

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY, 2016 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

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

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

Apologies: Officials: Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician/Road Safety Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 16th December, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Doyle the Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16th December, 2015 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 16th December, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Minutes of the December Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 16th December, 2015 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.

Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Hore responded.

Ms. Hore updated the Members on the following:-

- Housing Acquisition Programme.
- Housing Voids.
- Construction Programme.
- House Adaptions.
- Homelessness.
- Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Members extended their gratitude to staff of the Housing Department who worked during the Christmas period.

2.2. Planning & Enterprise.

The Members noted the Planning Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Under Environment Cllr. Walsh asked that a report be prepared on how Ballyconnigar Beach can be made accessible. A number of concerns were highlighted by the Members, in particular:-

- Drainage at Bunclody Cemetery.
- Lack of pathways in Cemetery's throughout the District.
- Noise Pollution.

The Director of Services responded to all queries raised.

2.3. Roads Report

Mr. Neil Dempsey, 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, and Mr. Dempsey undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Potholes/Poor Road Conditions in a number of areas around the District including Forreastallstown, Monglass Lane, Bree Lane, Marshalstown Village and Ballindaggin.
- Road Surfacing.
- Road closure at Ballyvaloo Upper.
- Footpaths.

The Members thanked all staff for their hard and diligent work during the recent floods.

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

Mr. Dempsey 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. David Codd, Chief Technician/Road Safety Officer.

4. Enniscorthy Recent Flooding Update.

Mr. O'Corcora presented a report to the Members on the recent Flood Event in Enniscorthy. This report included details on Wexford Local Authorities Flood Plan, the Schedule of Events from 11th December, 2015 to 15th January, 2016, Flooded Areas and Response People.

19:45 At this juncture, Cllr. Kavanagh left the meeting. Cllr. Browne, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in Cllr. Kavanagh's absence.

Mr. O'Corcora took this opportunity to thank all outside organisations for their assistance during the flooding incident.

The District Manager wished to thank Mr. O'Corcora and Mr. Dempsey for the excellent work carried out by them during this difficult time. He continued by thanking all staff at the Enniscorthy Municipal District who assisted during the floods.

Cllr. Doyle asked that a meeting be arranged with the Office of Public Works to discuss the area of dredging and why same cannot be carried out. The Members also asked if consideration could be given to an alternative location for placement of sand bags for the Priors Court Housing Development, for the use of 1 tone sand bags and the provision of defence shuttering.

5. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Larry Mchale, Project Resident Engineer updated the Members on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme. Mr. McHale informed the Members that a website is currently being developed for information purposes listing all frequently asked questions in relation to the Scheme.

Mr. McHale confirmed that in order to prevent flooding a combination of three measures are necessary, i.e. deepening of the river, widening of the river and the provision of a wall. A brief discussion took place.

6. 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.

7. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

Centenary Commemoration Grant Scheme

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. Doyle the Members agreed the recommendations presented by the District Manager regarding the allocation of monies under the 1916 Centenary Commemoration Grant Scheme subject to terms and conditions. It was further agreed to allocate monies to the Ross Road Residents Association who applied for funding prior to the commencement of this grant.

1916 Monument – Abbey Square

The District Manager updated the Members on the progress of the 1916 Monument for Abbey Square and on the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Mythen it was unanimously agreed to name the structure "Patriot's Flag".

It was recommended that the official unveiling of the "Patriot's Flag" take place on the 27th April being the exact date the town rose. The official opening of the 1916 Exhibition in the Athenaeum will take place on the 27th April followed by a Reception for Family Members of participants of the 1916 Rising.

1916 Conference

A date of 5th March, 2016 was confirmed for the 1916 Conference to be held in the Riverside Park Hotel. It was noted that the brochure was currently in print and would be ready for circulation soon.

Athenaeum Refurbishment

It was noted that works are progressing well.

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.

8. Brooklyn Exhibition.

It is hoped that a Brooklyn themed Exhibition will showcase in the Enniscorthy Castle in April/May of this year.

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

None.

10. Correspondence.

None.

11. Any Other Business.

None.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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