

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23th MARCH, 2016 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

Attendance: Councillors: Paddy Kavanagh (Cathaoirleach)

Johnny Mythen

Barbara-Anne Murphy

Willie Kavanagh

Kathleen Codd-Nolan

Oliver Walsh

Keith Doyle

John O'Rourke

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Padraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Officials: Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 17th February, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th February, 2016 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 17th February, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Mythen, seconded by Councillor Murphy the Minutes of the February Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th February, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr. Willie Kavanagh to the Enniscorthy Municipal District. Cllr. Kavanagh continued by extending congratulations to James Browne, T.D. on his election to the Dáil and congratulated Cllr. Johnny Mythen on his performance in the recent election.

The Cathaoirleach and Members of the Enniscorthy Municipal District expressed their deepest sympathies to the people of Brussels who lost their lives and were injured in the recent tragedy. It was agreed to open a Book of Condolence at the offices of the Enniscorthy Municipal District, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

The Members extended sympathies to the following:-

- The family of those who lost their lives in the recent tragedy in Buncrana.
- The family of the late Mr. Bob Lambert.

A minutes silence was observed.

Cllr. Murphy asked for an update on improvement works to Graveyards. Mr. O'Corcora confirmed that a costing had been received for such works at St. Mary's Cemetery, Enniscorthy and he undertook to update the Members on receipt of costings for the remaining Graveyards.

The Members extended congratulations to the Enniscorthy Rugby Club on their recent League and All-Ireland wins.

Congratulations were also extended to the CBS Rugby Team who won an All-Ireland Final recently and to the Enniscorthy Hockey Club on their Leinster win.

1.3. Matters Arising.

Under "Item 2, Roads Report – including Roads Programme 2016", Cllr. Doyle highlighted that the actual figure of additional funding under consideration for footpaths in the Enniscorthy District had been omitted from the Minutes and asked for clarification on the additional funding under the GMA Allocation for 2017, including the allocation for footpaths. The District Manager confirmed additional GMA funding in the amount of €30,000 along with funding of €25,000 for footpaths.

2. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2016.

The District Manager outlined the main points of the Programme, which was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. A discussion took place and the Members raised a number of queries under the following headings:-

- Housing Maintenance.

- Road Improvements.
- Street Cleaning.
- Litter Initiatives.
- Playground Equipment and Repairs.
- Funding for Footpaths.
- Additional Funding under the GMA Allocations.

The District Manager responded to all queries raised.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan, the Members approved the Schedule of Municipal District Works Programme, 2016.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Ms. Liz Hore, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff 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:-

- Funding for the House Construction Programme.
- Housing Grants.
- Rent Review.

It was noted that the new Tenant Purchase Scheme has been advertised in the local newspapers with a date of Wednesday 20th April, 2016 set for the information clinics.

Ms. Hore informed the Members that Ms. Bridges-Carley will now be attending the Meetings of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy to deal with Housing Matters.

Cllr. O'Rourke complimented the housing staff on the production of the Tenant Information Booklet.

3.2. Planning & Enterprise.

In the absence of Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner this item was deferred to the April Meeting of the Members of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

3.3. Roads Report.

In the absence of Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer, Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer took this item. Mr. O'Corcora updated the Members on Roads and confirmed that an application had been submitted to the Department by Wexford County Council for funding to assist with flood damage.

4. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer presented an updated report to the Members on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme and responded to all queries raised, including the matter of a Traffic Management Plan.

5. 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. The Members thanked Mr. O'Corcora on his role in getting the Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme to its current stage.

6. Amenity & Arts Grant and Residents Association Grant 2016.

Amenity & Arts Grant Scheme 2016

The District Manager informed the Members that 83 No. Applications had been received in the Enniscorthy Municipal District under the Amenity & Arts Grant 2016. It was noted that a number of late applications were received which the Members agreed to accept and it was confirmed that a new updated list would be circulated to the Members on Monday 4th April, 2016 for consideration.

The Members asked that the Strategic Policy Group examine the Amenity & Arts Grant Scheme for 2017 to allow for a more structured and defined scheme. They further asked that on completion of this examination all amendments to the scheme be advertised to ensure applicants have a clear understanding of the criteria of the scheme.

Residents Association Grant Scheme 2016

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Mythen it was agreed to allocate a maximum grant of €600.00 to applicants under this scheme. The District Manager undertook to bring a

report to the Members with recommendations on how best to expend the balance of monies under this budget allocation.

7. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

The Members were briefed on the programme of events for Easter Monday including traffic restrictions, car parking and the provision of shuttle buses.

The District Manager thanked the Director of Services, the Members and all Committee's involved in the preparation of this project for their support and assistance. He continued by thanking the schools, businesses and state bodies for the provision of car parking facilities for Easter Monday.

The Director of Services also thanked the Members for the support they extended over the last two years and he hoped that the programme prepared would be a dignified and appropriate one.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Director of Service, The District Manager and all staff at the Enniscorthy Municipal District for the tremendous amount of work carried out by them to develop this programme and he continued by thanking the Chief Executive, Mr. Tom Enright.

The Members wished to be associated with the Cathaoirleach's remarks and Cllr. Murphy expressed her gratitude for the funding made available for the refurbishment of the Athenaeum.

8. Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan.

The Director of Service stated that preparation of the Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan was underway and will be advertised in the local newspapers in the next couple of weeks.

9. GMA Festivals 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members unanimously agreed the proposals for the GMA Festivals 2016 as presented by the District Manager.

Cllr. Murphy asked if the Dragon Sportive Cycling Event will be taking place in 2016. The District Manager confirmed that it is his understanding that the event will not take place, however, if it does he confirmed that funding can be made available for this event.

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

None.

10. Correspondence.

None.

11. Any Other Business.

The Members queried the date for the next Joint Policing Committee. It was agreed to contact the Superintendent to confirm a date.

The Chairperson asked for the Members support at the next full Council Meeting in relation to a proposed Notice of Motion to ask C.I.E. to provide a Bus Shelter in Enniscorthy Town.

Representations from local businesses regarding funding for flood damage to vacant properties was noted and discussed.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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