

MINUTES

**Item No.
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Dúiche Dhún Garbhán / Lios Mhór DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING

HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

PRESENT:

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

Apology received: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. J. Sullivan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Community and Culture.
Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
Mr. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
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:
Jacinta Condon
Garda Tony Golden
Families of the Carrickmines tragedy
John Joe Maher

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends a vote of congratulations to:

- Lismore, Dungarvan and Stradbally Tidy Towns Committees on recent Tidy Towns results
- Lismore Food Company on their success of their new range of biscuits.
- Lismore Camogie Team, Intermediate County Final Winners
- Cois Bride GAA Club on reaching Minor Hurling Championship Final
- Tallow GAA Club on reaching the Senior Hurling Championship Final.

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 14th September, 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Pratt enquired about the Tallow Link and road at Cappoquin (Chickens) and also dumping at Glenshelane Woods.

Cllr. Whelan enquired about the date for wind turbine monitoring report.

Cllr. Nugent asked about extending the Sean Kelly Tour.

P. McCarthy, SE advised that they were seeking funding for the Tallow Link Road and that a scheme was being designed for the Cappoquin Road.

J. O'Mahony, SP, stated there was no completion date for the wind turbine monitoring report yet.

R. Moloney, SEO, advised he will follow up with Coillte on the dumping at Glenshelane Woods and that a report would be prepared on the Sean Kelly Tour for the next meeting.

3.PLANNING

(a) Planning Lists

Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Roads/Infrastructure

Cllr. Pratt asked about the taking in charge of Cruachán and Waters Edge Estates.

J. O'Mahony, SP advised that the bond holder for McInerney's Estate was drawing up a site resolution plan and an agreement would be put in place for the works.

Cllr. Tobin stated that the Dungarvan/Cappoquin N72 works should be tarmaced. J. McGrath, SEE, stated the Council were doing work for the NRA, cleaning the sides of the N72 and there was no proposal yet to tarmac. Cllr. Nugent asked about the works at Garranbane Cross and the ramps on the N25 at Kilrush.

P. McCarthy, SE stated the N72 drainage works are subject to NRA funding. He said the N25 Garranbane works were concluding and asked for public co-operation. He said a report funded by the NRA on options at this location was awaited and the ramps on the Cappoquin Road would be completed.

Cllr. Pratt asked when the Tallow traffic results were due and welcomed the new bus shelters.

Cllr. Whelan asked about safety measures at the Spring Roundabout.

Cathaoirleach requested a bus shelter at Grange.

Cllr. Nugent asked about the Greenway Smarter travel initiatives and stated that there was opportunity on the Coast Road to acquire land to facilitate a crossing.

J. McGrath, SEE, said she would analyse the Tallow results and will revert back to the Council. She will also review the Spring Roundabout. P. McCarthy, SE, said the provision of a bus shelter will involve costs and would have to be budgeted for.

(b) Housing

Cllr. Whelan stated they were 71 vacancies and asked if they were being renovated. She said homeless persons from West Waterford were being accommodated in the City and queried why they were not being accommodated in the west of county.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked where the refugees were being provided for.

Cathaoirleach stated that the HAP Scheme is capped at €520.

J. Sullivan, SEO, advised that vacancies are being worked on and that finance was not an issue. He stated that there was no objection, if available, to providing emergency accommodation for the homeless in the Dungarvan area. He said that placement of refugees is a national issue and that the HAP level is set nationally based on analysis of rents countywide.

The Cathaoirleach requested that the Department be asked to intervene on HAP level.

Cllr. Doocey said that there was unacceptable behaviour by tenants in Council estates. Cllr. Pratt requested regular notifications of housing allocations.

Cllr. Tobin requested an immediate fitness assessment of all halting sites.

J. Sullivan, SEE, stated he would deal with the housing notifications immediately. He said that it was difficult to deal with tenants unacceptable behaviour. There is a required minimum level of behaviour and the Council were trying to maintain the estate management function. He advised that the Management Company carries out weekly inspections on halting sites.

(c) Environment

Cllr. Tobin welcomed the Eirgrid decision not to proceed with pylons. Cllr. Doocey concurred and asked if the Council had any advice on control of Japanese Knotweed. Cllr. Tobin concurred and said a survey on knotweed should be carried out.

Cllr. Whelan asked if the N25 works can incorporate a 1916 commemoration element.

Cllr. Nugent stated that knotweed is an international issue.

P. McCarthy, SE, stated that all national routes were surveyed for knotweed and were being treated on an ongoing basis. He would provide a link on advice to treat invasive species. R. Moloney, SEO, suggested that any proposal on 1916 for the N25 should be referred to the 1916 Committee.

5. Draft Municipal District of Dungarvan/Lismore (Control of Parking) Bye-Laws, 2015

On the proposal of Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Doocey and agreed, the Draft Municipal District of Dungarvan/Lismore (Control of Parking) Bye-Laws, 2015 were agreed.

6. Correspondence

The NRA correspondence received was noted with disappointment. Cllr. Tobin said it was unsatisfactory, with Cllrs. Nugent and Doocey concurring. He requested the Council write again requesting a meeting with Cllr. Doocey stating that this was not an unreasonable request.

7. Notice of Motion

None received.

8. A.O.B

Cllr. Nugent gave an update on his recent successful visit to Torbay.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____