

MINUTES

COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING

DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH

HELD ON 25th April, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

PRESENT:

Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Michael J. O' Ryan
Cllr. Ray Murphy
Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Declan Clune

Apology: Cllr. John O' Leary

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. P. Daly, A/Director of Services.
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE,
Mr. L. O' Brien, AO, Environment
Mr. J. O' Mahony, SP, Planning
Ms. S. Breathnach, AO, Housing
Ms. C. Hartley, AO, Corporate Services
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Meeting Administrator

Votes of Sympathy:

To the families of the late:
Tommy Lennon
Johnny Keyes
Josephine Fitzpatrick

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

District Meeting held on 29th March, 2016 was proposed by Cllr. Power, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

None.

3.PLANNING.

(a) Circulated lists noted.

4. REPORTS.

It was agreed to take Housing as the first item.

c. Housing.

Cllr. Clune asked when is the Coolfin housing project due to commence.

S. Breathnach, AO replied that it will be going to tender in October 2016.

Cllr. O' Ryan said that he is disappointed with the new Tenant Purchase Scheme as he said that it is too restrictive.

Cathaoirleach enquired about the houses in Ceol na Mara and fire safety measures.

P. Daly A/DOS replied that Council is assisting occupiers by preparing works to address fire issues.

Cathaoirleach asked if any grant assistance is available.

P. Daly A/DOS replied that no grant is available. Cathaoirleach asked if the builders can be pursued. P.

Daly, A/DOS replied no as the builders have gone out of business.

a. Planning.

Cllr. Power asked if applications are still on the rise.

J. O' Mahony, SP replied that yes there is a 23% increase on last year.

b. Roads.

Cllr. O' Ryan requested an extra combi unit and 3 distinct combi units for the Comeragh district.

E. Lonergan, SEE said that there are 3 self contained patching units in the Comeragh District at present.

Cllr. O' Ryan referred to flood at Glanamore and potholes, at the bend at Knockmullagh the strips on road needs attention. Bridge at Creganne needs repair. Kilmacomma flooding update on CPO.

Suggested piping road to prevent flooding and asked can slow sign be used for speeding on local roads.

Cllr. Murphy thanked the Council for work done on footpaths at Talbot Terrace, Portlaw and said that footpaths are needed at Cruachán, Kilmacthomas.

E. Lonergan, SEE said that the road level will be raised at Knockmullagh. Kilmacomma CPO will be published over the next few weeks. There is no specific budget for bridges but are addressed on a needs basis. There is no policy on local speed limits and each location can be dealt with on its merits.

Footpaths at Cruachán have been included in the capital budget and design of scheme needs to be prepared.

Cllr. Clune said that there is no provision for footpaths in Portlaw and that High Road in Kilmeaden is a rat run. Ditch at Coolfin, Portlaw. Can "Ball Playing Prohibited" signs be installed at Stradbally.

Cllr. Power asked about driver feedback on the lights at Clonea, the footpath at Deerpark and the location of the pedestrian crossing in Kilmacthomas.

E. Lonergan, SEE replied that Portlaw is included in the footpath design programme and that priority is given to where road safety issues arise. Driver feedback sign has been ordered. Deerpark footpaths is going to design and landowners will be contacted. He said that Kilmacthomas pedestrian crossing will be examined and roads will talk to the community section regarding the no ball playing signs.

Cathaoirleach asked about Downeys Cross, pedestrian crossing at Leamybrien, flashing lights speed sign and asked can Mahon Bridge sightlines be addressed., tarmacing road from school to barracks in Kilmacthomas, footpaths at Kilmacthomas to Hillside.

Paul Daly, A/DOS replied that TII have referred Downeys Cross to the Regional Design Office, that funding is needed for pedestrian crossing at Leamybrien and that there is merit in considering flashing signs.

E. Lonergan, SEE said that sightlines at Mahon Bridge will be examined, that Kilmacthomas tarmac tender is in and contract to be awarded soon. He said that footpaths at Hillside forms part of the footpath programme.

Cathaoirleach asked about speed limit signs in housing estates.

P. Daly, A/DOS said that there is little funding for this scheme and that it is resource heavy.

d. Environment

Cllr. O' Ryan thanked the Council for their help in the recent clean up and welcomed new signs for Comeragh but expressed concern about the size and location and requested consultation.

Cllr. Power expressed concern about litter and hopes to organise a clean up in his area.

Cllr. Clune asked about litter from Fiddown Bridge to Kilmeaden and asked can a clean up be organised. He also asked if Coillte have been contacted about dumping in the woods in Portlaw.

Cllr. Murphy asked if there has been any take up on the anti litter awareness grant. He also asked what is proposed for toilets in Kilmacthomas.

Cathaoirleach said that consultation is needed on signage and that dumping of coffee cups in the Comeragh area is particularly bad.

Cllr. Clune asked if Council can do anything about coffee cups.

Cllr. Ryan replied that a motion could be submitted.

L. O' Brien, AO said that Council will support local clean ups, the comments on signage we will pass on. Coillte have been asked to improve security into the woods at Portlaw. The closing date for anti-litter grants is 5th May, 2016. He will make enquires on coffee cups being biodegradable.

E. Lonergan, SEE replied that a full clean of Carrick to Kilmeaden Road is programmed for next week and said that it is a big drain on resources.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Notices of Motion

The following motion in the name of Cllr. Clune was proposed by Cllr. Clune:

"That Comeragh District Council, in line with the requirements as set out in the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011, supports the renaming of Fiddown Bridge to James Connolly Memorial Bridge to coincide with the 1916 Centenary celebrations."

Reg. No. 3 (dated 19th April, 2016)

As the motion had no seconder it was declared fallen.

7. A.O.B.

Cllr. O' Ryan asked that some symbol be sourced to represent the Comeragh district for the Council Chamber in Dungarvan and to ask the Plenary body to examine.

Cathaoirleach reminded everyone of the Darkness into Light run/walk on 7th May in aid of Pieta House. He also thanked the staff and media for their support of the Comeragh district.

Cllr. Murphy thanked the Council for the Greenway public meetings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: _____