

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 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. Bernie Quigley, Staff Officer
Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Tadhg O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer

Apologies: Officials: Ms. Joanne Kehoe, Executive Engineer
Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on the 18th July, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Codd-Nolan the Minutes of the July Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th July, 2016 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 held on the 18th July, 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Murphy the Minutes of the July Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 18th July 2016 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairperson.

1.3. Matters Arising.

None.

Votes Of Sympathy

The Members extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- The family of Mr. Pat Tyrell, RIP, previous employee of Wexford County Council.
- The family of Mr. Jim Raleigh, RIP, previous employee of Wexford County Council.
- The Sinnott family, Crossabeg on the passing of Ms. Philomena Sinnott, RIP.
- Ms. Noirin Cummins, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department, Wexford County Council on the recent passing of her Mother.
- The family of Ms. Caitriona Lucas, RIP, Doolin Coast Guard Unit, Co. Claire who recently lost her life.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1. Housing, Community & Environment Report.

Mr. John Carley, Director of Services took this item and responded to all queries raised, in particular the following were highlighted by the Members:-

- Infill Site at Marconi Park and Gort Na Sline.
- Vacant House at Marconi Park.
- Special Needs House at Cum An Tobair.
- Funding for works to 24 Ross Road, Enniscorthy.
- Current figures on Wexford County Council's Housing List.
- The inclusion of the Garda Vetting Application into the current application form for Social Housing.

Under Community Cllr. Murphy welcomed the introduction of EBooks and Cllr. Mythen asked for an update on the refurbishment of the Playground at the Riverside Park Hotel.

Under Environment the following queries were raised:-

- Provision of a Ride-on Lawnmower for Bunclody Cemetery.
- Clipping at the Riverwalk.

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.

The Members noted the Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting and highlighted a number of queries, including:-

- Provision of a Cycle Lane on Milehouse Road, Enniscorthy.
- Footpaths.
- Road Lining – FCJ School Bunclody.
- Improvements in the Shannon area of town – St. Molings Terrace.

A discussion took place around the provision of introducing free parking in Enniscorthy for a period during the day, for instance, the first hour free or free parking from 3.00/3.30 p.m. The executives spoke of the challenges this would bring especially from a financial aspect.

It was noted that preparation is underway for the completion of a new set of Pay Parking Bye-Laws for the County, a draft of which will be brought before the Members for consideration when prepared.

3. Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2016.

Mr. O’Gorman, District Manager outlined proposals for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2016 for Enniscorthy. The proposal included the extension of two footpaths, one in Enniscorthy and one in Bunclody. It was noted that this scheme is 85% financed by the Department and 15% financed from Wexford County Council. The allocation for this scheme is €110,000 per district.

The Members expressed their disappointment with the lack of consultation prior to any decision being made on proposals for inclusion in this scheme. They felt that the provision of footpaths should be carried out and funded from a different source leaving this type of grant to be allocated to special projects within the districts.

Mr. O’Gorman stated that there were very tight time constraints with this scheme. He continued by stating that it was necessary to have projects ready to commence and be completed by the end of 2016.

4. Amended Section 183 Notice – Transfer of Land to St. Aidan’s Diocesan Trust.

It was noted that as this Section 183 was approved at the September Meeting of Wexford County Council it no longer needed to be considered at district meeting level.

5. Enniscorthy Flood Relief Report/Update.

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer updated the Members on the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme and responded to all queries raised.

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.

In particular:-

- The colour of the water in the town.
- Foul odour in the Shannon area of the town.
- Gully cleaning.
- Update on the Oylegate Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Maintenance responsibility of water supply and wastewater pipes between the property owner and Irish Water.

7. Templeshannon Urban Renewal Project.

The District Manager spoke of the recent meeting held with the Members and Project Consultants on the 15th September, 2016. He stated that this meeting proved to be very productive and he thanked the Members for their valued input.

It was noted that it is intended to present the draft report to the Members at their November Meeting to allow for the report to be finalised and published in December, 2016.

5.36 p.m. At this juncture Cllr. O’Rourke left the meeting.

8. GMA Festivals 2016.

The District Manager updated the attendees on the recent festivals which took place in Enniscorthy, in particular the Rock 'N' Food Festival. It was noted that the Rock 'N' Food Festival is planned for 2017 along with the re-introduction of the Vinegar Hill Re-enactment. As 2017 sees the 50th Anniversary of the Strawberry Festival, Mr. O'Gorman informed the attendees that the Committee is considering joining with the Street Rhythms Festival for next year's event.

The Christmas Festival was discussed and the District Manager stated he was hopeful that bookings for Santa's Enchanted Castle would increase by 40-50% this year.

The Members congratulated Mr. O'Gorman, his team and everyone involved in the organisation and operation of the many Festivals which took place in Enniscorthy in 2016.

9. County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemorative Programme.

Mr. O'Gorman stated that the above programme is now near completion with the official opening of the Enniscorthy Athenaeum taking place in the coming week.

10. Enniscorthy Sports Hub.

Copies of the plans for Phase 2 of the Enniscorthy Sports Hub were circulated to the attendees. It was noted that the Viewing Stand may not be eligible for the Sports Capital Grant and therefore it is intended to submit an application to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for facilities only. The District Manager stated that it may be necessary to seek funding from another source to complete the Viewing Stand.

It was further noted that two separate planning applications will be submitted, one for the facilities and one for the Viewing Stand.

The Members discussed this briefly and the Director of Services undertook to ask the Sports Administrator to attend the next meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy to discuss options to promote the hub.

11. Municipal Playing Pitch at Ross Road.

Mr. O'Gorman gave a brief presentation to the Members on the progress of the Playing Pitch which he stated will be ready for use in 2018. The use and management of the pitch has yet to be agreed, however, as this is a Wexford County Council facility it is hoped it will be

open to all users.

12. Christmas Lighting 2016.

A presentation was given to the Members on the additional Christmas Lighting being purchased for Enniscorthy Town. The Members noted same.

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

None.

14. Correspondence.

The District Manager circulated the Irish Business Against Litter Press Release for discussion. This survey carried out by IBAL in 40 towns/cities shows Enniscorthy as joint second in the category 'cleaner than European Norms'. This is an excellent showing for Enniscorthy, with almost all of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade.

The Members extended congratulations to all involved.

15. Any Other Business.

The Members congratulated the Enniscorthy Tidy Towns on their recent achievement.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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