

## MINUTES

### DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING Dúiche Dhún Garbhán / Lios Mhór

**HELD 9TH MARCH, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN**

#### **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  
 Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services  
 Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment  
 Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services  
 Mr. J. Mansfield, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads HR and Emergency Services  
 Ms. R. Neylin, IS, Analyst/Developer  
 Mr. J. Houlihan, IS, Analyst/Developer  
 Ms. L. Grant, Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development  
 Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

On the proposal of Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. D. Doocey, Standing Orders were suspended to facilitate presentation on extranet and Item No.5 on the agenda.

Rachel Neylin, IS Analyst/Developer gave a briefing on IT and communications for Councillors and the use of the extranet.

#### **5. Presentation on Local Economic and Community Plan**

Lisa Grant, SSO, Economic Development gave a presentation on the Local Economic and Community Plan and responded to the questions raised by the Councillors.

The Cathaoirleach thanked them for their presentations and the business of the meeting proceeded.

#### **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its sympathy to the families of the late:  
 Mary Anne Tobin.  
 Johnny Tobin.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Committee of the newly opened Irish Water National Safety Lifeguard and Training Centre.

## **1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 9th February, 2015 were proposed by Cllr Doocey and seconded by Cllr Pratt and agreed.

## **2.MATTERS ARISING**

None

## **3.PLANNING**

Noted.

## **4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

### **(a) Roads and Emergency Services**

Cllr. Pratt said he was disappointed that there was no capital for footpaths and lighting.

Cllr. Tobin said that more money was needed for drainage. He also stated that Garranbane Cross needs attention and department funding. The Cathaoirleach asked if the car insurance companies could influence the NRA based on the high accident rates.

P. McCarthy, SE, gave a history of the collisions at Garranbane Cross and advised that this location is subject of a realignment application to the NRA.

Cllr. Pratt raised the lighting at the pedestrian crossing in Tallow and sought an increase in disability parking at the school. He also requested a red cross for Cappoquin.

Cllr. Nugent stated Garranbane Cross must be solved and requested that the speed ramps at Ballinamuck be resolved. He also asked for the flooding to be resolved at Powersfield House and raised Smarter Travel and road issues in the Ballinroad area.

Cllr Cronin requested a railing on the wall at the Barnawee Bridge as it was too low. He asked if a loan could be taken for the work on Garranbane Cross, and that a request be made to the full Council for funding. He also stated that work at Powersfield House should commence immediately.

P. McCarthy, SE stated that the measures on the Youghal Road were to slow down traffic and stated that the budget does not allow for new footpaths and lighting. He said the work at Powersfield House was weather dependant and advised that €10,000 had been identified for work on Ballinroad. He also stated that the NRA were aware of the damage at Lismore Bridge and this will be repaired. He would also examine the wall at Barnawee Bridge and road markings at Boreenatra.

Cllr. Cronin requested an upgrading of the parking and signage at Scanlons Yard. Cllr. Nugent asked if an application for funding for coastal erosion had been made.

P. McCarthy, SE said he would revert back on Scanlon's Yard and that an application for coastal erosion funding will be made in consultation with the Department.

### **(b) Housing, Community & Culture**

Cllr. Whelan enquired about housing refurbishment and details of refurbishment plan.

Cllr. Tobin asked if there was an allocation for the Disabled Person's Grants and also a list of priority applicants.

Cllr. Pratt requested that Housing have another meeting with Councillors and asked if the houses at the Ormonde Cinema site had been allocated.

Cllr. Doocey raised LA Quotes for houses and enquired about the distribution over the County.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that following clarification from AILG that housing allocation details cannot be released to Councillors under current data protection. M. Quinn, DOS clarified position on representations and issues that can be discussed. The Cathaoirleach asked that a letter be sent to the Data Protection Commissioner on this issue.

M. Quinn, DOS confirmed energy efficiency works will commence this year and that any maintenance issues should be reported to be included in programme. He said that the DPG allocation was not notified but was expected and advised that the houses at the Ormonde Cinema were not allocated yet. He advised that the proportion of houses being refurbished is balanced, with works including upgrading of windows and doors.

Cllr. Tobin asked about house reposessions and if they were a priority. Cllr. Doocey asked for the statistics regarding LA quotes. Cllr. Cronin enquired about vacant houses in Dungarvan and Lismore.

M. Quinn, DOS stated that emergency support can be provided for homeless and that a list of vacant houses can be provided. He said he would revert back to Cllr. Doocey regarding LA quotes.

#### **(c) Environment.**

Cllr. Whelan asked how Tidy Towns Groups can access funds and support. Cllr. D. Geoghegan, Cathaoirleach requested the bridge to be lit for St. Patrick's Day, flags put up on the Causeway and lights on the Quay. Cllr. Pratt raised grass cutting.

R. Moloney, SEO said that groups should contact Environment Awareness Officers for assistance and that the SPC will look at the policy regarding grass cutting.

#### **(d) Planning**

J. O'Mahony, SEP, advised that there was an increase in planning applications in February.

### **6. Draft Municipal District of Dungarvan/Lismore (Control of Parking) Bye-Laws 2015**

The Draft Municipal District of Dungarvan/Lismore (Control of Parking) Bye-Laws 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Nugent, seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed.

### **7. Schedules of Municipal District Works**

- Housing
- Environment
- Roads

Noted.

### **8. Correspondence**

None

### **9. Notices of Motions**

None

### **10. AOB**

Cllr. Cronin raised the old graveyards and asked if the Gateway scheme can be utilised to help with these.

P. McCarthy, SE, will examine and revert back if work on the graveyards complies with the conditions of the Scheme.

Cllr. Tobin asked that all Councillors attend the Thomas Francis Meagher Bridge ceremony.

Cllr. Geoghegan, Cathaoirleach said a Purple Flag application should be made for Dungarvan and this was agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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