

MINUTES

COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING

DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH

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

PRESENT:

Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Michael J. O' Ryan
Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. John O' Leary

Apologies: Cllr. Declan Clune Cllr. Mary Butler

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services.
Mr. J. O' Mahony, SP, Planning
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE, Roads
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE, Roads
Mr. P. Cleary, EE Roads
Ms. S. Breathnach, AO, Housing
Mr. N. Kane SEE Roads
Mr. J. O'Sullivan A/AO. Roads
Mr. N. Curtin CFO
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Meeting Administrator

A workshop on (i) Review of Speed Limit Bye Laws (ii) Traffic Calming Policy was held at 2.30pm before the meeting commenced.

Votes of Sympathy:

To the families of the late:

Sheila Drohan
James Power
Anthony Hayes
Kevin Keating
John Crotty
Kathleen Walsh
Katherine Kiersey

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

District Meeting held on 23rd November 2015 proposed by Cllr O' Ryan seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed.

Special Emergency District meeting 31st Dec. 2015 proposed by Cllr O'Leary seconded by Cllr O' Ryan and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

None

3.PLANNING.

(a) Circulated lists noted.

(b) Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Cllr. Power the taking in charge Forge Boreen, Stradbally as listed in report dated 25th Jan 2016 of P. Daly, A/Director of Services was agreed.

4. REPORTS.

a. Planning.

Cllr. O'Leary commented on the level of development charges. Cllr. Power welcomed the increase in planning applications. The Cathaoirleach enquired if any permissions sought for housing estates.

J. O'Mahony SP said that planning applications were up 10% and that there were approximately six applications for housing estates mainly in Tramore and the City.

b. Roads.

Cllr. O' Ryan stated that the Fingerpost Rd needed funding for repair work to be done. He called for an end to the recruitment embargo to allow for more staff. He enquired as to the cost of weather damage in the District. He also stated that the Council needed three jetpatchers.

P. McCarthy SE stated that the estimated cost of damage has gone up as assessment and data is updated. The Fingerpost Rd. Kilcomma CPO had been prepared and there was good co-operation with the local landowners. A new jetpatcher was being procured and more than this would be onerous on the Council's resources but could be considered in the context of the Roads Programme.

Cllr. Power complimented the Council's workers on their response and said the cleaning of dykes and ditches should be continued. Cllr. O'Leary acknowledged the work done on footpaths and enquired when the Stradbally Bridge would be completed he also sought an update on Carroll's Cross junction.

E. Lonergan SEE said that the Stradbally Bridge work would be completed within a month.

F. Galvin DoS said that workforce levels were adequate for the normal daily demands of the Council as established by the Workforce Plan.

P. McCarthy SE said that the Winter Service Plan was in place which identifies grit and spray needs for community groups for treating roads. He will continue to monitor Carroll's Cross junction with TII.

The Cathaoirleach asked how much funding will be forthcoming and sought an update on Downey's Cross. P. McCarthy SE said that changes at Downey's Cross have been discussed with TII and the layout was being monitored. A submission had been made for funding for damage and a reply was awaited.

c. Housing

Cllr. O'Leary asked for update on Ceol na Mara and if any plans for housing in the Comeragh area

S. Breathnach, AO confirmed that Ceol na Mara was nearly complete and that only the current housing programme was in place.

d. Environment

Cllrs. criticised indiscriminate dumping in the Comeragh area. Cllr. O’Leary remarked about a dead horse abandoned in Kilmeaden. The Cathaoirleach asked if offenders could be named and shamed.

F. Galvin DoS said that among the means used to tackle and highlight dumping was Facebook and also that the CCTV system was being upgraded. He said the Council did not have the authority to name and shame if the offender paid the fine before a court appearance but he would take it up with the Dept. he said that the dead horse referred to was not chipped hence the owners could not be identified.

e. Emergency services

N. Curtin CFO presented the report.

Cllr. O’Ryan asked for a breakdown of calls and if linkage could be improved between Fire Service and Civil Defence in Waterford and Tipperary.

N. Curtin CFO gave breakdown of calls and said the linkage will be looked at.

5. Roads

Proposed Weight Restriction on L-1038 Local Primary Road from Kilmanahan to Knocklofty Sec 38(4) Road Traffic Act 1994. Proposed by Cllr. O’Ryan seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed.

6. Waterford Local Community of Place plans – Community Engagement 2016

The list of meeting circulated was noted.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Notices of Motion

None.

8. A.O.B.

The Cathaoirleach reminded members of the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Conference on the 19th and 20th of Feb and the openings of the Fire Station and Chairman’s Arch Housing Scheme on Friday the 28th Jan.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: _____