

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2016 AT 4.00 PM
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY.**

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

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Mick McCormack, Senior Staff Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

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

1.2. Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17th October, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Mythen the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th October 2016 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.

Ms. Elizabeth Hore and Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Hore responded, in particular:-

- Pre-let repairs – length of time property is vacant where significant repairs are needed before funding from the Department is granted.
- Repair and Leasing Scheme.
- Buy and Renew Initiative.
- House Purchases.
- The provision of a Painting Grant to new tenants to replace painting by the Council under pre-let repairs.
- Infill site at Marconi Park.
- House provision in the Enniscorthy District.

Ms. Hore continued by making a presentation to the attendees on the Housing Assistance Programme which will be introduced in Wexford County Council in December, 2016. The Members outlined a number of concerns to Ms. Hore who undertook to respond to same.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan congratulated the Director of Service and Ms. Cliona Connolly on their administration of the County Environmental Awards 2016 which were held recently in the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford.

2.2. Planning & Enterprise.

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior 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, and Ms. Kehoe undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Removal of road markings indicating school at Clohamon.
- Improvement works to the roundabout at Doyle's corner, Enniscorthy.
- Improvement works to road at the top of the Shannon, Enniscorthy as this road is subsiding.

It was agreed to move Item No. 5, Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update, to Item 3 on the Agenda.

3. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

The Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted by the Members.

4. Wexford County Council Control of Skip Bye-Laws.

Mr. Mick McCormack, Senior Staff Officer, Roads attended the meeting to discuss the above and made a brief presentation to the attendees. Following a discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy it was agreed to proceed to public consultation with the Wexford County Council Control of Skip Bye-Laws.

5. Wexford County Council Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws.

Mr. Mick McCormack, Senior Staff Officer, Roads attended the meeting and made a presentation to the Members on the proposed Wexford County Council Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws. It was noted that the body of the bye-laws would be accompanied by a schedule and colour coded maps.

The District Manager outlined the proposed amendments to the schedule for the Enniscorthy District which were noted by the Members. On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members agreed to proceed to public consultation with the Wexford County Council Traffic & Car Parking Bye-Laws.

6. 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. Queries included:-

- Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme, Phase 3.
- Concerns regarding the period of time Ballindaggin had no water supply recently and the time it took for information to be released by Irish Water.
- Oylegate Waste Water Treatment Plant Update.
- Harvesting Water.
- Water supply in Clohamon.

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

7. Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2016.

The District Manager stated that the two projects selected by the Enniscorthy Municipal District for the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2016 have been provisionally approved and it is hoped that these projects will commence in early 2017. It was noted that funding under this scheme has been increased for 2017 and the District Manager asked the Members to put forward any project they feel would be suitable for consideration. It was agreed to further discuss this issue at the January Meeting of this Committee.

The District Manager updated the Members on a number of other issues, in particular:-

CEDRA Project

It was noted that approval has been granted to the Enniscorthy Municipal District under the CEDRA Scheme for funding of €36,000 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for Agri-Food Tourism in the Enniscorthy District.

Phase 2, Enniscorthy Sports Hub

Mr. O'Gorman circulated a new set of drawings for the provision of facilities at the Sports Hub and asked Member's approval to proceed with a Part 8 Planning Application. On the proposal of Cllr. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Members unanimously agreed that an application be made under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 for facilities at the Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

8. Enniscorthy Country Walk.

It was noted that the works to upgrade the Enniscorthy Country Walk have commenced and would be complete before the end of November, 2016. The District Manager wished to thank Iarnrod Eireann for facilitating the access of materials and plant during these upgrade works.

9. Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan.

It was noted that the Templeshannon Urban Renewal Development Plan was progressing well and The District Manager stated that it is hoped to have an initial draft by early December which can be presented to the Members at their January meeting.

10. Grow It Yourself Project in Enniscorthy.

The District Manager confirmed that the Grow It Yourself Project in Enniscorthy is progressing and should be up and running in January, 2017.

11. GMA Festivals 2016.

The Members were informed that the official opening of the Santa's Enchanted Castle was scheduled for Saturday 26th November, 2016 at 3.30 p.m. followed by the official switching on of the Christmas Lights at 4.00 p.m. in Market Square.

The District Manager continued by updating the Members on the proposed Strawberry Fair and Street Rhythms Festival for 2017.

12. Civic Receptions.

It was proposed to hold a Civic Reception to honour All-Ireland Winners/Finalists throughout the District in late January, 2017.

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

None.

14. Correspondence.

The Members were informed that Virgin Media are holding an Open Night on the 30th November, 2016 in the Riverside Park Hotel to promote the recently installed broadband infrastructure in Enniscorthy.

It was noted that the Tidy Towns Awards Night was scheduled for Thursday 24th November, 2016 in the I.F.A. Centre, Enniscorthy.

15. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Murphy asked if Wexford County Council and the Enniscorthy Municipal District intend making a submission to Irish Rail regarding their intention to cease the rail service from Rosslare to Gorey. The Members discussed the serious implications this would cause as the rail infrastructure was vital to the County. Cllr. Doyle asked that an application to extend the commuter train from Gorey to Enniscorthy be included in the Council's submission.

Cllr. Murphy asked if Wexford County Council would be in a position to publish information on the plant 'Japanese Knot Weed'. The Director of Service undertook to speak to the Environment Section in this regard.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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