

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MAY, 2016 AT 3.30 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. Pdraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer
Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer
Mr. Tom Banville, Head of Local Enterprise

Apologies: Officials: Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 20th April, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th April, 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 20th April, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Minutes of the April Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 20th April, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Draft Local Economic & Community Plan.

Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer presented the Draft Local Economic & Community Plan to the attendees and responded to all queries raised.

The Members welcomed the plan and congratulated Mr. Mackey and his team on the development of such a comprehensive plan. A brief discussion took place in relation to primary and second level education, unemployment and tourism.

Mr. Tom Banville outlined the main points of the economic section of the plan including the importance of expanding local businesses and export.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members approved the Draft Local Economic & Community Plan as presented by Mr. Mackey.

3. Promenade Playground Proposed Upgrade.

Mr. Mackey outlined the proposed improvement works to the Enniscorthy Promenade Playground. It was noted that Wexford County Council hoped to redefine all playgrounds around the county to develop 'Destination Playgrounds'.

A discussion took place around the security of playgrounds and ways in which this can be improved.

Mr. Mackey informed the Members that it is intended to celebrate the National Play Day 2016 in Enniscorthy. This event is due to take place in June, 2016 and it is proposed to have a 1916 theme to include some traditional games. This event will be open to all and will run for one week.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

4.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Bridges-Carley responded.

Under Community and Environment the Members raised the following concerns:-

- Consideration for improvement works to the road leading to Vinegar Hill to enhance tourism.
- Illegal Dumping.
- Grass Cutting & Spraying.
- Monitoring of the new Pay by Weight Policy.

4.2. 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.

4.3. Roads Report.

The Members noted the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting and raised a number of queries, in particular:-

- Road Improvements.
- Disabled Parking at Slaney Place.
- The issue of all day parking in Moran Park during the current works at St. Aidan's School.

5. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale updated the attendees on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief and undertook to respond to all queries raised by the Members.

6. Water Services Report.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Water Services Report.

5.15 p.m. At this juncture Cllr. Walsh left the meeting.

The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Mr. O'Corcora undertook to respond to same, in particular the fluoridation of water in County Wexford and the sewerage issue in Clonegal.

5.20 p.m. At this juncture Cllr. O'Rourke left the meeting.

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members approved the final list of allocations under the Amenity & Arts Grant 2016, circulated prior to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members approved the final list of allocations under the Residents Association Grant 2016, circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed to hold a Reception for the presentation of awards granted under the Amenity & Arts Grant and Residents Association Grant on Wednesday 15th June, 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy.

8. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

The District Manager updated the Members on upcoming events. He continued by thanking the staff of the Municipal District for the work and assistance they afforded throughout the commemorations. The Members wished to be associated with this sentiment and spoke fondly of the Event for relatives of the 1916 participants which took place on the 27th April.

The District Manger also spoke of the recent planting of 7 Oak Trees and the unveiling of the Proclamation in the Presentation Garden.

9. Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan.

The Members noted the Draft Report "Tender for Consultancy Services for Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan, Project Brief and Scope of Services Required" circulated by the District Manager. It was further noted that the closing date for submissions is the 10th June, 2016.

10. GMA Festivals 2016.

The Members were updated on the proposed list of Festivals to take place in Enniscorthy over the coming months, in particular the Focal Festival, Street Rhythms Festival and the Strawberry Half Marathon which are taking place the weekend of 28th May, 2016.

The Members asked that Wexford County Council consider reviewing the current Events Management Plan as it is felt that small festivals are struggling to adhere to the procedures and policies outlined therein. The Director of Services stated that it should be noted that in the first instance the Events Management Plan was developed to keep people safe.

The Members asked that assistance and training be offered to event organisers in the preparation of their Plan. The District Manager stated that he would ask the Events Manager to attend the September Meeting to enable the Elected Members to outline their concerns.

11. Stage 2, Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

The District Manager stated that Wexford County Council have tendered for the procurement of the Design Team for Stage 2 of the Enniscorthy Sports Hub. It was noted that plans for this project will be presented at a later meeting of this Committee.

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

None.

13. Correspondence.

Correspondence received from the Enniscorthy Chamber of Commerce regarding their proposal to extend the Rock N Food Festival into a two day event for 2016 and a request for approval for road closures on Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st July, 2016 was noted by the Members.

14. Any Other Business.

The Members extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Eileen Whitney, Bellefield Road, Enniscorthy. A Minutes Silence was observed.

Congratulations were extended to the Shamrock Rovers on winning the Wexford District Premiere League.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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