

## MINUTES

### COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING

### DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH

**HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN**

<b>PRESENT:</b>
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Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Michael J. O' Ryan
Cllr. Mary Butler
Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Declan Clune

Apologies: Cllr. John O' Leary

<b>OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:</b>
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Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services.  
Mr. J. O' Mahony, SP, Planning  
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE, Roads  
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE, Roads  
Ms. M. O' Brien, SO, Housing  
Mr. K. Moynihan, SO, Community  
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Meeting Administrator

At 4.30pm prior the meeting a workshop was held on the roads programme in relation to the Comeragh District.

#### **Votes of Sympathy:**

To the families of the late:

William Ryan  
Paddy Butler  
Tim Vaughan  
Nellie Power  
Joan Power  
Nuala Condon  
Mike Power

<b>1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b>
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District Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 proposed by Cllr O' Ryan seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed.

## **2.MATTERS ARISING**

None

## **3.PLANNING.**

(a) Circulated lists noted.

Cllr.O' Ryan enquired about the breakdown of development contributions such as water connections etc. J. O' Mahony, SP will respond.

## **4. REPORTS.**

### **e. Community**

The Cathaoirleach took this item first under reports.

Cllr. Butler asked if there is a change in criteria for grants. K. Moynihan, SO replied that there is no change in criteria but advised that evidence of grant spend must be provided. Cllr. Clune said that the need to provide evidence of grant spend needs to be highlighted.

Cllr. O' Ryan requested an update on rural grants.

F. Galvin, DOS replied that guidelines have not yet been received on rural grants.

### **a. Planning.**

Cllr. Clune requested an update on Cruacan View and Cul Rua. Cllr. Butler also requested an update on Cul Rua. J. O' Mahony, SP replied that discussions are ongoing with the receiver for Cul Rua. Wayleaves are an issue with Cruacan View. Legal issues are ongoing.

Cllr. Butler enquired if 3 Deepark Estate, Clonea Power is Council owned. Cllr. Power said he had been informed by Council that it is not a Council owned house and M. Walsh, SO confirmed same.

### **b. Roads.**

Cllr. O' Ryan asked if the public can forward invoices for damage repairs to Council. Glendaloughin, Glenanore, Knockavannia potholes need attention. He said that €7 Million grant was not enough when €19.5 Million was claimed. He said that there should be a self contained patching unit in each area.

Cllr. Power stated that potholes are a major problem.

Cllr. Butler requested an update on signage in housing estates, potholes and 230 reports on damage.

Cllr. Clune said that potholes are dangerous at Harneys Cross Powers The Pot and expressed disappointment at no provision for footpaths in Portlaw.

Cathaoirleach requested an update on Downeys Cross and Flahavans Bend, Kilmacthomas and again referred to jetpatcher and its low frequency in the area.

P. McCarthy, SE replied that there are rules and regulations that cover cases where claims are made to Council for damage caused by misfeasance and malfeasance and forms are available. He advised that the application for damage was for €19 Million with the first tranche of €7 Million received, and award of second tranche hoped for. He advised that housing estate signage will be prioritised and that it has been difficult to carry out repairs with the weather up to this time. He said that a contractor with a combi unit has been engaged. Council will soon have its own combi unit. Downeys Cross will be reviewed by TII over the next few months.

E. Lonergan, SEE gave an update on local issues and explained the CRM system for recording and prioritising complaints.

Cllr. O' Ryan asked if Comeragh District can ask Plenary level for a self contained unit to be provided in Comeragh South, North and West. P. McCarthy, SE replied that it is not the best time of the year to be doing road repairs because of the prevailing conditions. Cllr. Power agreed.

Cathaoirleach supported self contained unit for Comeragh District.

Cllr. O' Ryan proposed that the plenary body provide 3 self contained units for Comeragh District and was seconded by the Cathaoirleach and agreed.

### **c. Housing**

Cllr. Clune asked if SEAI grants for upgrades can be used for Council housing and if there are any plans for social housing in Portlaw.

M. Walsh, SO Housing will revert.

Cllr. Butler asked how many are on the housing list in Clonea Power.

M. Walsh, SO Housing will revert.

Cllr. O' Ryan requested an update on 2 vacancies in Kilmacomma and Kilgeaney.

Cllr. Power enquired about Glor-na-Mara.

M. Walsh, SO Housing will revert.

### **d. Environment**

Cllr. Butler requested an update on bottle bank in Portlaw and stated that litter levels in County are high.

Cllr. Power referred to litter in Cul na Muc.

Cllr. O' Ryan requested resources for clean ups and welcomed pylon planning permission refusal.

Cathaoirleach requested clarification from the Department on naming and shaming in littering cases.

F. Galvin, DOS advised that another site is being examined for the bottle bank. Community groups will be supported in clean-ups. He said that there is an ongoing campaign on litter and that naming and shaming will happen where circumstances allow.

## **5. Fix Date of March Meeting**

As the March meeting was due to be held on Easter Monday, it was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.

## **6. Correspondence**

None

## **7. Notices of Motion**

None.

<b>8. A.O.B.</b>
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The Cathaoirleach wished Cllr. Butler the best of luck in the general election on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr. O' Ryan and Cllr. Power concurred with the Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Butler thanked them for their good wishes.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the media and the Comeragh District for supporting the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Conference recently held and their ongoing support of district meetings.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_