

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on Wednesday 14th July, 2021 in the Council Chamber, Wexford County
Council HQ, Carricklawn, Wexford./MS Teams**

Presiding: Councillor Pat Barden

In Attendance: Councillor John Fleming
Councillor Anthony Connick
Councillor Michael Sheehan
Councillor Michael Whelan

rOfficials Present: Mick McCormack – District Manager
Eamonn Hore - District Director
Dan McCartan – Senior Executive Engineer (Via Teams)
David Murphy – A/Executive Engineer
Martina Donoghue – AO Housing (Via Teams)
Liam Bowe – Executive Planner (Via Teams)
Craig Innes – Senior Executive Engineer (Via Teams)
JJ Doheny – Procurement Officer (Via Teams)
Sharon Ryan – Assistant Staff Officer

Others Present: Deputy Verona Murphy (Via Teams)
David Looby New Ross Standard
Frank Corcoran Slaney News (Via Teams)

Apologies: Councillor Bridín Murphy

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chairman of the New Ross Municipal District.

Sympathies

Cllr. Michael Whelan offered sympathies to the Lyng family of the Rower, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary.

Cllr. Michael Sheehan offered sympathies to the St. Ledger family on the death of Marie; to the O’Leary family on the death of Johnny.

Cllr. Fleming offered sympathies to the families of Josephine Doyle and Betty Cummins.

Cllr. Barden offered sympathies to the family of Elizabeth McGrath.

Congratulations

Cllr. Whelan congratulated Sophie Becker on her success in the Olympics to date. He also congratulated all involved with the New Ross Summer Sessions gala night which was a great success.

Cllr. Michael Sheehan congratulated Frances Ryan on her appointment as Chairperson of the John F. Kennedy Trust.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting –

The June 2021 Minutes were proposed as presented by Councillor Anthony Connick and seconded by Councillor Michael Sheehan.

1.2 Annual Meeting –

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, 2021 were proposed as presented by Councillor Anthony Connick and seconded by Councillor John Fleming.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

2.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager delivered his report and responded to queries raised by the Members.

Summer Festival

The Summer Sessions has commenced with 3 pantomime performances and the gala night to date.

Town and Village Renewal 2021

The Town and Village Renewal application for Brennan's Lane and the Shambles will be submitted over the next few days. Cllr. Whelan asked if it was possible to view the plans for this. The District Manager clarified that it was only at application stage at the moment.

Staff Changes

The District Manager welcomed Eoin Furlong, Clerical Officer, to the NRMD office. Eoin will be starting next Monday in place of David Lee. The Members welcomed Eoin to the team.

Tidy Towns

The New Ross Tidy Towns committee have had their first meeting and are looking to expand. There will be a big call out for volunteers in the near future.

Destination Towns

Work is continuing on the Destination Towns project, most notably over the last few weeks are the murals on Conduit Lane and the lighting on the Tholsel.

Pedestrianisation

The tender process has commenced for a traffic study on the pedestrianisation proposal with a deadline of 27th July and a contract start date of September.

Commemorative Garden Pearse Park

Work on the Commemorative Garden, funded under the Decade of Centenaries fund, will be completed over the next few weeks.

NRMD Venue for Council Meetings

The Members agreed that meetings would continue to take place in the Council Chamber, Wexford until they can safely take place in the Tholsel again.

Meeting with Callan Thomastown MD

The Members agreed that a joint meeting with Callan/Thomastown MD will take place at 2.30 on Wednesday, 8th September, in advance of the monthly meeting which will now take place at 3.30.

2.2. Roads Report

The Roads Engineer delivered his report and responded to queries from the Members.

2.3. Water Services Report

The Senior Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to queries from the Members.

The Members complemented the Water Services team on the funding for Fethard Castle and Mountgarrett Castle under the Community Monuments Fund.

2.4. Housing Report.

The Housing report was delivered by the Administrative Officer, Housing who responded to queries from the Members.

In response to a query on housing acquisitions, the AO, Housing advised that an acquisitions strategy had been submitted to the Department .

The AO, Housing is to check regarding knotweed on the Rosbercon site & revert to the Members.

The AO Housing agreed to circulate the numbers on the housing list, broken down by house size, a list of vacant houses in the District and the timeframe for the processing of grant applications for the next meeting.

2.5 Planning Report

The Executive Planner delivered his report and responded to queries from the Members.

2.6 Planning Grants

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.7 Planning Refusals

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.8 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.9 Community Development Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.10 Environment Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.11 Fire Services Report

The content of the report was noted by the Members.

2.12 Members Query System

The content of the report was noted by the Members

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

3.1 S183 Notice to District – Sale of Marshmeadows to Green Bio Fuels Ltd

On the proposal of Cllr. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. Fleming the Members recommended the sale of Marshmeadows to Green Bio Fuels.

3.2 Notice of Taking in Charge of Valley View, Fethard.

The Members passed the notice of taking in charge of Valley View, Fethard on the proposal of Cllr. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. Fleming.

4.0 Other Business

4.1 Special Projects Report

The Members noted the content of the Special Projects report and complemented the team on all that is going on in New Ross at present.

Cllr. Sheehan requested that a meeting be called with Special Projects to discuss new projects. The District Manager asked Members to discuss any ideas they have with him.

4.2 CCTV Presentation

A presentation was given by JJ Doheny on the proposed CCTV scheme for New Ross town and responded to questions from the Members.

Following queries from Members it was clarified that the next step in this process will be public consultation.

The scheme was approved by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Connick, seconded by Cllr. Sheehan.

The Chairman thanked the presenters for their attendance and presentation.

5.0 Notice of Motion/s –

N/A

6.0 Correspondence

N/A

7.0 AOB

Cllr. Sheehan requested a list of derelict sites for the next meeting.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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Date _____