

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017 AT 11.30 AM  
IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM, BLOCK A, COUNTY HALL,  
CARRICKLAWN, WEXFORD.**

**Attendance: Councillors:** Oliver Walsh (Cathaoirleach)

Johnny Mythen

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  
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing  
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise  
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the December Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Minutes of the December Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

### **1.3. Matters Arising.**

None.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- The family of Mary Quigley, Ferns, Mother of Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer, Enniscorthy Municipal District, RIP.
- The family of Anthony Cronin, Poet, RIP.
- The family of P.J. Mahon, RIP.
- The family of Watty Kelly, RIP.
- The family of T.K. Whittaker, RIP.

A minutes silence was observed.

The Director of Services and the Chairman welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager to the Enniscorthy District. It was noted that Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer was assigned to the EMD meetings to discuss Housing Matters and the Members welcomed Ms. Donoghue to the meeting.

## **2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

### **2.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.**

Ms. Martina Donoghue attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Donoghue responded, in particular a query was raised around the new Housing Assistance Programme.

Cllr. O'Rourke asked that consideration be given to the use of a now vacant property in Enniscorthy for use as a hostel for the homeless, accommodation for the elderly or caring for clients in the area suffering from mental health issues. It is believed that this accommodation, which, was used by Respond and the HSE could house from 18 to 20 people. The Director of Services undertook that Housing would contact Respond to ascertain what plans, if any they have for this property.

Ms. Hore, District Manager informed the attendees that Wexford County Council are supporting a National Conference being hosted in the Riverside Park Hotel by nZebra on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017. This conference is aimed at designers, specifiers, local authorities and contractors who want to learn from leading experts on the delivery of

fast track and affordable nearly zero rated energy buildings. Wexford County Council currently have a turnkey development of 8 n Zeb houses in Enniscorthy

Cllr. P. Kavanagh asked for clarification on the issue of obstruction governed in the bye-laws covering the new Cemetery in Enniscorthy.

## **5. Enniscorthy Community Action Plan.**

The Members welcomed Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer Wexford LCDC to the meeting. Mr. Mackey circulated his report on the Enniscorthy Community Action Plan and Bunclody Rural Economic Development Zone (REDZ) and a brief discussion took place. The Members welcomed this initiative and asked that a report be circulated outlining works completed in the previous plan.

### **Playgrounds**

Mr. Mackey informed the Members that it is hoped that works to the Promenade Playground in Enniscorthy will commence in February and will result in the closure of the playground for two to three weeks.

It was noted that the current play equipment in this playground will be taken down and refurbished for use in an area where no playground exists.

### **Environment**

The Members raised a number of concerns under Environment, including:-

- Illegal Dumping
- The issuing of fines to households who are not disposing of their rubbish legally.
- Consideration to carrying out a survey to ascertain what households do not possess refuse bins and in what manner the rubbish is disposed of in these households.

It was agreed to invite Mr. Gerry Forde and Mr. Hugh Maguire, Environment to a future Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

## **2.2. 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. The Members outlined a number of queries to which Ms. Kearns responded. Queries included:-

- Unused Sandpits and Quarries.
- Solar Farms – Wexford County Council’s policy/guidelines.

### **2.3. Roads Report.**

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, 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 Ms. Kehoe undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Blasting.
- Road Closures.
- Pedestrian Crossing in Bunclody out of order.

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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. Enniscorthy Municipal District Submission for Wexford County Council's Annual Report 2015.**

A brief discussion took place and the Members unanimously agreed the Enniscorthy Municipal Districts submission for the Wexford County Council's Annual Report 2015.

### **7. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members.**

None.

### **8. Correspondence.**

None.

**9. Any Other Business.**

None.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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