

**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON MONDAY,
20th May at 9.30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr. John O'Rourke (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Jackser Owens (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Cathal Byrne
Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cllr. Aidan Browne

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 Tom Banville, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr Mick McCormick, Town Regeneration Officer.
Ms Angela Lawless, Senior Staff Officer.

Via Teams:

Mr Eoin Newman, Assistant Planner.
Ms Paula Shortall, Senior Staff Officer.

Apologies:

Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the following:-

- Cllr Owens Family and the Kehoe Family on the passing of Patrick Kehoe RIP.
- The Crean Family on the death of Rita, RIP.
- The Family and colleagues of Blacktown City Mayor, NSW Mr Tony Bleasdale, R.I.P.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Minutes of the April Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy – 15th April 2024

On the proposal of Cllr. Browne, seconded by Cllr. Codd Nolan the Minutes of the April Monthly Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy held on 15th April 2024 were adopted by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

1.2 Matters Arising

Cllr Murphy requested an update on the appointment of the Heritage Officer and the Information panels for Vinegar Hill.

Cllr Owens requested an update on the employment of replacement Adult School Warden for Enniscorthy? And also, on the possibility of placing CCTV cameras in St Mary's Graveyard.

The District manager and the Director of Services replied to the members queries.

2.8 Vinegar Hill Water Plant update.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr John O'Rourke updated the members on correspondence received with regards to the withdrawal of the scheduled presentation on the works at Vinegar Hill Water treatment Plant.

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

3.1 "Declaring a Public Road" (Taking in Charge) of Taylor's (Tailors Place), Lyre, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Cllr Browne proposed the declaring of the public road and Cllr Owens seconded the motion.

Cllr Murphy queried if there were many more Taking in Charge applications for Enniscorthy Municipal District?

Cllr Byrne joined the meeting at 9.40am.

2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:

2.1 Planning

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

Cllr Murphy raised the following query:

- What is the current wait time for a pre planning meeting?

Mr Newman committed to reverting to the members with a reply.

2.1.1 URDF Call3, update presentation.

Mr Tom Banville presented an update on the URDF Call 3.

The members thanked Mr Banville and raised the following queries:

- What plans were in place for derelict properties that were not included on this scheme?
- On average where does Enniscorthy rate compared to the other districts?
- What is the expected timeframe for this scheme?
- Can the full list of 49 properties considered be made available to the members?

Mr Banville answered the members queries and confirmed that the list will be made available to them, he also clarified that this current scheme is focusing on Residential properties.

2.2 Community, Environment, Libraries & Fire Service

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

Cllr Byrne requested an update on the use of mobile CCTV units at Litter black spots?

Cllr Murphy queried if the Fire Personnel with Wexford County Council is now at full capacity?

Cathaoirleach Cllr O'Rourke requested a zero tolerance stance to be taken by Wexford County Council officials on the misuse and vandalism of life saving equipment, Life Buoys at our waterways.

Director of Services Ms Godkin answered all the members queries.

2.3 Housing

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

- The delivery date of both An Glasain and Castlelands estates.
- An update on the land at the Lyre?
- Plans for affordable housing to be included in the Lyre project?
- An update on the expressions of interest for land received?
- Can assistance be given to Council tenants with regards to replacement of defective windows and doors with regards to fire standards?

Director of Services Ms Godkin, Ms Paula Shortall Senior Staff Officer and Ms Angela Finn, Senior Staff Officer answered the members queries confirming the houses in Castlelands and An Glasain will be released in June.

2.3.1 Draft Part XI Estate Naming Policy 2024.

The draft policy was proposed by Cllr Murphy and Seconded by Cllr Codd Nolan.

Cathaoirleach O'Rourke at this juncture called for a break in the meeting to allow for tea 10.31am.

Meeting resumed at 10.41am.

2.4 Municipal District Report

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

Shopfront Painting & Flower Grant Scheme 2024

The Enniscorthy Municipal District Shopfront Painting & Flower Grant Scheme 2024 is open for applications.

Applications are available from the Enniscorthy Municipal District office. Completed Application Forms must be submitted to: Enniscorthy Municipal District, Market Square, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. Any queries please telephone Enniscorthy Municipal District 053 919 6830 . Email: emdreception@wexfordcoco.ie.

Funding for awnings has been included in the scheme. 4 Flower applications and 5 Painting applications have been received to date. Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is: 5pm Friday, 31st May 2024.

Playful Spaces Project

Funding has been secured for Enniscorthy Municipal District from the Department of Health (€20K) for musical equipment for the Orchard Peace Park, a further 5k was sought by EMD and approved at a recent Healthy County Committee Meeting. EMD will cover the costs of installation. Recent future Activation Project carried out on Peace Park suggested 'play along the way features on winding and flat paths' in the Final Recommendations.

The aim of the project is to improve physical activity and reduce cardiac issues/deaths by encouraging activity through playful ideas. The equipment will be suitable for use by children and adults. Shaded areas to be included and access to all.

The equipment will add colour to the park. Musical instruments will encourage old and young to the park and improve activity and mental health while also encouraging interaction with others. There is also seating along the way to rest. This project will help to bring more users to the park.

Town and Village Renewal TV22WX14 - Enniscorthy Well Being & Activity Garden

The draft lease for the Enniscorthy Wellbeing and Activity Garden is being finalised with the HSE. The tender documents for the Design and Build of the garden have been completed. This tender went live on e-tenders on the 17th May 2024.

The Still Pond Forgeland, Enniscorthy

Work is ongoing regarding the condition of the Still Pond. The ownership of the pond is confirmed to be Wexford County Council, but we have only taken charge of the area covered by the main pond itself and not the land that surrounds it.

EMD have spoken with the locals who used to own and carry out the upkeep of the pond and we have met with the environment section and have taken on board advice they are offering regarding the condition of the pond. EMD are hoping to do a bit more research before we formulate a plan for its upkeep going forward.

Laneways

Some laneways around Vinegar hill were cut back from overgrowth in the interest of safety for pedestrians. M+T contracting carried out this work.

St. Mogue's Well, Ferns

Granite paving has been completed at St. Mogue's Well Ferns. The project was funded by the District Development Fund 2023.

Dog Bins

Four new dog Bins were installed in a couple of locations around the town.

These were placed at the following locations:

- Nunnery road near the graveyard
- Black stoops road beside the second entrance to the Graveyard
- Near the junction of Greenville Lane and Summerhill
- And at Greenville Lane beside entrance to Cluain an Oir

The Enniscorthy Athletics Track

The ground works were completed last week for the installation of a new 40ft container which will be installed next week. The new container will go beside the two existing containers and will have to be lifted in by crane. This container will be used to store new athletics equipment.

Tour De France Sculpture

Repairs were carried out to the Tour de France sculpture located at the Petitts Carpark beside the Fairgreen. The statue was repaired, strengthened, letters replaced and the base repainted. We are now considering fencing options to further protect this art piece.

All-Weather Astro Pitch, Ross Road, Enniscorthy

The official signing of the Maintenance and Operation contract between Wexford County Council and Wexford Community Alliance will take place on Monday 20th May at 3.00pm.

Due to a technical issue raised by Uisce Eireann, regarding the connection point of the newly diverted sewer into an existing manhole, it has been necessary to carry out a redesign on this connection point. A new manhole chamber will be needed.

This will inevitably give rise to additional costs and time. The consultant engineers are currently working on the agreed redesign, and we are currently waiting on their report. This additional work may add a possible week or two to the project.

Section 254 Outdoor Dining Licences

Notice received from the Dept of Housing, Local Govt & Heritage that Section 254 Street Furniture fees have been waived until year end. Any payments made to date will be refunded.

Tidy Towns Groups Appreciation Evening

A date has been confirmed for the Tidy Towns appreciation evening to acknowledge and thank the groups for their hard work in our communities. The event will take place in Enniscorthy Castle on the 23rd May at 7.00pm. Invitation have been sent to all the Tidy Towns Groups in the district.

Visit of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London

The Cathaoirleach of Enniscorthy MD Cllr John O'Rourke and Members of EMD gave a warm welcome to John Barber- Master of the Guild, and members of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London. A brunch was held at Enniscorthy Castle for the delegation where Cllr O'Rourke updated them on new developments since their last visit in 2019.

London Wexford Association Dinner Dance

The Cathaoirleach Cllr John O' Rourke and District Manager Claire Lawless attended the 70th Platinum Anniversary London Wexford Dinner Dance in Cricklewood London on the 20th April. The evening comprised of a mixture of Irish culture through music song and dance. The association are very grateful for the continued support that is given by Wexford Co Co.

Civic Awards Evening 2024

The Civic Awards Evening took place in Enniscorthy Castle on Thursday 16th May to recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups within Enniscorthy Municipal District. Congratulation and well done to all.

Name	Title
John Connors	All Ireland Horseshoes
Abbie Doyle	All Ireland Athletics Winner
Sean Nolan	World Title & European Medals
Shauna Kearney	National Elite Boxing Champion
Bunclody Kilmysall Drama Group	Qualification for All Ireland One Act Drama Finals, Placing 3 rd
The Woodsmen Horseshoe Club	All Ireland Division 1 Winners

Wexford A Team (Pool)	All Ireland 8 Ball Pool Champions 2023
Ann Redmond Captain of Wexford Darts Team	All Ireland Darts Champions 2024 (Amy Redmond, Mary Burke, Marie Cash, Marie Kehoe)
Maria Nolan	Author and Film maker
Dannan Long	International Athletic Achievements - 6 International Call ups, 3 International Medals amongst others.
Charlie Dixon	All Ireland Boxing Champion
Evan Thorpe	All Ireland Boxing Champion
Oscar Mordaski	All Ireland Boxing Champion
Micheal Dolgilevics	All Ireland Boxing Champion
Sean Kelly	All Ireland Boxing Champion
Oisin Goff	All Ireland Boxing Champion

Festival Programme 2024

The Enniscorthy Street Rhythms Dance Festival

The Enniscorthy Street Rhythms Dance festival takes place in the Market Square, Enniscorthy on the 1st and 2nd June. The festival is a celebration of music, dance, creativity and nature for all ages.

Festival of Ferns Sunday June 2nd & Monday June 3rd

A two day festival over the June holiday weekend. A festival of celebration, music and fun in the Ancient Capital of Leinster. Showcasing its medieval heritage, events will include a festival parade – a real visual spectacle of colour and craic; music in the grounds of Ferns Castle and local pubs. Fringe events include an exhibition of Norman names by local school children, games for kids, face painting and more. Post parade festivities include a reenactment involving the newly crowned Gaelic King of Leinster and Norman knights, followed by local musicians and performers.

Fleadh Cheoil County Events

As part of the Fleadh Cheoil County Enniscorthy Municipal District will host a series of pop-up events at the following locations in the month of June.

- Vinegar Hill
- Market Square, Enniscorthy
- Enniscorthy Castle
- Ferns Castle
- The Mall, Bunclody

Danescastle Music Group has been confirmed and will display live modern trad music and Irish dancing at different locations. More details to follow.

Sunday 23rd June -The Wild Turkey's and Gavin Buggy -The National 1798
Rebellion Centre

Saturday 6th July- Celtics Routes – The Village at Wheelocks

Video and drone footage will be taken at each of the events which will showcase landmarks sites in EMD.

A Traditional Irish Music Busking Competition will take place on Saturday 22nd June from 12.00pm - 3.00pm in Enniscorthy Town. Prizes for the competition are:-1st Prize €500 – 2nd Prize €300 3rd - Prize €150.

The members extended their congratulations to the committee members of the Rockin Food n Fruit Festival and also thanked the Staff of Enniscorthy Municipal District for all their hard work to ensure the festival was such a success.

Congratulations were given to the recipients of the Civic Awards and thanks given to the District Manager and Staff Officer of Enniscorthy Municipal District for their work on this event.

2.5 Roads Report.

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer committed to reverting with members queries to Mr Dempsey upon his return.

- Marshalstown - School Pedestrian Crossing – When do we have a start date?
- Blackstoops – Graveyard Crossing – Can we have a date for this?
- Clonhaston – Road condition is still very bad, when will this be done?
- Davidstown to the Riding School –there is a lane which is in charge about ½ a mile long badly potholed, can this be addressed?
- Local Improvements Scheme – When can we see the list for this year?
- Completed crossings – ESB connections, when can these be energised , Bunclody and bottom of Slaney Street?
- N80 Ryland Cemetery Road – requires attention.
- Speed – can something be done with the speeding through Clohamon and at Tombrack - 50k zones?
- Stump Lane in Ferns – when can this road/Lane be addressed?
- Ballythomas /Galbally roads are in poor condition and will need attention.
- Killealy - Can something be done about the speed through the village?
- The small bridge at the Still Pond – Can a yield-and-go system be put in place similar to Carley's Bridge?

2.6 Flood Defence Report.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The members queried if any response had been received further to the letter requesting a meeting with the new minister of Office of Public Works. The District Manager updated the members that no response had been received and Cllr Byrne requested that another letter be sent to invite him to meet with the new council.

2.7 Special Projects.

Cllr Murphy requested an update on the schedule for the demolition of the Murphy Floods Site. The District Manager committed to revert to Special Projects for an update.

4. Correspondence.

Letter from Mr P Wildes, with regards to required works on wall at the Grotto in Fr Cullens Terrace was discussed and works are due to be carried out to remedy issues.

5. Any Other Business.

5.1 Wexford Local Link update.

Cathaoirleach Cllr O'Rourke updated the members of an email received from Ms Mary B O'Leary apologising that she could not attend the May meeting as planned, however she committed to attending the next meeting.

Cathaoirleach Cllr O'Rourke finished the meeting by congratulating Cllr Codd Nolan on all her achievements in her time as Councilor and wished her the very best of health and happiness in her retirement. All the members concurred with the Cathaoirleach. He also thanked his colleagues for the past 5 years and wished them luck in the upcoming election.

Director of Services Carolyne Godkin reiterated the Cathaoirleach's sentiments on behalf of Enniscorthy Municipal District Staff.

Cllr Codd Nolan thanked everyone for their kind words and well wishes and extended her best wishes to her colleagues in the upcoming election.

This concluded the business of the Meeting at 11.20am.

Aidan Browne
CATHAOIRLEACH

16th July 2024
DATE