

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2017 AT 2.30 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

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

Officials: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, District Manager
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing
Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Property

Apologies: Councillors: Paddy Kavanagh

Officials: Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

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 September, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the September 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 23rd September, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 23rd September, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 23rd September, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

Cllr. Mythen asked for an update on the Archaeological Survey completed on Vinegar Hill. The Director of Service stated that it is proposed to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter. Following a brief discussion, Cllr. Doyle asked that this meeting be included on the Agenda for the December Meeting or early 2018.

On the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Walsh it was agreed to open a Book of Condolences for the late Mr. Liam Cosgrave, former Taoiseach. Cllr. Codd-Nolan paid tribute to Mr. Cosgrave and the Book of Condolences was opened by the Chairman and signed by all attendees. It was noted that the Book of Condolence would be available at the Enniscorthy Municipal District Office from tomorrow, 24th October, 2017.

Hurricane Ophelia – 16th October, 2017

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer and Mr. Tadhg O’Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer briefed the Members on works carried out by the roads and water response teams for the duration and aftermath of Hurricane Ophelia.

The Members wished to thank and compliment the staff of Wexford County Council on the way in which they prepared for and responded to Hurricane Ophelia. In particular the Members thanked Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Mr. Tadhg O’Corcora and their teams, Mr. David Minogue and all staff who worked on the day of the storm. The Members thanked the ESB, local businesses and all other services involved in assisting during this time.

The Director of Services thanked the Members for their kind words and support. He continued by thanking the ESB, Telecom Eireann, Department of Defense, the District Manager, Area Engineer’s and all staff. Mr. Carley extended his condolences to the families of those who lost their lives during the storm.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

The District Manager confirmed that all four applications from the Enniscorthy District for inclusion in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme were successful with a total of €397,125 secured for the District, as follows:-

Kiltealy	-	€100,000
Bree	-	€100,000
Bunclody	-	€100,000
Ballindaggin	-	€97,125

The Members thanked the District Manager, staff and Community Department for the help, advice and assistance given to the groups and asked that the District Manager

now look at other towns and villages she feels may be suitable for inclusion in this scheme in 2018.

2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2018 (GMA) - EMD:

Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Draft Budgetary Plan 2018 (GMA). Ms. O'Neill briefed the Members on the main points of the plan. A brief discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Members approved the proposed Draft Budgetary Plan 2018 (GMA) as presented.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1. Planning.

The Members noted the contents of the Planning Report circulated prior to the meeting.

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.

Community & Environment.

The Members highlighted a number of queries under Community & Environment to which the Officials responded, in particular:-

- Parking Bye-Laws, in particular parking issues in the centre of Enniscorthy Town.
- Casual Trading Bye-Laws.
- Recreational Infrastructure Fund – extension to the Riverwalk.

It was noted that the Enniscorthy Municipal District will be reviewing bye-laws relating to Casual Trading and the Control of Consumption and Possession of Intoxicating Substances in Public Places. It was further noted that Parking Bye-Laws for the County are being prepared by the Roads Department.

Cllr. Murphy asked that all 1798 Monuments be cleaned prior to the next celebration in 2020.

3.3. Enterprise.

The District Manager spoke of Bunclody's nomination in the recent Bank of Ireland Enterprise Awards Initiative and congratulated them on their accomplishments prior to judging which took place recently. It was noted that the results are due to be released on 15th November at the Gala Event in Tullamore.

Redz

The Executive Engineer circulated a report on the Redz Programme for Bunclody. Ms. Kehoe updated the Members on the main points of the plan, following which, a brief discussion took place.

The District Manager thanked Cllr. Murphy and Cllr. Codd-Nolan and all the Members for their support with the project.

Cllr. Murphy expressed her gratitude to Mr. Joe Fallon, Architect who designed the plan for Market Square on a voluntary basis. Cllr. Murphy also wished to thank the District Manager, Liz Hore and Ms. Ann Marie Laffan, Community Department for their contribution and support to the project.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan thanked all involved in the Redz Project and congratulated Cllr. Murphy on representing Bunclody on the judging day of the Bank of Ireland Enterprise Awards Initiative.

3.4. Roads Report.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, in particular:-

- Erosion at Ballyconnigar Beech and condition of Car Park following Storm Ophelia.
- Improvement works to surfacing of Gurrawn Road.
- Steps at Castle Hill – improvements to make safer. It was noted that these steps are a protected structure, however, a double handrail and warning signs have been erected to direct pedestrians to use the alternative footpath.
- Works to Pedestrian Crossing on the N80.
- Provision of a Yellow Box at Aldi.
- Speeding – Duffry Hill.
- Re-instatement of Yellow Box on Millpark Road.
- Footpaths – Carley Bridge and Bellefield Road.

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 Disposal of 0.0106 hectares (approx.) of lands at side of No. 1 Millbrook, Enniscorthy

Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer outlined details of the proposed disposal of lands at Millbrook, Enniscorthy.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Mythen it was unanimously agreed to dispose of 0.0106 hectares (approx.) of lands at side of No. 1 Millbrook, Enniscorthy.

7. Correspondence.

None.

9. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Murphy extended best wishes to Mr. Michael Sills, London Wexford Association following his recent ill health.

Cllr. Mythen asked for clarification on the number of days the Caretaker is working on Vinegar Hill. The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that currently the Caretaker has increased to a full time post between Vinegar Hill and the Riverwalk.

The issue of dog fouling on Vinegar Hill was raised and discussed. The District Manager undertook to meet with the Environment Officials to see how this matter can be addressed.

Local Improvement Scheme

A discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. W. Kavanagh it was proposed to carry out works on the following three lanes:-

- Ballymotey to Garrymile Lane.
- Killmallock Lane.
- Rahale Lane.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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