

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY
HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2017 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY**

Attendance: Councillors: Keith Doyle (Cathaoirleach)
Barbara-Anne Murphy
Willie Kavanagh
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
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. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Barry Browne, Repair & Leasing, Housing

Apologies: Councillors: Oliver Walsh

Officials: Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident 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 17th July, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Minutes of the July 'In Committee' Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th July, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.2. Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17th July, 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th July, 2017 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

2. Taking in Charge:

Proposed Taking in Charge of the following Housing Estates in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended):-

- Arduain, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy
- Bishops Well, Nunnery Road, Enniscorthy
- Carraig Dubh, Inch, Blackwater, Enniscorthy
- Cluain Bui, The Moyne, Enniscorthy
- Cluain Oir, The Moyne, Enniscorthy
- Greenville Court, Enniscorthy
- Hempfield Close, Enniscorthy
- Meadowlands, Ross Road, Enniscorthy
- Radharc na Bhfanithe, Killane, Enniscorthy
- Sean Browne Crescent, Enniscorthy
- The Brambles, Galbally, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Mythen the Members approved the proposed Taking in Charge of the Housing Estates listed above, with the exception of Radharc na Bhfanithe, Killane as this estate is located in the New Ross District.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.2. Housing.

Ms. Martina Donoghue, Administrative Officer, Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. Barry Browne attended the meeting to discuss housing matters.

Mr. O'Gorman updated the Members on a number of housing issues, in particular the Refugee Resettlement Programme which he confirmed is going very well.

Mr. O'Gorman introduced Mr. Barry Browne, Repair & Lease, Housing and Community Section. Mr. Browne circulated a report and made a presentation on the Vacant Housing Repair and Leasing Initiative.

The Members raised a number of queries to which Mr. Browne responded.

Community & Environment.

The Members highlighted a number of queries under Community & Environment to which the Officials responded. It was noted that Wexford County Council has an active programme in place to deal with illegal dumping. The Director of Services stated that proposals are in place to modify the way in which the Council approach the control of litter pollution, which will come before the Members for approval.

3.1. Planning.

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner outlined the main points of the Planning Report, the contents of which were noted by the Members.

3.3. Enterprise.

Cllr. Murphy highlighted her disappointment that no cultural night had been arranged in Enniscorthy. The Director of Services stated that a number of private groups throughout the County had organised these events with some funding provided by the Districts General Municipal Allocation.

Vinegar Hill

Cllr. Mythen asked if the issue of caretaking duties at Vinegar Hill was resolved. The District Manager stated that a full time Caretaker was commencing on Monday 25th September, 2017.

Cllr. Mythen proposed that Vinegar Hill be immediately placed on the Register of Monuments and under protection. Mr. Carley undertook to raise the matter with the relevant officials and arrange a meeting with the Planning Department to see how this matter can be progressed.

A discussion took place by the Members and while recognising the need for protection on Vinegar hill they felt that a practical approach should be taken.

The District Manager stated that at a future meeting she would organise a briefing for the Members by the Archeology Team.

The Members thanked the team for the work they carried out on this project.

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:-

- Dangerous junction at Ballycarney.
- Works at Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy – lights at Pedestrian Crossing not working and lack of road markings.
- Request for replacement hedging following works to the footpath at Bellefield.
- Signage at crossroads at Ballyorrill and Doran's Bridge and road marking at Strahert.
- Request for dropped kerb to replace ramp at Pedestrian Crossing, Main Street, Bunclody.
- Resurfacing of N80 through Bunclody town.
- Request for extension of footpath past FJC Secondary School, Bunclody.
- Traffic Control /School wardens at St. Aidan's School – request for review.

4. 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.

5. Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme Report/Update.

The report circulated to the Members prior to the meeting was noted.

6. Proposed disposal of No. 4 Church Street, Enniscorthy.

A discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members agreed to the proposed disposal of No. 4 Church Street, Enniscorthy.

It was noted that Cllr. Mythen's recommendation was to keep this house for use as social housing due to the current shortage.

7. Communities Facilities Scheme Applications 2017.

The District Manager presented a report outlining her recommendations on the allocation of

funding under the Communities Facilities Scheme 2017. A total of 26 eligible applications were received and a total budget of €16,125 was available, which was distributed among a diverse range of community interests. These projects will now go forward to the LCDC for final approval.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Members approved the list of allocations as presented by the District Manager.

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

None.

9. Correspondence.

The District Manager read a letter received from Cllr. Alan Buckfield, Mayor of Haverfordwest thanking the Members and town of Enniscorthy for hosting him for the Rockin Food Festival.

Ms. Hore continued by stating that Wexford County Council had secured funding for the development of a Food Tourism Project on a County wide basis. The funding is building on the initial work of the Rockin Food Festival and will work towards a sustainable tourism product involving food producers. Mr. Carley thanked everyone involved with the festival and feels that this project will be of great benefit to the Town.

Cllr. Murphy extended her appreciation to all who assisted with the Streams of Bunclody Festival, which she stated received great support from the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

The District Manager spoke about a number of upcoming events/festivals, in particular, Santa's Enchanted Castle and the fundraiser organised by the Enniscorthy & District Chamber in aid of the Christmas Festival.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh congratulated the Blackstairs Blues Festival on its success.

10. Any Other Business.

Cllr. W. Kavanagh asked that consideration be given to the erection of an EU Flag on the Bridge in Enniscorthy.

Cllr. Mythen congratulated Wexford County Council on the new Promenade Playground.

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following:-

- Quigley family, Blackwater on the death of their Mother Bridget, RIP.
- Mr. Jarlath Glynn, Enniscorthy Library, Wexford County Council on the death of his brother Very Reverend Matthias Canon Glynn, RIP.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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