

MINUTES

Item No. 1.

DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING Dúiche Dhún Garbhán / Lios Mhór

HELD ON 8TH JUNE, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

PRESENT:

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

Apologies: Cllr. Pat Nugent

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, Planning & Corporate Services
 Mr. R. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development.
 Mr. L. O'Brien, Administrative 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:
 Josephine Flynn.
 Mary Connolly.
 Maura Brady.
 Liam McLaughlan.

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on May 11th, 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

None

3.PLANNING

(a) Planning Lists

Cllr. Doocey asked about Padre Pio's Home refusal by Bord Pleanala, with Cllr. Tobin and Pratt also querying. J. O'Mahony, SP stated the Council had no input on the decision.

(b) Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads

Cllr. Cronin proposed and Cllr. Pratt seconded and agreed the taking in charge of the estates as listed in report dated 8th June, 2015 of P Daly, A/Director of Service.

(c) Material Contravention of Planning File Ref. No. 15/104

The Cathaoirleach proposed and seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed, the Material Contravention of Planning File Ref. No. 15/104 as per report dated 3rd June, 2015 of L. Power, Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning Services.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Economic

Noted.

(b) Planning

Noted.

(c) Roads/Infrastructure

Cllr. Tobin asked for input on the footpath programme.

Cllr. Cronin raised Garranbane Cross and asked that the Oireachtas Members be written to.

Cllr. Pratt asked that some funds be made available for repairs of footpaths. Cathaoirleach asked if the current year expenditure could be reprioritised.

Cllr. Doocey raised repairs to footpaths after water meters.

Cllr. Whelan asked when work at Boreenarua would commence.

P. McCarthy, SE advised that the Council may set location and priority for new footpaths.

Cllr. Tobin suggested that the Council sit down and discuss this.

P. McCarthy, SE confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Oireachtas Members and the NRA regarding Garranbane Cross.

J. McGrath, SEE advised that once procurement had been finalised that work would commence in early July on Boreenarua.

Cllr Pratt asked for the sweeper being used in towns and villages. J. McGrath, SEE said she would review and set a schedule in place.

(d) Housing

Cllr. Cronin said he was concerned about the size of the Ballinroad site and the number of houses proposed.

Cllr. Tobin raised the vetting of candidates for houses given by NAMA to voluntary agencies for allocation.

Cllr. Whelan also had concerns about the number of houses and queried if HAP applicants were at a disadvantage.

Cathaoirleach, asked if the Council have sought extra funding for DPG and improvement works.

M. Quinn, DoS, stated that a detailed design had not been done but that the size of the site would indicate 15 – 20 houses. He advised that all applicants for housing for approved bodies are vetted in the normal way and confirmed that details of the priority applicants for categories 1, 2 and 3 had been sent off seeking additional funding. M. Quinn, DoS said there was difficulty in sourcing houses

Cllr. Cronin said he still considered 6 houses in Ballinroad to be adequate. Cllr. Whelan asked when the 2 houses in Kilgobinet would be allocated.

Cllr. O'Donnell concurred with Cllr. Cronin.

Cllr. Doocey said he was concerned about Councillors access to information regarding housing applicants. Cathaoirleach concurred.

Cllr. Pratt asked if there was a need for that number of houses in Ballinroad. The Cathaoirleach said we should wait until the plans were prepared.

M. Quinn, DoS said a 20 house scheme is a manageable number and that anti social behaviour was much more in control in local authority tenancies. He said that they had much better contact with approved bodies. He said he would revert back on the allocation of the houses at Kilgobinet.

Cllr Tobin asked if there was an update on a Tenant Purchase Scheme and M. Quinn advised that a scheme will issue shortly.

(e) Environment

Cllr. O'Donnell raised the lack of a public toilet in Dungarvan. Cllr. Whelan asked when Clonea toilets would be open and Quanns would be cleaned up. She also said that there was a lack of bins in Dungarvan.

Cllr. Pratt asked for grass cutting and clean up at Brideview Close, Tallow.

Cathaoirleach requested the planters in Dungarvan to be filled, flags on the Causeway to be refreshed and also the bunting in the Square. Cllr. Whelan agreed and asked if hedgecutting had started again.

L. O'Brien, AO, said he would revert on public toilets in Dungarvan and stated that Clonea toilets are open for the bathing season. He confirmed that a survey of all bins was being undertaken and that he would look at the Tallow area. L. O'Brien, AO said that planting and flag review had commenced and that they were currently examining the Quanns area.

M. Quinn, DoS stated that the toilet at the bridge in Dungarvan was removed due to lack of use and cost provision. Cllr. Doocey said that hedgecutting should be allowed for road safety consideration. P. McCarthy, SE said that the local authority may cut hedges for road safety.

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. Notices of Motions

None received.

11. AOB

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____