

MINUTES**DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING**
Dúiche Dhún Garbhán / Lios Mhór**Item No.**
1.**HELD ON MAY 11TH, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN****PRESENT:**

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

Apologies: Cllr. Tom Cronin**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. M Quinn, Director of Services, Housing, Community and Culture.
 Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
 Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
 Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Water, Environment & Corporate Services
 Mr. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner, Planning & Corporate Services
 Ms. L. Grant, SSO, Economic Development Officer
 Ms. J. Rothwell, Archivist & Records Management
 Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Tobin proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late John Cronin, nephew of Cllr. Tom Cronin. As a mark of respect the meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Nugent, Standing Orders be suspended to allow for Items No. 6 and 7 on the agenda to be taken first – Dungarvan 800 Celebrations and Draft Local Economic and Community Plan.

7. Presentation on Local Economic and Community Plan

Lisa Grant, SSO, Economic Development gave a presentation on the Local Economic and Community Plan and responded to the questions raised by the Councillors.

6. Dungarvan 800 Celebrations

Joanne Rothwell, Archivist & Records Management presented the programme for the Dungarvan 800 Celebrations and said that events were planned for all ages. Cathaoirleach asked if an art piece had been commissioned to mark the celebrations. J. Rothwell advised that there was no funding available. Cathaoirleach thanked her and asked her to circulate presentation to the councillors.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its sympathy to the families of the late:
 Pat O'Gorman
 Donough Keane
 Eileen O'Sullivan

Michael Murphy

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on April 13th, 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Tobin stated that he had received confirmation from Irish Water for the new scheme at Ring. Cllr. Nugent stated that there were complaints about the hard water in Aglish.

3.PLANNING

Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Whelan enquired about the charges for the landfill.

Cllr. Pratt asked about grass cutting in the city and county and if any additional areas were being added to the current list. Cllr. Tobin asked if new housing estates taken in charge were being cut.

Cllr. Whelan asked for additional public seating, the Cathaoirleach asked if seats could be sponsored.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that charges for the landfill remain the same and that with the new payment facility that tags do not need to be pre purchased. He stated that no additional areas were added to the current grass cutting list this year but that there would be a review. He said that new estates being taken in charge were not being cut, that it was the residents associations responsibility. He said that he will scope the idea of sponsored seats but that a certain standard of seat would be required.

(b) Planning

Cllr. Pratt raised Cruachán and Waters Edge Estates and the lack of a barrier there. Cllr. Tobin said shrubs were not adequate and that under Health and Safety a barrier should be installed. The Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Nugent concurred. Cllr. Whelan asked if An Grianán was taken in charge. Cathaoirleach asked what the position was when Irish Water had to go into estates not taken in charge to install water meters.

J. O'Mahony, SP said that he was awaiting a report on the estates and would revert back to the Council. He said he would check if An Grianán was taken in charge.

(c) Roads

Cllr. Doocey complimented the good work being done in the Lismore Area and in Grange. Cllr. Pratt stated that the flooding on the Dungarvan/Cappoquin road needed attention and welcomed the work on the pedestrian crossings at Villierstown and Cappoquin.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked for an update on the Garranbane junction and if the NRA were going to fund the work. The Cathaoirleach said this should be the priority with Cllr. Tobin concurring.

Cllr. Tobin raised the damage to Lismore Bridge and Cllr. Nugent thanked the Council for the work done in Ballinroad and asked when the €150,000 allocated to Ballinroad would be spent. He stated the junction on the Military Road needed attention and suggested a meeting be held with the NRA.

Cllr. Whelan asked when repairs would be carried out on the Glass Factory/Bog Road.

Cathaoirleach raised the new regulations on speed limits in housing estates and said both the Council and public needed clarification on these.

P. McCarthy, SE will check flooding on the Dungarvan/Cappoquin Road and stated that he continues to meet with the NRA on Garranbane Cross and requesting funding to remediate

the problem there. He advised that work on the Bog Road was out to the tender and would start once the process was completed. He stated that a detailed list of all speed limit locations were to be submitted to the Department by May 15th. He said estates under the remit of the local authority can be included. He said he had raised the issue of the bridge at Lismore with the NRA and any work on the bridge would require funding from the NRA.

(d) Housing

Cllr. Tobin asked about the funding received for Disabled Person Grants.

Cathaoirleach asked all councillors to contact their TD's regarding DPG funding. He said good work could be done and that the applicants, construction section and government would benefit greatly from this investment.

Cllr. Pratt enquired about Priority 3 applicants and if this list was progressing. He requested that they be told if they were not going to get work carried out.

Cllr. Whelan stated that no houses were allocated in April and asked if the contract had been awarded for the Ormonde Cinema housing project.

Cllr. Nugent welcomed the government announcement on the housing programme and in particular the 20 houses for Ballinroad in 2017.

Cllr. Doocey raised the contractors receiving work from the LA Quotes list and said that the west got very little under this scheme.

Cllr. O'Donnell welcomed the houses in Ballinroad and suggested the Council build 7 or 8 first as bigger schemes can be dangerous and lead to anti social behaviour. He said the number of houses should have been spread across the area.

Cllr. Pratt welcomed the development and had no issue with the number of houses.

Cathaoirleach distanced himself from Cllr. O'Donnell's comment. He stated that while anti social behaviour may be an issue in large housing schemes, was not limited to social housing. Cllr. Tobin asked how much Council land is available in the electoral area for housing.

M. Quinn, DoS advised that only Priority 1 applications were being progressed and that notices had been issued to Priority 2 and 3 applicants advising them of the budget difficulties. He advised that the awarding of the contract for the Ormonde Cinema Site would be done shortly. In response to the comments regarding LA Quotes, he said this was an independent system, prices were submitted and work awarded to the most suitable tenderer. M. Quinn, DoS stated the Ballinroad scheme was a small scale development and that the list of Council sites had been given at the last Plenary Meeting.

Cathaoirleach stated that he had been asked to serve on the National Library Forum and said a pilot scheme for open libraries was being undertaken in Ennis, Tullamore and Dublin, with a view to rolling it out nationally. While there may be concerns about this, he asked that Dungarvan Library be put forward for this pilot.

Cllr. Pratt requested a list of vacant houses, and said that 2 houses were ready for reletting and queried why they were not re-let.

Cllr. Whelan said that they were only receiving a number and not an address when a house was being allocated. Cathaoirleach stated that previously they received full details.

M. Quinn, DoS stated that it was proposed to introduce the Open Library Scheme in the Carrickphierish Library when opened and would proceed from there. He said he would advise on allocations and said that when houses became available, maintenance work is carried out but that the delay arises is in the allocation where the house is offered, it may be declined with the house then be allocated to another person. In response to the query on the level of detail on housing allocations, he said this would be reviewed.

5. Gaming & Lotteries Act 1956

- **Confirmation of Adopting Sec. 13 (1)**

Noted by Council.

8. Fix date of Annual Meeting

Tuesday, 30th June, 2015 at 2.30 p.m. was agreed as the date of the Annual Meeting of Dungarvan – Lismore District Council.

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. Notices of Motions

None received.

11. AOB

Cllr. Tobin said stated that there would be a Civic Reception for Niamh Briggs after the Plenary Council meeting to honour her on her achievements. He invited everyone to attend.

Cllr. Doocey said the water in Aglish was hard and that it was damaging electrical goods and it was also an ongoing problem in Lismore. He asked Irish Water be written to and be advised of this problem and an alternative supply be sourced for these areas. Cllr. Pratt concurred.

Cllr. Nugent congratulated the Waterford team on their success in the National League and wished Pauric Mahony well. Cathaoirleach concurred with these wishes.

Cathaoirleach congratulated Liam Suipéil, Colaiste na Rinne and the organisers of the opening of the Leabharlann de Hindeberg and the visit of President Higgins. He also congratulated Niamh Connolly and her committee who organised the Darkness into Light Walk on May 9th.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:_____