

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH, 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
Oliver Walsh

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
Mr. Noel O'Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing

Votes Of Sympathy

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- Ms. Anna Walsh, Bellefield Road, Enniscorthy.

The Members extended their gratitude to former Superintendent William Carroll and welcomed the appointment of Superintendent Liam White to Enniscorthy.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Members welcomed Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer to the Municipal District.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th February, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th February, 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 18th February, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the Minutes of the February Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th February, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Roads Report.

3.3.1 Enniscorthy Restoration Programme.

Mr. Noel O'Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Enniscorthy Restoration Programme. The decrease in funding for Roads for 2015 was discussed and noted.

The Members expressed their concern with the availability of funding for footpaths and footpath repairs, in particular the need for funding for the provision of footpaths approaching Schools in both rural and town areas and requested that an annual allocation of monies for footpaths be examined.

The Members highlighted their satisfaction with the specific allocation of funds for the district and thanked Mr. O'Driscoll for attending the meeting.

3.3.2 Proposal for Enniscorthy Roads GMA.

On the proposal of Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Members agreed the proposal for Enniscorthy Roads GMA as presented by Ms. Kehoe, Executive Engineer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes (continued):

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Planning:

2.1. Taking in Charge.

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner informed the Members of the Notice of Intention to commence Taking in Charge public consultation of 3 No. Housing Developments in the district. The Members asked that once a development has been Taken in Charge by Wexford County Council that they be informed by way of email and further requested that a full list of developments currently in charge be forwarded to them for information purposes.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

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

Under Community, a brief discussion took place in relation to the Sports Capital Programme.

The Members expressed their concerns with the volume of litter/illegal dumping in the area and discussed how this ongoing issue can be addressed. A number of requests were made by the Members which were noted by the Executives, who undertook to examine same and report back to the Members in due course.

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, in particular:-

- Signage.
- Speeding.
- Line Marking.
- Restoration of the gravity feed at The Mall, Bunclody.

The Members thanked Ms. Kehoe and her team on the work recently carried out throughout the town, which was completed with minimal disruption.

The District Manager informed the attendees that the new Car Park at Millpark Road would be complete in the next week and confirmed he would arrange an official opening.

3.4. Water.

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.

The Members noted that the new Project Engineer for the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme would be in place from Monday 23rd March and will be based in the Town Centre. It was further noted that he would attend the April Meeting of the Committee.

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

None.

5. Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

The District Manager stated that the initial meeting of the new Working Committee for the above facility is scheduled for Tuesday 24th March, 2015. It was noted that a proposed date of Saturday 16th May was set for the Official Opening and a brief discussion took place around these celebrations. Additional works to the facility were also discussed.

6. Easter Monday Parade 2015.

The District Manager confirmed that the Easter Monday Celebrations are scheduled for Monday 6th April, 2015, starting with a Mass at 10.00 a.m. followed by the Parade at 11.00 a.m. A mini

re-enactment will take place in Market Square on this day, based on the 1916 re-enactment and the District Manager wished to thank Mr. Rory O'Connor, A/Manager, 1798 Rebellion Centre for the organisation of this event at short notice. It was noted that a meeting was taking place on Thursday 19th March incorporating a workshop to form ideas on how best to commemorate Enniscorthy's participation in the 1916 Rising.

Recommendations from the Members were noted by the Executives.

7. Vacant Property Rates Incentive Scheme:

7.1. Enniscorthy & 7.2. Bunclody.

It was noted that support had been received from the Enniscorthy Chamber of Commerce and District for the above schemes.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, the Extension of the Vacant Property Rates Incentive Scheme to the centre of Enniscorthy and the introduction of the scheme to Bunclody was approved by the Members. It was agreed that both schemes be brought to the next meeting of Wexford County Council for adoption.

A brief discussion took place around the Dunne's Stores Vacant Premises in Rafter Street and the vacant site at the former Town Council Car Park at Murphy Flood's Site.

8. Amenity Arts Grant Scheme 2015 & Residents Association Grant Scheme 2015.

The District Manager stated that the closing date for the above applications was Friday 20th March, 2015, following which the list for both schemes would be circulated to the Members for consideration.

9. Correspondence.

Noted.

10. School Warden.

Following the recent advertisement for the position of School Warden with Wexford County Council, it was noted that seven applications had been received, which are being examined by the Human Resource Section who will be forming interviews in due course.

The Members raised concerns around road safety at a number of schools in the district and asked if a policy could be formulated to assist with these safety issues. The District Manager stated that once the two new wardens were in place the introduction of a Safety Policy could be examined, in conjunction with the Gardai and once formulated introduced into the Schools.

11. Any Other Business.

Councillor Browne extended his congratulations to the CBS on their recent Leinster Rugby Cup win.

The Members expressed their concerns with a number of issues, in particular the carrying out of unofficial horse fares in the town and repairs to public lighting. The District Manager responded to all queries raised and undertook to seek clarification on these issues for the April Meeting of the Municipal District.

Councillor Mythen extended his congratulations to the St. Patrick's Day Committee on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Enniscorthy. The Members wished to be associated with this sentiment and wished to include Bunclody in their congratulations.

Councillor Mythen congratulated Mr. Emmett O'Connell who was recently inducted into the American Hall of Fame.

Mr. O'Gorman informed the Members that a Tidy Towns Workshop was scheduled to take place in the Presentation Centre on Wednesday 25th March at 7.00 p.m.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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