

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 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. John Carley, Director of Services
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, District Manager
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Anthony Bailey, Administrative Officer, Housing

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 15th July, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th July, 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 15th July, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor Mythen, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke the

Minutes of the July Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th July, 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.4. 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. It was noted that details of the new proposed Tenant Purchase Scheme would be available soon.

Under Community, Councillor Murphy extended her best wishes to Ms. Lucy Wall-Murphy, Bunclody Library on her retirement. The Director of Services and all Members wished to be included in these sentiments and recognised the work done by Ms. Wall-Murphy during her time with the Library.

The Members agreed to hold the next Joint Policing Committee Meeting on Wednesday 14th October, 2015 at 5.00 p.m. in the Presentation Centre.

Under Environment the Members raised the issue of noise pollution and Mr. Bailey undertook to review the issue and update the Members in due course.

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.

Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer attended the meeting to discuss the Roads Report. The Members raised a number of queries under this heading for consideration, and Ms. Kehoe undertook to respond to same. Queries included:-

- Footpaths.
- Speeding Controls.
- Hedge cutting.

- Signage.
- Road Markings.
- Resurfacing.

Ms. Kehoe, Executive Engineer informed the Members of additional funding available under the Restoration Improvement Grant and circulated proposed works to be carried out from these additional funds.

Regarding the additional GMA allocation of €20,000 for 2015, on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Murphy it was unanimously agreed that €10,000 be allocated to carry out works at Esmonde Road with the remaining €10,000 to be used for another project within Roads.

Councillor Kavanagh extended congratulations to Ms. Kehoe, the roads team and all involved in the works being carried out on the N11, in particular Councillor Kavanagh commented on the way in which the traffic flowed with little disruption.

3. Consideration of making an Order declaring the Roads contained within Kyle Meadows, Oulart to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke the Members agreed to the making of an Order declaring the Roads contained within Kyle Meadows, Oulart to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

4. Proposed Taking in Charge of Spencer Court, Enniscorthy and Ashfield (Phase 3), Blackwater – public consultation phase.

On the proposal of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke the Members agreed to the proposed Taking in Charge of Spencer Court, Enniscorthy and Ashfield (Phase 3), Blackwater – public consultation phase.

5. 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.

6. Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer outlined the main points of the report circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. It was agreed to invite Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer, Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme, to attend a meeting before the end of 2015 wherein Members can raise and discuss their concerns.

7. Civic Receptions.

The District Manager spoke of the success of the recent Civic Reception held for the Enniscorthy Rugby Club and proposed a date of Friday 25th September, 2015 to honour individuals in the district on their achievements in a variety of sports/activities.

The Members thanked the District Manager and all staff involved in the organisation of all Civic Receptions.

8. Festivals Update.

The District Manager spoke of the Rock 'N' Food Festival which he confirmed was a huge success. The Members praised all involved in making this festival the success that it was and also extended their congratulations to the Backstairs Blues Festival.

The District Manager continued by stating that it was now proposed to enhance the Christmas Festival in Enniscorthy by way of some improved street lighting and the transformation of the Enniscorthy Castle into 'Santa's Magical Castle'. It was noted that the launch of this festival will take place before the next meeting. It was further noted that a website was currently being developed where electronic bookings can be made. The Members praised this proposal.

The Director of Services thanked Mr. O'Gorman, District Manager and his team for the work inputted into the 2015 festivals and thanked the Members in their foresight for funding and supporting all festivals throughout the district. He continued by thanking all Committee Members along with the Press for their support and assistance. The Members wished to be associated with these sentiments.

9. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

The Members acknowledged correspondence from Minister Brendan Howlin confirming funding of €875,892.68 for the refurbishment of the Athenaeum, Enniscorthy. It was noted that a Contractor would be commencing before the end of the month.

The District Manager informed the attendees that the County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme had been launched in Dublin by the Minister for Arts.

On the proposal of Councillor Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor Mythen the Members agreed to acknowledge participants of the 1916 Rising by dedicating a part of or a structure at the Presentation Centre Garden in their honour.

10. Brooklyn Premiere.

It was confirmed that the premiere of Brooklyn will be screened in Enniscorthy to be held at the Riverside Park Hotel in October, 2015. The District Manager wished to express his gratitude to Mr. Colm Tóibín who supported this endeavour and without whom the premiere may not have been possible to host in the town.

11. Tidy Towns.

The Members recognised the huge effort made by the Tidy Towns Committee and staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District and thanked them for their hard work throughout the year.

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

None.

13. Correspondence.

The District Manager informed the attendees of a 'Business to Business Economic Briefing' which will be held on Tuesday 6th October, 2015 in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy.

14. Any Other Business.

The Members extended congratulations to the following:-

- Mr. Cathal Redmond who won the Irish Section of the James Dyson Award 2015 and who has been shortlisted in the final 20 for the worldwide competition.
- Mr. Anthony Kearns who has been given the honour of performing for Pope Francis.

The Members expressed a vote of sympathy to. Mr. Eddie Breen on the death of his Mother-In-Law, Mrs. Mairead Furlong.

It was agreed to place the Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2016 on the Agenda for the October Meeting of the Committee. It was further agreed to place this item first on the Agenda.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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