

MINUTES

DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING

Dúiche Dhún Garbhán / Lios Mhór

HELD 9th February, 2015

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Service Housing, Community & 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 and Environment
Mr. B. Duggan Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development
Mr. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner, Planning
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Meetings Administrator

On the proposal of Cllr. Nugent and seconded by Cllr. Cronin, Standing Orders were suspended for Item No. 5 to be taken.

Mary Walsh, Adult Education Officer, addressed Council on the Education and Training Board. Cllr. D. Geoghegan thanked Ms. Walsh for the detailed and informative presentation. Cllr. Tobin remarked on the success of starting business.

Cllr. Tobin withdrew his motion to suspend standing orders to discuss roads when the Members were notified of a meeting arranged for Tuesday by the Roads Department.

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 12th January were proposed by Cllr Doocey and seconded by Cllr Nugent and agreed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

Mrs. Joan Curran.
Sr. Baptist Carey.
Sr. Mary Sacred Heart.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its congratulations to the following:

West Waterford Athletic Club on the John Treacy Dungarvan 10km Race.
Mr. John Kiely on his Hennessey Gold Cup win.
Waterford Senior Footballers on winning the McGrath Cup.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Nugent requested an update on the wind turbines. Cllr. Pratt asked if the retired outdoor staff would be replaced.

J. O'Mahony, SP said that tenders for the monitoring of wind turbines were being examined.

P. McCarthy, SE stated that a recruitment process had commenced.

3.PLANNING

Cllr O'Donnell asked if planning guidelines can be relaxed to allow young couples to build. The Cathaoirleach said that land zoned around villages was to facilitate local demand. J. O'Mahony SP said land is zoned for the best intention and to strengthen community of village. Cllr. Whelan stated that skyline impact in planning permissions were at odds with turbine permission. J. O'Mahony stated that wind turbines were not allowed in high amenity areas which is Government policy.

4 .Reports

Planning – report already circulated and no discussion.

Environment

Cllr Nugent raised the issue of dumping in the woods. Cllr. Pratt stated that there was also dumping in Knockaun Woods. The Cathaoirleach asked if the refuse collection providers were monitored. R. Moloney, SEO said the Council were working with Coillte to identify perpetrators. He said that licensed collectors should be used. Cllr. Pratt said that a message needs to be sent out about flytipping.

Cllr. Whelan asked if the cost of the amenity site can be reduced and she also said that retailers want bins in Mary Street. She said this was National Tree Week and enquired if the Council had any plans.

The Cathaoirleach said that there should be dog bins on all popular walking routes.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked about deducting hedgecutting from single farm payments.

R. Moloney, SEO said that payment structures were being reviewed. He stated that an Anti-fouling Action Plan was being prepared for the SPC. He would identify if bins were needed in Mary Street and would speak to the Education Officer regarding National Tree Week.

Cllr. Cronin stated they shouldn't interfere with farmers income. Cllr.'s Tobin and Nugent concurred with this.

Cathaoirleach stated that we do not have the power to make any deductions to single farm payments.

Cllr. Cronin stated that Irish Water were receiving €290m from Motor Tax and that this should not happen as IW not fit for purpose. Cllr.'s Whelan, O'Donnell and Pratt agreed.

Housing, Community & Culture

Cllr. Whelan asked if there was grant funding available for doors and windows. M. Quinn, DoS said that an application was being prepared and will be submitted to the Department.

Cllr. Cronin asked if there was a Tenant Purchase Scheme available. The Cathaoirleach said that contact should be made with the Minister to move on the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Cllr. Pratt stated that applicants were experiencing difficulty with HAP and RAS. The Cathaoirleach asked that the provision of a community garden or allotments should be examined.

M. Quinn, DoS said he would revert on Tenant Purchase Scheme and that he cannot influence level of HAP or RAS.

Roads and Emergency Services

Cllr. Pratt requested footpaths at Aglish and Tallow and if there was a programme in place.

Cllr. Whelan raised the fence on the Lickey Road and ramps at Pinewood.

Cllr. Doocey asked if cobblestones can be repaired or replaced.

Cllr. Tobin raised Smarter Travel and if railings etc would be replaced. He also asked where the Public Lighting Programme was.

Cllr. Nugent asked for an update on the Bike Track and raised the flooding at Powersfield House. He enquired if smarter travel plans in the Square were finished. The Cathaoirleach also asked if work done in Square?

P. McCarthy, SE said the countywide review of footpaths is complete and he will revert back to the Council. He advised that there is no provision in the Budget for new assets.

M. Quinn, DoS stated that discussions were ongoing with landowners regarding mountain bike track.

Cllr. Nugent raised Garranbane Cross, with Cllr. Cronin stating that a barrier was needed there. P. McCarthy, SE stated that Garranbane Cross was in the works plan.

Cllr Cronin asked where is funding for footpaths and lighting and said the signs for Walsh's Cross have disappeared. Cllr. Tobin asked about the jet patcher schedule. P. McCarthy, SE will include barrier in pavement improvements at Garranbane and will seek funding from N.R.A. He will revert with calendar/schedule for jet patcher.

Cllr. Doocey stated that combi-unit should be acquired. Cllr. O'Donnell raised Cush

J. McGrath, SEE stated that the signs will be replaced.

6. Dungarvan/Lismore District Council Draft Appointed Stand (Taxi) bye-laws – sent by email

Proposed by Cllr. Tobin and seconded by Cllr. Cronin agreed Draft Appointed Stand (Taxi) bye-laws agreed to go on display.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Notices of Motions

None

9. AOB

Cllr. O'Donnell raised the chocolate factory in Old Parish. Cllr. Whelan asked what the current situation is with motorhomes. P. McCarthy said that the motor homes issue was referred to the SPC.

Cllr. Cronin asked if there was funding for the Dungarvan St. Patrick's Day Parade. M. Quinn, DoS confirmed there was.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____