

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY, 2015 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENISCORTHY.**

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

Apologies: Councillors: John O'Rourke

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Padraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17th June, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Minutes of the June Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th June, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

The Director of Services took this opportunity to thank Councillor Murphy for the work carried out by her during her term as Chairperson to the Municipal District of Enniscorthy. He continued by saying that Councillor Murphy carried out her duties in a professional manner and thanked her for the help and assistance given to him. He wished the new Chairperson, Councillor Kavanagh best wishes and stated that he looked forward to working with him over the next year, which he hoped would be a fruitful one.

1.2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17th June, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the June Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th June, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th June, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th June, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.4. Matters Arising.

The District Manager circulated a copy of a promotional sign advertising Enniscorthy as the film set of Brooklyn, which, he is proposing to erect in three areas of the town. He wished to acknowledge Mr. Ibar Carty who was the photographer responsible for the pictures. The Members welcomed this promotional project and thanked the District Manager.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. Bailey responded. It was noted that details of the new proposed Tenant Purchase Scheme would be available soon.

Under Community, Councillor Murphy wished Ms. Fionnuala Hanrahan, County Librarian a long and happy retirement. All Members wished to be included in these sentiments and recognised the work done by Ms. Hanrahan during her time with Wexford County Council.

Under Environment the Members raised the issue of illegal dumping at Bellefield Springs. Councillor Murphy confirmed that a new location for the Bottle Bank in Bunclody had been agreed and the District Manager confirmed that the gating of the back lanes in Moran Park would be complete by mid October.

2.2. Planning & Enterprise.

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

2.3. 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:-

- Footpaths.
- Speeding Controls.
- Hedge cutting.
- Signage.
- Road Markings.

Councillor Doyle extended congratulations to Ms. Kehoe on the standard of the pothole repairs carried out in 2015.

3. 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.

4. Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer outlined the main points of the report circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. It was noted that the Consultant for the New Bridge and the Consultant for the Main Flood Defence Works will be appointed this month following which an early meeting will be arranged the Consultants and the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

5. Civic Receptions.

The District Manager stated that a second list of nominations had been received and suggested dates of the 18th of September and the 2nd of October for the presentation of Civic Receptions. On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to hold a Civic Reception for individual achievers on Friday 18th September, 2015 along with a further reception for the Enniscorthy Rugby Club on Friday 2nd October, 2015.

6. Festivals Update.

The District Manager updated the Members on the upcoming festivals and responded to all questions raised. The Enniscorthy Rockin'Food Festival Brochure was circulated to the Members and the Manager brought their attention to the free outdoor screening of the film 'Grease' in Market Square at 9.00 p.m. on Sunday 2nd August, 2015.

The Members complimented all involved in the design and printing of the Brochure.

7. TestTown Initiative.

The District Manager briefed the Members on the TestTown Enterprise Challenge for 2015. He stated that Enniscorthy has been selected as one of the ten towns throughout Ireland and the UK to take part and this will be the first time that TestTown will have a presence in the Republic of Ireland. This challenge will help create a new wave of responsible young entrepreneurs, lower unemployment and simultaneously boost local regeneration. It was noted that Enniscorthy's entry into the competition has been created by Enniscorthy Enterprise & Technology Centre in partnership with Wexford County Council and Enniscorthy District Chamber of Commerce.

8. The Presentation Centre.

The Members were informed that Wexford County Council has contracted the Wexford Arts Centre to manage the Presentation Centre on a trial basis for six months. The purpose being to give an arts focus to the Centre by using the expertise and knowledge that can be provided the Wexford Arts Centre. This was welcomed by the Members.

9. Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

The new opening hours for the above facility was circulated to the attendees. The District Manager stated that MGM Consultants have been appointed for Phase 2 of the Sports Hub and it is hoped that a draft/update will be available for the September meeting of the Committee.

The achievements of the young athlete Ryan Carty Walsh were recognised by the Members and it was noted that Wexford County Council are contributing by way of sponsorship towards the cost of his trip to Georgia to compete in the European Youth Olympics.

10. County Wexford 1916 Programme.

The Members were updated on the County Wexford 1916 Programme and it was noted that the draft programme is now near completion and will be launched at the September Meeting of Wexford County Council.

In relation to the Athenaeum the Manager confirmed that tenders are due this month and it is proposed to have a Contractor on Site by the end of September.

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

None.

12. Correspondence.

The District Manager informed the Members that at the meeting of the Joint Policing Committee held on 9th March, 2015 it was agreed that three local meetings between the Gardai and each Municipal District would take place to deal with local issues for 2015. It was noted that these meetings should be held prior to the Municipal District Meeting. Following a brief discussion the Members agreed to hold a meeting on Wednesday 7th October and Wednesday 2nd December, 2015 at 5.30 p.m.

The District Manager stated that he had received correspondence from the Head of Finance regarding an additional allocation of €20,000 to each Municipal District for 2015. It was noted that the first call on this allocation must be to GMA programmes that are overspent or are likely to overspend by the end of 2015 with the remaining to be spent at the discretion of the Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Browne, it was agreed that €10,000 be committed to the re-surfacing of Esmonde Road with the other €10,000 to be allocated to programmes that are overspent.

13. Any Other Business.

The Director of Service reported on a new Pilot Project 'Redz' initiated by the Department of Agriculture. It was noted that Bunclody had been identified in the report as a suitable town for application to this project. The Director asked Members for four nominations to sit on the Steering Group, this group will oversee the Working Group who will be making the application on behalf of Wexford County Council.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Walsh it was agreed that Cllr. Codd-Nolan, Cllr. Murphy, Cllr. Browne and Cllr. Mythen represent the Enniscorthy Municipal District on the Steering Group for the 'Redz' Project.

The Members expressed their delight in seeing a number of new retail premises re-opening in Enniscorthy Town.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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