

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 6.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

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

Officials: Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing

Apologies: Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer

The Chairperson and Members of the Enniscorthy Municipal District expressed their deepest sympathies to the people of Paris and Beirut following the recent tragedies. Books of Condolences were opened by the Chairperson and a minutes silence was observed.

It was agreed to fly the French Flag at ½ mast for a period of time and write to the French Ambassador conveying the Members sentiments.

Councillor Murphy wished to congratulate Cathal Redmond on coming 2nd in the James Dyson Worldwide Competition Awards 2015.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 21st October, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of

Enniscorthy held on 21st October, 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 21st October, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke the Minutes of the October Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 21st October, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

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.

Mr. Bailey informed the attendees that the Council is awaiting full details on the new Tenant Purchase Scheme and on receipt of same a full brief will be presented to the Members.

Councillor Doyle raised concerns in relation to the poor condition of a ditch in Marshalstown. It was confirmed that works to clear the ditch and erect fencing is imminent.

Concerns relating to Septic Tank Inspections, unoccupied Houses in Private Housing Developments and Leaking Roofs/Electrical Issues in Council Houses were also raised and discussed. A brief discussion took place regarding the difficulties in supply of properties to rent in the private market.

Councillor O'Rourke wished to commend staff for the support given to tenants following Storm Barney.

Under Environment it was noted that there is an increase in illegal dumping including the dumping of furniture.

Deputation

The Members agreed to meet with the Chair and Secretary of the Bellefield Springs Residents Association, if in existence. If there is no Residents Committee in place the Members agreed to invite the two representatives seeking a deputation to meet with the Chair and District Manager of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

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

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior 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, and Mr. O'Corcora undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Felling of dangerous trees by Landowners.
- Felling of trees in Graveyards.
- Signage including appropriate use of Signage by Contractors.
- Road Markings.
- Filling for Riverwalk.
- Potholes.
- Debris on road outside St. Aidan's School.
- Poor visibility at Cross opposite Rectory Heights.
- Speed Limit Review.

3. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer and Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting to discuss the Local Economic and Community Plan. Ms. Kearns presented the plan to the Members following which a discussion took place. The Members congratulated Mr. Mackey and Ms. Kearns on the plan which they stated was an honest report with high level goals.

4. Enniscorthy By-Pass.

It was agreed to defer this item.

5. Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Larry Mchale, Project Resident Engineer updated the Members on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme. A discussion took place regarding the location of the Bridge and the Members asked that a visual display be put on public consultation. It was noted that the design of bridge was of the utmost of importance and had potential to be a tourist attraction.

It was further noted that the official signing of Contracts was scheduled for Monday 23rd November, 2015 at 9.30 a.m. in the Presentation Centre.

6. 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.

7. Civic Receptions.

The District Manager informed the Members that a Civic Reception will take place on Monday 30th November, 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in the Presentation Centre to honour a number of groups/teams from the District on their All Ireland Wins/Achievements.

8. Brooklyn Report.

The District Manager confirmed expenditure of approximately €24,000 - €25,000 for the hosting of the Brooklyn Premiere in Enniscorthy. He also confirmed receipts to the amount of €13,500 approximately, giving a nett expenditure of €11,000 - €12,000 for the event. He continued by thanking the sponsors for their generosity, including the Irish Film Board for their grant of €3,000.

The Members commended the event and stated that a value could not be placed on the publicity and coverage the town has received since the premiere, which they felt would continue for some time. The Members wished to thank Mr. Gorman and the staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District along with all the sponsors who kindly contributed to this worthwhile event. It was proposed to write to Mr. Colm Toibín to thank him for his contribution to the town.

It was noted that it is intended to dedicate a room in the Enniscorthy Castle to Brooklyn and the District Manager undertook to bring a proposal to the Members early next year.

9. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

The Members were informed that RTE 1 will be airing a documentary on 1916, featuring Enniscorthy, on Sunday the 29th November, 2015 at 8.30 p.m.

The District Manager confirmed that the Library will be launching the County Wexford 1916 School Pack on Wednesday 2nd December, 2015 at 5.30 p.m. in the Presentation Centre and it was agreed to re-schedule the JPC Meeting to an alternative date.

It was noted that a New Years Day Choral Concert will take place in the Cathedral in Enniscorthy and will feature a choral piece by Wexford's Liam Bates.

It was agreed that recommendations for the naming of the new Stainless Steel Structure for Abbey Square be discussed and agreed at the January Meeting of this Committee.

The Members noted that works on the Athenaeum are progressing well and should be complete on target in time for the 1916 Centenary Celebrations.

The District Manager stated that Wexford County Council had tendered for an Events Manager for the County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorations on Easter Monday and once appointed a meeting could be arranged with all Stakeholders in relation to the preparation of an Events Management Plan.

10. Christmas Festival 2015.

A discussion took place regarding the Christmas Festival 2015 in Enniscorthy. It was noted that Santa's Enchanted Castle had over 800 bookings to date and is likely to exceed the targets set for this year. It was further noted that the turning on of the Christmas Lights would take place on Saturday 28th November, commencing with a parade at 4.00 p.m. from the Presentation Centre to Market Square.

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

None.

12. Correspondence.

An invitation was received from the Enniscorthy Historical Re-Enactment Society inviting Members to join them in an event to commemorate the visit of Seán Macdiarmada to

Enniscorthy in 1915. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday 21st November, 2015 at 2.00 p.m. from the 1798 Centre.

13. Any Other Business.

The District Manager circulated the Enniscorthy Retail Investment Prospectus to the attendees which was noted.

Parking for Christmas

Free Parking will take place in all Car Parks in Enniscorthy from the 19th December to the 24th December inclusive from 11.00 a.m.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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