

MINUTES

DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN / LIOS MHÓR DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING

HELD ON 11th July, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

PRESENT:

Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. Tom Cronin
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Siobhán Whelan
Cllr. John Pratt

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing
Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads, HR & Emergency Services
Mr. J. Leonard, Executive Engineer, Environment
Mr. L. O' Brien, Administrative Officer, Environment
Mr. J. O' Mahony, Senior Planner, Planning
Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its sympathy to the families of the late:

Agnes Kenneally
Patrick Wright

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of district meeting held on 13th June, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Nugent, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed.

Minutes of district AGM held on 13th June, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Nugent asked about water supply at graveyard in Dungarvan,
L. O' Brien, AO replied that a water butt has been put in place.
Cllr. Nugent asked for an update on Garranbane Cross report.
P. McCarthy, SE replied that the report is awaited from TII.
Cllr. Doocey referred to Japanese Knotweed and the need for a special fund to control this nuisance.

P. McCarthy, SE to revert to Plenary with details. TII will fund control measures on National routes. Local authorities can avail of this contract for local and regional roads but funding will have to be made available.

3.PLANNING

- (a) **Planning Lists** - noted
- (b) **Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads** as per report dated 11th July, 2016 from P. Daly A/DOS was proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.
- (c) **Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended – Planning and Development Regulations 2011 as amended – Part VIII – Commencement of the Process – Development of public amenity area adjacent to Regional Road R674 on the northern side of Tallow village in an area adjacent to Ramp Boreen, Tallow, Co. Waterford.**
The commencement of the Part VIII process was proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Planning

Cllr. O' Donnell asked about an An Bord Pleanala decision on a single housing application.

Cllr. Nugent referred to issues with planning restrictions in Gaeltacht areas.

J. O' Mahony, SP said that he can't discuss an individual case but said that An Bord Pleanala is the higher authority for planning and that issues of restrictions can be discussed in the preparation of a new development plan.

Cllr. Cronin said that Council had no say in An Bord Pleanala decisions.

(b) Roads/Infrastructure

Cllr. Pratt asked about work on quay in Villierstown and said that Glenshelane Wood walk needs work.

Cllr. Doocey said that Ballyduff wind farm road is in disrepair and that road needs urgent attention.

Cllr. O' Donnell asked if the Local Improvement Scheme can be reintroduced.

Cllr. Cronin mentioned the road to Glenbeg and said that road at KIELYS CROSS needs attention. He also said that hedgecutting is needed on Military Road and that traffic calming measures at Crottys Corner in Abbeyside are needed to combat speeding.

Cllr. Nugent also mentioned that Glenshelane Woods walk needs attention.

Cathaoirleach said that road from the N25 to Ballinroad has potholes and needs attention. He also said that there are flooding problems at Lisfennel Road and that ramp at Friary Street needs to be removed.

J. Leonard, EE said that road at Glenbeg and Glenshelane Wood walk will be examined and that he will revert on the other issues raised.

P. McCarthy agreed to consider Local Improvement Scheme in next years budget and said that it was important that the local contributions be organised and in place.

Cllr. Pratt said that he hoped that the Local Improvement Scheme fund will come from a separate source.

(c) Housing

Cllr. O Donnell asked about tenants of houses being purchased in peril of losing out.

Cllr. Pratt requested an update on Tallow Alms and Ballinroad schemes and asked about the uptake on the Tenant Purchase Scheme and asked if there still problems with same.

Cllr. Doocey asked if only 13 local authorities drew down funding for housing.

Cllr. Cronin asked about the prospects of an applicant living with their parents.

I. Grimes, DOS said that it wouldn't be the Councils intention to make persons homeless in acquiring houses. He said that Tallow Alms will go to tender in August/September and that discussions are ongoing with the Department on Ballinroad to progress same. He said that the Tenant Purchase Scheme has received over 70 applications with 20 proceeding to independent valuations. He also said that Council has completed a number of purchases and are continuing to acquire. He will revert on the eligibility question.

Cathaoirleach asked that a housing workshop be arranged in October which was agreed.

(d) Environment

Cathaoirleach enquired about repairing the swing for disabled children in the local playground.

L. O' Brien, AO to check out and revert.

5. Nomination to Dungarvan Town Centre Management Group

It was proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Doocey that Cllr. Geoghegan be nominated to sit on the Dungarvan Town Centre Management Group.

6. Correspondence

Noted.

7. Notice of Motion

(a) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr Cronin and agreed:

"That this Council supports and implements the indefinite retention of 90 minutes free parking at the Council-owned carpark at Scanlon's Yard, Dungarvan."

Reg. No. 1 (dated 27th June, 2016)

Councillors remarked on the condition of the surface of the car park.

I. Grimes, DOS made the point that the motion has budgetary implications.

(b) The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Doocey and agreed:

"We the Members of the Dungarvan/Lismore Electoral Area call on the Minister for Justice to immediately replace the sergeant in the Tallow Garda District."

Reg. No. 2 (dated 30th June, 2016)

8. A.O.B

Cllr. Doocey requested an update on the broadband service to Lismore and Ring for next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____