

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

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

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. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. Ger Mackey, Community & Enterprise

Apologies: Councillors: John O'Rourke

Officials: Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive 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 23rd October, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Minutes of the October 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 23rd October, 2017 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 – 23rd October, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Minutes of the October Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 23rd October, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson subject to the following amendment:-

“Cllr. Murphy asked that all 1798 Monuments be cleaned for the 220th celebrations in 2018.”

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Ger Mackey – Community Department.

Mr. Ger Mackey, Community Department attended the meeting to update the Members on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017. It was noted that 2017 has been a very successful year for the County with the Enniscorthy District securing funds of €397,125 under this scheme.

Mr. Mackey informed the Members that on 2nd November the department announced the allocation of €64,000 for County Wexford under the Rapid Programme. It is proposed to use this allocation to fund a Fab Lab in Enniscorthy.

The Members welcomed this initiative and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Mythen the Members approved the proposal for the development of a Fab Lab in Enniscorthy.

Cllr. Mythen made reference to the ‘Wifi for Europe’ initiative which he stated was open to Local Authorities. Mr. Carley undertook to invite the Broadband Officer, Wexford County Council to a future meeting of this Committee.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Planning.

None.

3.2. Housing.

Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer attended the meeting to discuss housing matters. The Members raised a number of queries to which Ms. Donoghue responded.

In particular Cllr. Mythen asked that consideration be given to the appointment of an Officer to inspect void units throughout the County which may be suitable for social housing.

Community & Environment.

The Members highlighted a number of queries under Community & Environment to which the Officials responded.

3.3. Enterprise.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan wished to acknowledge Bunclody on their recent achievement in winning a Special Merit Award in the National Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town Awards and complimented Cllr. Murphy on her presentation. Cllr. Murphy thanked all involved for their support and assistance with the project.

3.4. Roads Report.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. O'Corcora informed the Members that 3 applications were under consideration for safety measures at schools. It was noted that funding was available to facilitate one school in 2017. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Members approved the installation of safety measures at Monageer National School who are longest on the list.

The Members raised a number of queries under Roads for consideration, in particular:-

- Pedestrian Crossing at Bunclody – trip/fall hazard.
- Provision of Safety Measures at dangerous junction, Doransbridge.
- Update on the Speed Limit Review.
- Date for opening of Holyford Road.
- Cleaning of Ballycarney Bridge.
- Public Lighting at the CBS, Fairgreen and Moran Park not in operation.
- Improvement works to ditches at Asquinton, Milehouse, Enniscorthy.
- Road Closures due to N11 By-pass – request for roads to be re-open within the specified period.
- Consideration for closure of Chapel Lane, Drumgoold Villas – anti social behavior issues.
- Cleaning of and installation of public lighting at the '21 Steps', Enniscorthy.
- Request for re-surfacing of road leading from Oulart to Vinegar Hill.
- Safety measures/signage at Kylecross, Oulart and dangerous bend at 'The Gap'.
- Pedestrian Crossing at Duffry Gate – speed ramp not re-installed following works.

4. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

The Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

5. Water Services Report.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer updated the Members on the contents of the Water Services Report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members outlined a number of queries to which Mr. O'Corcora responded.

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

6.1 Casual Trading Bye-Laws

It was agreed to defer this item to facilitate statutory process and preparation of documentation.

7. Correspondence.

The District Manager updated the Members on all correspondence received since the previous meeting, in particular:-

- Michael Sills, London Wexford Association thanking the Members for their letter following his recent illness.
- Invitation from the Enniscorthy Tidy Towns for their awards ceremony at 8.00 p.m. this evening, 20th November.
- Letter from Mr. Simon S.K. Tu, Ambassador to Taiwan thanking the Enniscorthy Municipal District for the wonderful reception afforded to him on his visit on November 6th.

9. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Mythen highlighted the costs involved with the clean up following Halloween and suggested that litter bins be installed in all appropriate areas prior to the 31st October each year. The District Manager confirmed that it is proposed to have an interagency meeting with the Fire Department, Environment Department and the Gardai to look at preventative measures for next year.

Cllr. Kavanagh highlighted the dangers with the types of materials being used in the Halloween Bon Fires.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan enquired about when the cleaning of Market Square and Rafter Street would take place. It was noted that two quotations had been received and it is proposed to make a recommendation in the next few weeks.

Cllr. Murphy spoke of the new legislation around Data Protection and CCTV and the obligations which it required. She continued by saying that community cctv proves to be an effective tool in tackling rural crime and needs to be protected.

The Members sought clarification on a number of initiatives announced recently, to which the officials responded.

It was noted that Santa is arriving in Enniscorthy on Saturday 2nd December and the District Manager extended an invitation to Members to the official switching on of the Christmas Lights in Enniscorthy Town at 6.30 p.m.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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