprise.

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

3.3. Roads Report.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Ms. Kehoe undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Road Surfacing.
- Public Lighting.
- Request for Pedestrian Crossings.
- Road Markings.
- CCTV.
- Speeding Controls.

The District Administrator stated that it is hoped that the proposed CCTV for Gimont will be installed and become operational before week ending 5th February, 2015.

The Director of Services, following queries raised by the Members at their last meeting, confirmed that he had asked Mr. Ollie Tierney, Roads Liaison Officer to attend the next meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District to give an outline report on the Enniscorthy By-Pass.

Councillor Browne expressed his disappointment with the abolishment of the Joint Policing Committee. On the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was agreed to invite a member of An Garda Siochana to a meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal Authority to allow the Members to express local concerns. It was noted that Councillor Doyle felt that a Special Meeting would be the correct forum for such a meeting.

The Director of Services undertook to discuss this with the Sergeant on behalf of the Members.

Councillor Murphy thanked the Roads Crew for their assistance with the Operation Transformation in Bunclody.

3.4. Water Services Report.

Mr. Rory O'Mahony, 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'Mahony undertook to respond to same.

Flood Relief Scheme

It was noted that Wexford County Council hoped to see considerable work done under this scheme in 2015 and following the appointment of the Consultants, the OPW would be invited to attend a meeting of the Enniscorthy Municipal District. Councillor Browne asked that the possibility of making the Pedestrian Bridge a tourist attraction be explored.

Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme, Phase 3

The Director of Services confirmed that Wexford County Council is seeking for the maximum capacity from Irish Water, as requested by the Members. The Director also confirmed that before the beginning of March 2015 a full-time Engineer will be place for this scheme.

Councillor Murphy raised concerns regarding the presence of lead in the water pipes throughout the County. It was noted that to date no reports had been received for the Enniscorthy District, however the Director of Service confirmed that tests are ongoing and Wexford County Council have proposed actions to Irish Water to assist with the issue. The Director undertook to bring a report to the Members February Meeting, if test results became available.

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

None.

20:28 p.m. At this juncture Councillor John O'Rourke left the meeting.

5. Templeshannon Rates Incentive Scheme - Update:

The Director of Services informed the attendees that 2 No. Business's had now signed for the above scheme with a further number of businesses in discussions with Wexford County Council. The Director thanked Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman for his input into this scheme and his work on the implementation of same.

6. General Municipal Allocation - Consideration of Festival Funding:

The District Administrator circulated a draft proposal on the allocation of the above funding for 2015. Following a brief discussion it was agreed to discuss the matter at a future meeting.

7. Correspondence:

None.

8. Notice of Motion - Cllr. James Browne:

“That Enniscorthy Municipal District calls on Wexford County Council to dedicate and name the roundabout at Blackstoops the “Eileen Gray” roundabout”

Following a show of hands it was noted that the Members supported Councillor Browne’s proposal but asked that perhaps a more substantial dedication be made to Ms. Gray. A number of recommendations were made following which a brief discussion took place. Regarding a query raised relating to the Percent for Arts Scheme, the Director of Services confirmed that this scheme would not apply to the By-Pass but would however apply under the Flood Relief Scheme. The Director undertook to ask the Curator to look at how this could be progressed in the design of the proposed bridge under this scheme.

9. Any Other Business:

The Members wished to record in the Minutes that recommendation was not made to re-located the Bus Stop from its current position on the Quay, but that proposals for a second Bus Stop be investigated by the Council.

20:55 At this juncture Councillor James Browne left the meeting.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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