

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON TUESDAY,
22nd October at 9.30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Councillors: Cllr. Aidan Browne (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Jackser Owens (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Pat Kehoe
Cllr. Cathal Byrne
Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cllr. John O'Rourke

Officials: Ms Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Ms. Edel Nolan, Staff Officer
Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.
Mr Larry McHale, Project Resident Engineer.
Ms Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist.
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Mr Marcus Linehan, Executive Planner.
Mr Davia Whitty, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer.
Ms Lynda Leacy, A/Director of Finance.

Via Teams: Ms Michele Bridges Carley, Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following: -

- The Doyle Family, Enniscorthy on the passing of Mary Doyle RIP.
- The Larkin Family, Andy Doyle Close, Enniscorthy on the passing of Margaret Larkin RIP.
- The Dwyer Family, Redmond St, Enniscorthy on the passing of Bobby Dwyer RIP.
- The Mahon Family, St Adains Villas, on the passing of Donal Mahon RIP.
- Edwin Abbott and Family, Bunclody on the passing of John Abbott RIP.
- Ms Roseanne Redmond, Housing section on the passing of her mother-in-law Mrs Susan Hayes RIP.

Congratulations:

The members extended their congratulations to.

- The ladies of Baile Dubh Tire Laies Football club on their recent win in the County Intermediate Championships

- The Slaney Harriers Minor team on their recent win in the Under 18 football Roinn1 Championships.
- The Ballyhogue Camogie team on winning the Junior County Final.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the September Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 17th September 2024

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Rourke the Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 17th September 2024 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Matters Arising

Cllr O'Rourke requested an update on parking in Sli Na Slaine, issues with runoff water flowing into Hempfield Estate and the requested Yield sign at the bridge in the Still.

Cllr Kehoe requested that priority be given on match days in Bellefield to retain parking for Playground users.

Executive Engineer for Roads replied to the members and committed to looking into these works once funding becomes available.

District Manger clarified that she had written to the GAA regarding the parking issues on Match days and was awaiting a reply.

Due to clashing meetings with the Housing Section an Cathaoirleach, Cllr Browne, recommended the suspension of standing orders to facilitate a change in the order of business. Following this recommendations proposal by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Kehoe, standing orders were duly suspended. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Browne, requested the order of business to be reflected in the minutes.

3.3 Housing

The reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted. The Members put forward several queries and concerns, in particular:

- Update on when Castlelands houses will be advertised on Choice Based Letting.
- Procedures in place to deter and deal with anti-social behaviour at Halloween?
- Breakdown of housing types proposed in the new development at The Lyre.
- Query as to an increase in the budget for Housing Maintenance for replacement of windows and doors.

Housing Staff members in attendance answered the members queries and committed to reverting to the members with answers as to the feasibility of building on land in Marshalstown village and regarding providing extra training for the Choice Based Letting System.

2. Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) 2025.

A/Director of Services Ms Lynda Leacy briefed the Members on the previously circulated Draft Budget Plan.

A discussion took place around the requirement of an increase in the Festival Funding given to the District.

3. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:

3.1 Planning

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

The Members thanked planning officials for their work on planning applications and noted that there was only one refusal in the District in September which was welcomed.

3.2 Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

The Community, Environment, Libraries and Fire Service reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

The members raised the following queries:

- Enquiries be made to include a return unit in the recycling centres?
- An update on the Decarbonisation Zone scheme.
- Update on the use of CCTV for fly tipping black spots?
- Mattress amnesty to include paint tins also.

Director of Services Ms Godkin and Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist answered all the members queries and committed to reverting with a reply on the recycling centre query and the CCTV use.

3.4 Municipal District Report

The Municipal District report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

Rafter Street

Pedestrian Zone signage has been ordered for Rafter Street. Pedestrianisation will be enforced between the hours of 10.00am and 4.30pm as per Bye Laws. Correspondence has been issued to Waste Contractor regarding collection of waste outside of these hours. New bollards have been ordered. The bollards will be placed at both ends of the street. Notification will be issued to business owners on Rafter Street.

Bellefield Playground and Public Realm

The official opening of the Bellefield Playground and Public Realm area will take place on Monday 21st October at 10.30am. Wexford County Council is pleased to be part of this wonderful project. The new playground is a great addition to the development and the new public realm area enhancing the entry/exit facility and additional car parking for users has transformed the Bellefield Road area.

Enniscorthy Riverside Trail

The official opening of the scenic trail will take place on Monday 21st October at 9.30am at the Davis Mills site. The new 600m loop around the Urrin River extends the existing Enniscorthy Riverside Trail.

The trail has proved to be very popular with the public and is well used by the residents of Enniscorthy Town and visitors alike.

All-Weather Astro Pitch, Ross Road, Enniscorthy

Works are complete on the all-weather pitch. Works have commenced on car parking at the facility. Awaiting final certifications from the Contractor before official handover to WCC. Training at the facility has been arranged for next week. A manual booking system will be in place initially due to delays with ESB connection. More details in relation to booking the facility will follow shortly.

Playful Spaces Project

The musical equipment supported by Healthy Wexford through the Healthy Ireland fund has been installed in the Orchard Peace Park.

An event will be held in the park on in early November to showcase the new equipment. The musical instruments have added more colour to the park and will also encourage more users to the park.

Arrangements have been made for a mobile coffee truck to be located at the park for a trial period. If this proves to be successful Enniscorthy MD will make arrangements to install a permanent coffee shop in the Presentation Arts Centre.

St Johns Community Activity Garden

The sod was officially turned on the new activity garden project at St John's Community Hospital at a ceremony held on Friday 28th September. The site has been fenced off and works have commenced. Expected completion date is August 2025.

Programme of Events

Halloween

Enniscorthy MD have erected Halloween silhouettes in several areas around the town. Business owners are encouraged to decorate their premises as the Halloween themed window displays contributes to the Halloween atmosphere. A Samhain celebration event is being held in Enniscorthy Castle and the Presentation Arts Centre will host Halloween Workshops with Natasha.

Christmas Festival & Light Switch on.

The Switch on of the Christmas Lights will take place on Friday 29th November. Further details to follow.

268 tickets for Santa's Enchanted Christmas experience have been sold to date. The event will run from Saturday 30th November to Saturday 23rd December. Marketing Campaign to begin this week to increase ticket sales.

Plans are being put in place by Enniscorthy MD for a Christmas event in the Market Square. More details to follow.

The members raised the following queries:

- Update on CCTV Schemes for Enniscorthy and Bunclody?
- An update on the New Astro Pitch facility.
- Details of the Santas Enchanted Christmas event.
- A request for information panel to be placed at the Brooklyn bench.
- A request for a new facility in The Moyne area.
- Update on the Athletics Track.
- A request for EV Charging points.
- Update on Tour de France Cycle City.

Cllr Browne commended the Staff of Enniscorthy Municipal District Office on the running of two official opening events in Enniscorthy on Monday. Cllr Owens requested that the position of School Warden be reviewed at St Aidan's crossing.

Cllr Murphy welcomed the addition of the Musical instruments in the Peace Park.

Cllr Owens requested a meeting with Slaney Search and Rescue to help them find a new base in town.

Cllr Byrne requested a copy of the Night Time Economy presentation which was given at a recent Enniscorthy Town Centre First meeting.

As there has been no progress on the CCTV for Enniscorthy or Bunclody Cllr Murphy proposed that a letter issue to the Garda Commissioner in relation to this matter requesting an update, this was seconded by Cllr Browne.

District Manager Ms Claire Lawless and Director of Services Ms Carolayne Godkin answered the Members queries.

Cathaoirleach Browne at this juncture called for a break in the meeting to allow for tea 10.52am. Meeting resumed at 11.08am.

3.4.1 Part VIII notification for Springvalley Playground.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Browne informed the Members that this item would be deferred until the November Meeting.

3.4.2 Update on Wexford Football League, Centre of Excellence at Turret Rocks.

The District Manager Ms Claire Lawless presented the proposed development at Turret Rocks. The Members welcomed this proposed new Facility and stated that it will be a huge benefit to the East side of Enniscorthy and the district.

3.5 Roads Report.

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The members raised the following queries:

- Overgrown ditches cut back at junction at Mangan Lane, Caim.
 - Blocked shore outside 1,2 and 3 Moran Park to be unblocked.
 - Safety works on footpath outside Reachability campus in Bellefield.
 - Safety works on Greenville Lane.
 - Footpaths cleared of weeds in Tomduff and Drumgoold.
 - Extension of footpath from Bunclody to Clohamon.
 - Update on the Roads three-year Programme of works.
 - Road in Kings Hill, Kilorlican in need of attention.
- Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer for roads replied to the members queries and informed the Members that there was limited funding to cover all required works in the district.

3.6 Flood Defence Report.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The members queried if any update had been received further to the letter requesting a meeting with the new minister of Office of Public Works. No date for meeting has been received. The members agreed to request a meeting with the newly appointed Minister after Election.

3.7 Special Projects.

The Special Projects report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and Mr David Whitty presented the proposed plans for the former Murphy Floods site in

Enniscorthy and gave an update on the proposed new development at the Sports Hub.

The members welcomed the updates, and a discussion took place with regards to the proposed drawings of the plan for former Murphy Floods site.

Cllr Byrne proposed that the Members ask for a revised plan to include less public realm space and more car parking spaces, Cllr Kehoe seconded this proposal.

Cllr O'Rourke proposed to proceed with the plan as presented, this was seconded by Cllr Murphy.

A show of hands was called by Cathaoirleach Cllr Browne and the members voted 4 to 2 to proceed with the plan as presented.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Bryne it was agreed to suspend the Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue.

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

4.1 - S183 Notice to District, Nolan's Lawn, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Browne noted the S183 notice and confirmed that it would be brought to the Full council Meeting in November.

5. Correspondence.

The District Manger read out correspondence received from Minister Foleys office updating on the roll out of a Transition Year programme on Road driving Safety following on from a Notice of Motion by Cllr O'Rourke.

Further correspondence was read out informing the Members of the election of the new Mayor of Blacktown, Mr Brad Bunting. The Members requested that their congratulations be sent to the new Mayor.

6. Any Other Business.

Cllr Murphy requested an update on the repair of the water fountain outside Bunclody church, Senior Executive Engineer Mr. Neville Shaw informed Cllr Murphy that parts have been obtained and repairs will be carried out in the coming weeks.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Owens it was agreed to proceed to 'In Committee' at this juncture of the meeting to discuss a sensitive housing issue.

This concluded the business of the Meeting at 12.55pm.

Cllr Aidan Browne
CATHAOIRLEACH

19th November 2024
DATE