

**MINUTES**

**DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN / LIOS MHÓR  
DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING**

**HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Apology:** Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

**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. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner, Economic Development & Planning  
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment  
Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the District Councillors met in committee with representatives of the Garranbane Cross area regarding traffic proposals for the area.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

Donie Scanlon  
Kathleen Flavin

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

Lismore for achieving the accolade best small town to visit.  
The Devine-O'Brien family for winning Ireland's Fittest Family.

## **1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

Minutes of the General Allocation Budget Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Pratt seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed

## **2.MATTERS ARISING**

M. Quinn, DOS gave an update on the time capsule proposal for Dungarvan 800 and issued a report 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 on the options being put forward. The Council agreed the report and the installation date of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## **3.PLANNING**

### **(a) Planning Lists**

Noted

## **4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

### **(a) Planning**

Noted

### **(b) Roads/Infrastructure**

Cllr. Nugent enquired about the contractors removing the diseased trees and vegetation at Kilongford Cross. R. Moloney SEO responded that there was fire blight infection in the area and that removal work had to be carried out on the instructions of the Department of Agriculture. Cllr. Whelan enquired about flooding at Carriglea Ballygeoghegan. Cllr. Pratt enquired about the footpath programme.

J. McGrath SEE said the Ballygeoghegan situation would be examined. She confirmed that the footpath programme was progressing. Cllr. O'Donnell enquired about speed ramp at Kilrush and why a pedestrian crossing was installed on the by-pass. P. McCarthy SE that there was a considerable amount of pedestrian traffic at the location on the bypass where the crossing was installed and it was in line with Smarter Travel plans for a bridge there. He would revert on the ramp at Kilrush. The Cathaoirleach enquired about flooding at Clashmore Geoish Road also flooding at Aglish. Cllr. Tobin enquired if any assessment of recent flooding damage had been carried out. Cllr. Pratt requested an update on the Tallow Link Rd. Cllr. Nugent enquired about Kilongford Rd. and flooding at Bleech Bridge.

J. McGrath SEE said that site cleaning on drainage and pipework was being carried out on the Clashmore Geoish Road, Aglish was being examined. Rain/storm damage was not as severe as previous years so far, assessment not completed yet. The sight lines at Kilongford will be assessed and that Bleech Bridge will go on the Bridge Programme. P. McCarthy SE stated that a designer had been appointed for the Tallow Link Road. Cllr. O'Donnell enquired about the Canal Road. J. McGrath SEE said the Council were seeking to meet landowners and examine options.

### **(c) Housing Community& Culture.**

Cllr. Whelan enquired about retrofitting grants. Cllr. O'Donnell asked if the Council was purchasing houses for stock. Cllr. Nugent mentioned a housing transfer situation.

M. Quinn DOS said that the DoCELG retrofitting scheme funded attic and cavity wall insulation at present but may be extended to cover other options. He confirmed the Council was purchasing houses to meet specific needs.

Cllr. Tobin asked if the number of refusals could be included in the allocations report to Council.

The Cathaoirleach asked could a loan applicant to the Council and the Council be competing to purchase the same property.

M. Quinn, DoS confirmed that refusals can be included in the housing report. He said that such conflicts in purchasing as the Cathaoirleach mentioned rarely happen but, it would be dealt with on its merits in the event of it occurring.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked if auctioneers inform the Council of houses for sale.

M. Quinn, DOS said that generally this did not happen that the Council would source houses in the usual way.

#### **(d) Environment**

Cllr. Pratt if the new bylaws had made any difference to the dog fouling problem. Cllr. Whelan asked if any review of waste disposal charges at the civic amenity sites was planned she also stated that there was no water in Ring on the weekend. Cllr. Nugent said that the water problem in Ring was rectified on Sunday. R. Moloney, SEO said that the dog bylaws were not fully operational yet so their impact could not be measured. He said there were no plans to change the refuse charges at the civic amenity sites. Cllr. Tobin asked if skips could be provided to local community groups for disposal of large waste in 2016. R. Moloney, SEO stated that if community groups approach the Council in relation to skips they can engage with them on this matter.

#### **5. OPW Draft Flood Maps –public Consultation**

Councillors were informed that the dates for objections and contributions were 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December respectively

#### **6. Correspondence**

Noted

#### **7. Notice of Motion**

None

#### **8. A.O.B**

Cllr. O'Donnell suggested that there be free parking in Dungarvan for two hours over the Christmas period. P. McCarthy SE will examine. The Cathaoirleach thanked Councillors for their co-operation and also the media for their coverage and all staff for their work during the year and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Cathaoirleach**

**Dated:**\_\_\_\_\_