

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY
HELD ON MONDAY 15th JANUARY, 2018 AT 4.30 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. Marie Butler, Clerical Officer
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer
Mr. Brian Galvin – Senior Engineer
Mr. Ger Mackey – A/Senior Executive Officer

Templeshannon Team: Manuel Garrido ARUP, Michael Tierney, Richard Hamilton

Vinegar Hill Project: Dr. Ronan O Flaherty, Jacqui Sydney, Rory O'Connor

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th December, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Oliver Walsh, seconded by Cllr. John O'Rourke, the Minutes of the December 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th December, 2017 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 – 18th December, 2017.

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18th December, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

2. Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy.

Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer informed Members that the Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy was setting out Wexford County Council's ambitious regeneration proposals for the Templeshannon area of Enniscorthy over the next 15-20 years. Manuel Garrido from ARUP made a presentation and stated that the strategy included a number of key infrastructural projects;

- Implementation of Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme and the associated Traffic Management Plan, including a proposal within the traffic plan to make Templeshannon one way from the Shannon to the Old Bridge.
- Improvement of the public realm and streetscape of the Templeshannon area including the widening of footpaths, enhanced public lighting, undergrounding of services, paving etc.
- Improving accessibility and linkages from the Templeshannon areas to the rest of Enniscorthy, including the provision of a new pedestrian bridge from Slaney Street to Templeshannon.
- The progressive transformation of the Waterfront Leisure Centre private car park to create a new civic space and public car park.
- Improvement of the Enniscorthy Railway Station arrival area with emphasis on its connection to Templeshannon and the rest of Enniscorthy.

The preparation of designs for the streetscape works and the new pedestrian bridge projects will commence in the coming months and these projects are expected to be completed by mid 2019 and mid to late 2020 respectively. Both projects will include a public consultation and planning process.

All Members congratulated Manuel on the Regeneration Strategy and he duly left the meeting.

3. Vinegar Hill – Archaeological Study, Preliminary Findings.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed Dr. Ronan O'Flaherty and Ms. Jacqui Sydney.

Ms. Hynes gave the Members details on "The Longest Day" Project findings from archaeological, geographical and historical research programme for Vinegar Hill battlefield. She stated that the aim of the project was to undertake a programme of indepth research into the events and expanse of the Battles of Enniscorthy and Vinegar Hill, encompassing the dates of 28th May to 21st June, 1798.

Liz Hore stated that the findings presented key evidence that would form the master plan for Vinegar

Hill as an eminent battlefield site and would explore the tourism opportunities arising from same.

The Chairman Cllr. Keith Doyle had hosted a meeting with key stakeholders to get their views on the Vinegar Hill Programme for the 220th year and will have a draft programme for the next meeting.

The Members viewed the findings from the project as very positive for Enniscorthy, and stated that same needed to be promoted as the human story was there to be told. The Chairman thanked Jackie, Ronan and Rory for attending and they duly left the meeting.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

4.1. Planning.

Noted by the Members.

4.2. Housing.

Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. O’Gorman responded.

4.3 Enterprise.

None

4.4 Roads Report.

Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer gave a detailed report to the Members comprising of the following;

(a) TII Allocation – National Roads

Repairs to the safety barriers on National Roads will commence in the coming weeks and works are expected to take approximately three months.

(b) General Road Maintenance

Pothole repairs, gully cleaning and inlet works are ongoing around the District.

(c) 2018 Roads Programme

Awaiting notification of the grants for 2018 before finalising the schemes for 2018.

Members then raised concerns with regard to the following:

- Dorans bridge – safety issues. A number of Members had attended a public meeting on the issue by the community in Kildealy as it was of major concern. It was agreed by the Chairman that the community should write in the issues and suggested proposals discussed on the night so that the engineer and roads could review what was possible and then the chair would host a delegation meeting to follow up on the matter.
- Chapel Lane – can anything be done to close off lane. Tadhg stated that the Council would need to meet the locals first and there was a formal process involved in closing off same.
- ESB station Pig Market Hill, pest infestation – investigate.
- Dog fouling on footpaths across town – can anything be done to eradicate?
- Wastewater plant – Esmonde Road – will same be resurfaced?
- Potholes on roads in Ballymurn/The Ballagh.
- Traffic Calming – Kilmyshall.
- Greenville Road can this now be resurfaced?
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5. County Wexford Traveller Project.

At the outset Cllr. Keith Doyle introduced Ger Mackey, Community Department who gave a detailed proposal on the upcoming County Wexford Traveller Project. Members said that they were delighted to see the project going ahead and it was a very positive step. Ger said that the project would continue on a yearly basis and be funded yearly under the department of Justice. The Chairman then thanked Ger for attending and he duly left the meeting.

Rapid Funding:

Members noted that the LCDC at its meeting of the 15th December, 2017 approved the allocation of RAPID funding of €64,500 in County Wexford towards the development of a countywide FAB Lab at the Enniscorthy Enterprise Centre, in collaboration with the WWETB.

Approval to the FAB Lab was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh.

6. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

Larry McHale gave a detailed report to the Members on Communications, Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, Works on Site and Programme for the upcoming Flood Defence Scheme.

Cllr. Kavanagh queried progress and if everything was going according to plan and asked that we keep the pressure on the OPW to bring the scheme to fruition.

Larry in reply stated that the Office of Public Works were continuing to progress the project and working towards public display with detailed design.

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 Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members.

None.

9. Correspondence.

None,

10. Any Other Business.

A discussion on the streetscapes of the town took place and it was noted that the up lighters around town need to be repaired/replaced. A further discussion took place regarding a review of cobble locking.

Votes of Sympathy:

Clive Allen
Margaret Dunne
Sean Chapman
Nelly Brennan

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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