

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 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. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance
Ms. Lynda Lacey, Financial Accountant
Ms. Fran Ronan, Local Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator
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

1. Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2017 – GMA Allocation.

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance and Ms. Lynda Lacey, Financial Accountant who attended the meeting to discuss the Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2017 – GMA Allocation.

Ms. Lacey briefed the attendees on the contents of the plan which had been circulated in accordance with the statutory provisions of the 2014 Act. It was noted that the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for the County was €1,257,500, €301,000 of which has been allocated to the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2017 – GMA Allocation as presented.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

2.1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 15th September, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the September Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th September, 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 19th September, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the September Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th September 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.3. Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 19th September, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 19th September 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

2.4. Matters Arising.

None.

Congratulations

The Members extended congratulations to the following:-

- Blackwater Ladies Football Team on their recent win.
- Oulart the Ballagh Senior Hurling Team on winning the Senior Hurling Championship recently.
- Oylegate/Glenbrien Intermediate Hurling Team on winning the Intermediate County Hurling Final.
- Hollow Rovers Minor Football Team on their recent County Football Final win.
- Anthony Butler on winning the All-Ireland Minor Handball Championship.
- Cliona Connolly on winning the All-Ireland Under 15 Handball Championship.
- Bunclody Camogie Team on winning the Intermediate Camogie Championship.

Votes of Sympathy

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- The family of Fr. Aidan Jones, Parish Priest, Bunclody, RIP.
- The family of Mr. Jim Kinsella, Oylegate, RIP.

A minutes silence was observed.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

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

- Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Local Authority Houses.
- Radon Testing in Local Authority Houses.
- Illegal burning on open spaces in Enniscorthy.

Cllr. Murphy asked that a report on the number of Local Authority Housing Stock where Carbon Monoxide Alarms have been installed be presented at the November meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

Under Community Cllr. Murphy asked where responsibility lies if a household is not composting, in a case where the waste collection company fails to provide that household with a compost bin. The Director of Services undertook to respond to all queries raised.

3.2. 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. Cllr. Kavanagh enquired about Wexford County Council's Cluster Policy to which Ms. Kearns confirmed that there was no longer a Cluster Policy in place and Wexford County Council in line with current legislation are no longer granting Planning Permissions for cluster developments.

3.3. 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:-

- Road Lining – Oylegate Village, outside the FCJ School, Bunclody and in Marshalstown on the approach to the School.
- Overgrown ditches.
- Improvement works in Courtnacuddy, Curracraigue and on R476 to Bunclody.
- Possible widening of footpaths on the Milehouse Road close to Sliabh Amharc, Al Uisce and Shingaun.
- Tree Pruning at The Mall, Bunclody.
- Safety Measures on R476 heading for Carnew.
- Village Renewal Scheme.

Cllr. Codd-Nolan asked for the Members support in an application from Caim National School for the provision of Flashing Amber Warning Lights at the school.

A discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. Mythen the Members agreed to the provision of Flashing Amber Warning Lights at Caim National School, Caim, Enniscorthy on a joint funding basis with the school.

Cllr. Murphy stated that a programme needs to be put in place for schools who cannot financially enter into a match funding agreement with the Council and that this programme should be completed on a needs basis. Cllr. Mythen re-iterated the need for such a programme.

Following a discussion the Members asked that Ms. Kehoe produce a list of applications by all schools in the district that have requested funding from Wexford County Council. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting of this Committee.

4. National Road Speed Limit Review.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer briefed the attendees on the contents of the National Road Speed Limit Review for the Enniscorthy District. It was noted that the full District Speed Limit Review will be presented to the Members in December for consideration, following which it will go on public display. Cllr. O'Rourke asked when the reduction in the speed limit in housing developments would be addressed to which Ms. Kehoe confirmed that this issue will be included in the review to be presented in December.

5. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme.

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

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.

7. Templeshannon Urban Renewal Project.

It was noted that the above project is progressing well and that the project is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2016.

8. Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

The District Manager updated the Members on the progress of the new Car Park at the Sports Hub along with details of some slight changes to the proposed Phase 2 application for facilities and a viewing stand.

Ms. Fran Ronan, Local Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator attended the meeting to discuss options to promote the Sports Hub. In particular Ms. Ronan spoke of making the hub affordable to schools for use on a regular basis by way of an annual fee. A brief discussion took place.

Cllr. Doyle asked for clarification on the changes to Phase 2 of the hub. Mr. O'Gorman stated that it was the intention to change the location of the viewing stand, that is, to now have the stand adjacent to the facilities.

The wear and tear of the hub was discussed and it was noted that the Council are monitoring same and have in place a system to try and alleviate wear and tear on lanes 1 and 2.

17.38 At this juncture Cllr. O'Rourke left the meeting.

Possible funding mechanisms to facilitate the provision of the viewing stand were discussed.

9. GMA Festivals 2016.

The District Manager stated that following a meeting with the Strawberry Fair Festival Committee and the Street Rhythms Festival Committee it was agreed that the groups combine to host one festival on the June bank holiday weekend in 2017.

It was noted that the General Municipal Allocation for festivals for 2017 remains at €100,000 and the District Manager undertook to bring a proposal for the allocation of these monies to the November meeting of this Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh the Members agreed that as next year sees the 50th anniversary of the Strawberry Festival, to increase funding to €12,000 to cover both the Strawberry Fair Festival and the Street Rhythms Festival for 2017.

The District Manager gave a short presentation on 'Santa's Enchanted Castle' and it was noted that the web page has seen approximately 55,000 views since its launch. He continued by confirming that 700 bookings have been made to date and it is hoped that a revenue of €70,000 will be obtained for 2016. The Members congratulated Mr. O'Gorman on the administration of 'Santa's Enchanted Castle', which, is proving to be a very successful venture.

10. Tidy Towns 2016.

The Tidy Towns Competition 2016 – Adjudication Report for Enniscorthy circulated prior to the meeting was noted and discussed. The Members extended their congratulations to all involved for their hard and dedicated work especially all the villages in the District where this work is carried out on a voluntary basis.

The District Manager stated that Category 5, Sustainable Waste and Resource Management was one in which the town struggled and he undertook to seek advice on how marks can be improved for next year.

Following the success of the workshop held in 2015, Mr. O'Gorman undertook to organise a further workshop to be attended by an Adjudicator to give all Tidy Town Committee's in the District a forum to discuss how they can improve their efforts for the 2017 competition.

11. Broadband Infrastructure in Enniscorthy.

The District Manager stated that Virgin Media are currently working to provide an improved Broadband Infrastructure in the town which will be available to all residential properties and

businesses in the areas serviced. He continued by stating that Virgin Media are also looking at further sites in Enniscorthy where provision can be made and it is hoped that this will provide solutions for a number of businesses in the district.

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

None.

13. Correspondence.

The District Manager read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce outlining a number of parking issues in Enniscorthy and Bunclody. A brief discussion took place and it was noted that all issues are being addressed.

14. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Mythen asked for an update on works to St. Patrick's School, Enniscorthy. Mr. O'Gorman undertook to speak to the School Principal and report back to the Members.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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