

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF  
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017 AT 4.00 P.M.  
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

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

Barbara-Anne Murphy  
Willie Kavanagh  
Kathleen Codd-Nolan  
Paddy Kavanagh  
Keith Doyle  
Johnny Mythen

**Officials:** Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager  
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer  
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing  
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner  
Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment  
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment  
Mr. Brendan Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment  
Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services

**Apologies: Councillor:** John O'Rourke

**Apologies: Officials:** Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1. Minutes of the 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the February 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.2. Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the February Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

**1.3. Matters Arising.**

Cllr. Murphy asked that the following amendment be noted:-

***Item 3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.***

**3.3. Roads Report.**

- Dangerous Bend on the R746 **not** R747.

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

**2.1. Housing.**

Ms. Martina Donoghue attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Donoghue responded, in particular:-

- Repair and Leasing Scheme.
- PRTB Inspections.
- Regeneration of Town Centres.
- Request for information on the HAP Scheme to be circulated to all Members.

Cllr. Murphy took this opportunity to congratulate all involved with the nZeb Conference which took place recently in the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy. Cllr. Murphy continued by stating that she feels this is a great initiative and welcomes Wexford County Council's proactive approach to improve energy efficiency in their housing units.

**Community & Environment.**

Cllr. Doyle asked the Environment Officials what national policy was in place to tackle the use of smoky coal. Mr. Brendan Cooney responded and a brief discussion took place.

Mr. Carley, Director of Services undertook to compose a letter on behalf of the Members to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government indicating the Members support for a ban on ordinary smoky coal and the use of smokeless coal in Enniscorthy.

Mr. Gerry Forde stated that it is hoped that the report on Piers and Harbors will be available for perusal over the coming weeks.

## **2.2. Planning & Enterprise.**

Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner outlined the main points of the Planning Report, the contents of which were noted by the Members.

## **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, in particular:-

- Re-instatement works by Virgin Media.
- Surfacing works.
- Public Lighting.
- Widening of Esmonde Road by Turret Rocks, Enniscorthy.
- Signage.
- Road Lining.
- Tree trimming.

## **3. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.**

The Members extended their best wishes to Mr. Larry McHale following his recent ill health.

## **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, in particular:-

- Contract signing of the Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme Phase 3.
- Colour of water in Cluain Dara, Enniscorthy.

**5. Festivals 2017.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members agreed the proposed allocations under Festivals 2017 as presented by the District Manager.

The District Manager informed the Members that funding under Creative Ireland has been secured and it was proposed to hold a children's event around 1916 on Easter Monday.

Cllr. Mythen expressed his disappointment that no Re-enactment was taking place in Enniscorthy in 2017. Ms. Hore stated that as next year was the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary it is planned to hold a major event around Vinegar Hill with two smaller events taking place this year. The District Manager has met with the Enniscorthy Historical Re-enactment Society and agreed plans.

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

None.

**7. Correspondence.**

The District Manager informed the attendees of an upcoming meeting entitled 'Enniscorthy as a Retail Destination' hosted by the Enniscorthy Chamber of Commerce in association with the Enniscorthy Business Association and Retail Excellence Ireland which is taking place in the Riverside Park Hotel on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

The District Manager also stated that Enniscorthy will be hosting the LGMA National Conference on Tourism on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at the Riverside Park Hotel. Tourism Packs for Enniscorthy will be circulated to the delegates.

**8. Any Other Business.**

Cllr. Mythen requested a list of staff changes within Wexford County Council to be circulated to all Members.

**9. In Committee – Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.**

At 5.07 p.m. the Members agreed to return to 'In Committee' to discuss this item.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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**DATE**