

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING
DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN / LIOS MHÓR**

HELD ON 12th January 2015 Civic Offices Dungarvan.

**Item No.
1.**

PRESENT:

Cllr D. Geoghegan Cathaoirleach
Cllr P. Nugent
Cllr T. Cronin
Cllr D. Doocey
Cllr S. O'Donnell
Cllr J. Pratt
Cllr J. Tobin
Cllr S. Whelan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. P. Daly, A/Director of Service, Roads, HR & Emergency Services
Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO Housing, Community and Culture
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE Roads HR & Emergency Services
Ms. D. Campion, Executive Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO Water and Environment
Mr. J. O'Mahony SP Planning and Corporate Services
Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator
Ms. A. Jacob, SSO Corporate Services

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was expressed to those bereaved by the deaths of:

Mary Dwyer.
Fiachra McMahon
John Power
Michael Burns
Stan Connell
Victims of Charlie Hebdo Massacre France

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of meeting held on the 8th December 2014 November were proposed by Cllr Nugent seconded by Cllr Doocey and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Tobin enquired about the ongoing works at Master McGrath monument. D. Campion, EE gave up-to-date position. Cllr Cronin commented on the kerbing and ramps at the two roads leaving Dungarvan and at Deise Veterinary. He also enquired about ponding at the bypass at Dungarvan Nissan. Cllr O'Donnell raised the issue of Collins Road junction. The Cathaoirleach concurred stating that works were needed here. Cllr Nugent asked that Minutes of 8th December be corrected to Ballylemon junction. P. Daly, A/DOS said that he would arrange a briefing for Council on Smarter Travel. Cllr O'Donnell asked if Smarter Travel will be deferred until after the Food Fair and intimated that businesses were closing in the Square as a result of Smarter Travel. The Cathaoirleach corrected Cllr O'Donnell on this matter and after an exchange ruled out any further debate.

3. PLANNING

Cllr Nugent raised the issue of the noise and light flickers caused by the wind turbine in Ring. Cllr Pratt concurred and referred to the health risks from noise. Cllrs Whelan, Tobin and Cronin all concurred. There was a consensus to seek monitoring over a 6/8 month period. J. O'Mahony, SP stated that monitoring conditions were contained in the planning permission here and that he will contact the developer and revert.

4. REPORTS

(a) Planning – already dealt with under item 3.

- (b) **Environment** – Cllr Tobin asked that closed amenity sites should be reopened one day a week. Cllr Cronin asked that can recycling be made available at bring facilities. Cllr Whelan enquired where collection bins will go after the Council's exit from the service. Cllr Doocey enquired if the Council was recommending alternative providers and enquired about litter enforcement. Cllr Nugent remarked on the problem of flytipping around Dungarvan. Cllr Pratt enquired about the pay by weight process. R. Moloney, SEO confirmed that there was no proposal to open closed amenity sites. The Council will look at the extension of bottle banks to facilitate cans. The bins belong to the householders but if significant demand arises arrangements can be made to collect them. He confirmed that the Council was not recommending a specific alternative contractor and the sale of the service was not a feasible option. He will have the flytipping incidents investigated. He confirmed that the pay by weight regulations had not issued yet.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Tobin enquired what had changed in data protection since the new Council was appointed. The Cathaoirleach also questioned this and will ask AILG to get clarity from the Department. Cllr Whelan asked when applicants were notified of allocations. J. Sullivan, SEO responded that applicants were notified a number of weeks prior to allocation. He stated that the core principles of Data Protection are personal information and written information are only used for the purposes for which it was supplied. He suggested he meet the Council in Committee to explain in detail the confidentiality of client application and procedure. Councillors welcomed this suggestion and agreed that this meeting should take place at 2pm on 9th February and that the start time of the District meeting be deferred to 3pm. Cllr Nugent enquired about the problems at the halting site in Dungarvan. J. Sullivan, SEO indicated that a solution was hoped for here soon.

(d) Roads, HR and Emergency Services

Cllr Whelan referred to the condition of the N25 at the Burgery. Cllr Pratt enquired about lighting the boardwalk at Abbesside and the road at Tallow School. Cllr Tobin asked when will the Roads Programme be adopted. Cllr O'Donnell referred to the public lighting out of order at Childers Estate. The Cathaoirleach concurred. P. McCarthy SE responded that the contractor operating for light repairs operated on a regional basis and service should be consistent throughout the District. In relation to the right turn lanes on the N25 that a change here needs the approval of the NRA. He will look at lighting the boardwalk in the context of funding available. Work identified in a Safety Audit at the Master McGrath monument will be carried out. He also said that a Safety Audit will be carried out on the Youghal Road. P. Daly, A/DOS said that Annual Service Plans will come to the Plenary meeting in February which will break budget down into the Districts. The Cathaoirleach said that there was a need for input into this before it came to the Plenary session. Cllr Cronin concurred. Cllr Nugent was disappointed that there was no footpath scheme. P. Daly, A/DOS confirmed that the same methodology was used to allocate funding. Cllr Pratt enquired if retiring outdoor staff are replaced. P. Daly, A/DOS responded that retiring staff will be filled off panels up to the workforce plan limit. P. McCarthy, SE said an application would be made for funding for work at N25 at the Burgery.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Doocey, seconded by Cllr Pratt and agreed.

“That Waterford Council move the 50km speed limit currently placed at Kilderrihean on the N72 on the approach to Cappoquin 300 mts east towards Dungarvan.”

Reg. No. 1 (dated 18th December 2014)

7. A.O.B.

Cllr O'Donnell informed the meeting that the proposed chocolate factory for Ring would not now commence. Councillors expressed regret at this decision. The Cathaoirleach requested a meeting for Smarter Travel in the Square to take place within 2 weeks. This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____