

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY HELD IN THE
PRESENTATION CENTRE, ENNISCORTHY ON TUESDAY,
21ST JANUARY at 9.30 a.m.**

Attendance:

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

Officials: MsCarolyn Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Claire Lawless, District Manager
Mr. Neil Dempsey, Executive Engineer
Ms. Edel Nolan, Senior Staff Officer
Mr Marcus Linehan, Executive Planner
Mr Neville Shaw, Senior Executive Engineer.
Ms Siobhan Murphy, Executive Scientist.
Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer

Via Teams: Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Jackser Owens (Leas-Cathaoirleach)

Congratulations:

The Members expressed congratulations to the following:-

- Coláiste Brid Students Anne Marie O Mahoney and Mia Larkin Walsh on representing their school at The Global Innovation in Sustainability Summit in Qatar next month.
- The Enniscorthy Garda Station on the opening of the new Armed Response unit.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

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

1.2 Matters Arising

None.

2. Consideration of Reports & Recommendations:

2.1 Planning

The Planning reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted. Cathaoirleach Cllr Browne requested clarification on the shared garden included in recent planning permission granted at a new development in the Paddocks. The Executive Planner committed to reverting to the members with clarification.

2.2 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 in relation to Environment:

- Update on use of CCTV to deter illegal dumping.
- The need for a survey of domestic waste disposal.
- Inform Charities and Companies to empty bring banks facilities before holiday time.
- Raise awareness on the illegal activities of 'man with a van' rubbish disposal advertised.
- The abuse of green areas in the Lower Ross Road area with regards to dog fouling.
- Small area at the Bellfield playground needs to be tidied up.

Executive Scientist, Ms Siobhan Murphy informed the members that the CCTV scheme for illegal dumping should be in use in the coming months. A National Plan is being rolled out with regards to domestic waste. Environment are in the process of running an awareness campaign in relation to the requirements of a legitimate 'man with a van' service.

2.3 Housing

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

- An update on the housing development at Clonhaston.
- Amendment to the Choice Based Letting system.

Ms. Roseanne Redmond, Senior Staff Officer answered the members queries.

2.4 Municipal District Report

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

Pairc Na Gabhar Bunclody

A draft plan for the development of the Goats field in Bunclody has been prepared by Enniscorthy MD. The field is located between Termonbarry Housing estate and the National School.

The details of the plan will be presented to the Community Development Group at an upcoming meeting. The project will be progressed when funding is sourced.

Murphy Floods Site

A Bill of Quantities and Tender documents are being prepared by Consulting Engineers to develop the Murphy Floods site.

Enniscorthy MD will run the tender for the development once documentation has been completed.

CCTV Scheme Enniscorthy

The tender closing date for the civil works is 18/01/25. The tenders will be evaluated and the Contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks.

CCTV Scheme Bunclody

The proposed amendment to the Bunclody CCTV Scheme is under the consideration of the Garda Commissioner.

It is necessary to change the camera position at Location 4 from the camera pole as proposed to a building at the same location. This is necessary due to extensive underground services at the location which prevents a CCTV pole being installed there.

Enniscorthy MD - New Depot

A Contractor has been appointed for the refurbishment of a staff depot at the back of the library for the Enniscorthy MD outdoor crew and CE Scheme participants.

Works are due to be completed by Q2 2025.

All-Weather Astro Pitch, Ross Road, Enniscorthy

Booking slots for clubs are being finalised and individual clubs will be notified shortly. A manual booking system will remain in place until the online booking system has been installed. We are waiting on an ESB connection to progress the online booking system. The official opening will take place in the coming weeks. Date to be confirmed.

Small Scale Capital Projects

It is proposed to set up a meeting with the Members in the coming weeks to discuss future small scale capital projects. Date for meeting to be confirmed.

Vinegar Hill Panels

The newly appointed Heritage Officer is liaising with the content co-ordinator to finalise the panels for Vinegar Hill.

Amenity & Arts Grants and Residents Associations Grant Scheme 2025

The Amenity & Arts Grants and Residents Associations Grant Scheme 2025 are now open for applications.

(1) 2025 Amenity & Arts Grant Scheme – Small Scale Funding

This funding scheme is aimed at providing small-scale support to **community & voluntary based groups** and is designed to assist with a wide variety of projects that promote social inclusion and building strong communities e.g.

- Small scale village improvements,
- Community development initiatives,
- Promoting local heritage,
- Planting of trees, shrubs, landscaping,
- Promoting an interest in the Arts – e.g., Stage productions, arts & crafts exhibitions, public recitals, performances & arts workshops, participatory arts projects etc.

(2) 2025 Residents Association Grant Scheme

Projects will be considered within **private housing estates ONLY** which are designed to improve community facilities or enhance the appearance of the area concerned (**maximum grant payable is €600**). Works that will qualify include, but are not limited to:

- Planting of trees, shrubs, landscaping,
- Community development initiatives,
- Promoting social inclusion,
- Promoting local heritage.

Applications should be made online at www.wexfordcoco.ie/community-and-sports . Application Forms and Full Particulars for both Grant Schemes are also available from your local Municipal / Borough Office. The latest date for receipt of completed Application Forms is: 4:00pm Friday, 14th February 2025.

Festivals and Events

St. Patricks Day Parade 2025

The St. Patricks Day Parade Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st January at 5.30pm in the Presentation Centre.

New Members are welcome. Please come along and make it a great St. Patricks Day Parade for Enniscorthy.

Best Christmas Window Display Competition

Enniscorthy Municipal District Office were delighted with the beautiful Christmas Window displays throughout the district this Christmas.

16 businesses in the district entered the most festive window display competition. Finishing Touches located on Main Street was the overall winner.

The standard was very high, and the following businesses were highly commended by the judges:

- Revive and Thrive
- Dusty Boy

Congratulations to Theresa Gleeson and staff of Finishing Touches who received €500 County Wexford Shop Local Vouchers.

Cllr Kehoe queried if the former Murphy Floods site had been placed on the open market for sale? The District Manager committed to reverting to Cllr Kehoe with an update from Economic Development.

Cllr Murphy requested an update on the CCTV schemes for Bunclody and Enniscorthy and requested that a letter would be sent to the Garda with regards to the Bunclody scheme.

2.5 Roads Report.

The Roads Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Mr Dempsey, Executive Engineer informed the members that no allocations of funding have been received and once they are received, he will draft a programme of works for the District in 2025.

The Members raised several queries to which Mr. Dempsey, Executive Engineer responded:

- Request for a pedestrian crossing opposite the 21 steps in Templeshannon area.
- Request to re-instate Cul de Sac signs on Pearse Road.
- Street lighting not working in various parts of the District.
- Illegal parking outside Dunnes Store in Irish Street.
- Works to be carried out on rural roads.
- Disabled parking space in Templeshannon and Bunclody.
- Signage in Bunclody and Ballycarney village.
- Commencement date for the next phase of the Safe Routes to School scheme.
- Request to look at One Way System on Irish Street as part of the TCFP.
- Reminder to the public that roadside ditch cutting deadline is imminent.

Cllr Murphy thanked the outdoor Roads crews for all their hard work during the recent snow and ice in keeping main roads accessible.

Cathaoirleach Browne at this juncture called for a break in the meeting to allow for tea 10.31am. Meeting resumed at 10.50am.

2.6 Flood Defence Scheme Report.

Mr. Larry McHale, Project Engineer updated the members on what will be a busy year with regards to progressing the proposed Flood Defence Scheme. It is expected to go to public consultation with regards to works on the new bridge in Quarter 1 of 2025 and to lodge Planning Documents in Quarter 4 of 2025.

2.7 Special Projects.

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

The members raised queries in relation to funding for the proposed Active Travel development on the Enniscorthy North Business District (Old Dublin Road) and the extension of Walking Trails within the District. Director of Services and the Roads Engineer committed to bringing their queries to the Active Travel Team and Environment.

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

None

4. Correspondence.

None

5. Any Other Business.

The Members and Executives present extended their best wishes to Cllr Byrne on the Seanad Vote and thanked him for all his hard work to date.

Cllr O'Rourke extended best wishes for a speedy recovery to former Councillor and present Wexford County Council employee Mr Peter Byrne on his recent illness, to which all members and Executive wished to be associated with.

This concluded the business of the Meeting at 11.04pm.

Cllr Aidan Browne
CATHAOIRLEACH

18th Feb 2025
DATE