

**MINUTES**

**COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH**

**HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> June, 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
Cllr. John O' Leary

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Environment and Corporate Services  
Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads, HR and Emergency Services  
Ms. A. Kiely, Senior Executive Engineer, Economic Development & Planning  
Mr. P. Cleary, Executive Engineer, Roads, HR and Emergency Services  
Mr. K. Moynihan, Staff Officer, Community Services  
Ms. S. Breathnach, Administrative Officer, Housing  
Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A minutes silence was observed to extend sympathy to the family of the late Gerry Clune, father of Cllr. Declan Clune.

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

Kevin Nolan  
Michael Walsh  
Betty O' Keeffe  
Terry O' Hanlon

**1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Power, seconded by Cllr. O' Leary and agreed.

**2.MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. O' Ryan asked that the promotional video for the Comeragh area be kept in mind.

**3.PLANNING**

**(a) Planning Lists**

Noted.

It was agreed to explore extending of the closing date for submissions to the Wind Strategy to 13<sup>th</sup> August if possible.

It was noted that work needs to be done to Kilronan Church, Ballymacarbery.

**(b) Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended - Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended - Part VIII – Completion of the Process - Construction of 12 No Dwelling Houses and associated site development works at the Coolfin Woods Estate, situated in the Townland of Coolfin, Portlaw, Co. Waterford.**

Completion of the process was proposed by Cllr. O' Leary seconded by Cllr. Clune and agreed. It was noted that the tender will be ready in October 2016.

#### **4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

**(a) Planning**

An update was requested on the completion of the process of taking in charge at Cill Aodh and Cúl Rua. A. Kiely, SEE replied that Cill Aodh is progressing and that progress with Cúl Rua is slow.

**(b) Roads/Infrastructure**

Cllr. Murphy mentioned the kerb at Derrigil Cross and that melting tar on Carrick Road in Portlaw needs repairing. He mentioned speed on Carrick Road and footpaths in Portlaw and sections near the bridge. He also said that the bus shelter in Kilmacthomas needs attention.

Cllr. Clune said that the condition of surface on Pouldrew Road is a concern and said potholes on Carrick Road need attention. He also asked if hedgecutting notices are re-issued and asked for an update on Kill village road junction design and also stated ditch at Coolfin needs attention.

Cllr. O' Leary said that a root and branch examination is needed at Carrolls Cross on the N25 and called for representatives from TII to meet the members. He asked for an update on Little Woods Stradbally and said that Pouldrew road needs attention.

P. McCarthy, SE said he will pass on the request regarding Carrolls Cross, N25 to TII and that speed on the Carrick Road will be examined in the context of the speed limit review. He also said he is awaiting report on Littlewoods and that hedgecutting notices are re-issued where no action is taken.

P. Cleary, EE said that kerb painting is planned, melting roads are being reviewed, Portlaw footpaths will be tendered, Kill village junction design is near completion and Kilmacthomas bus stop is subject to funding from NTA.

P. McCarthy, SE will examine Pouldrew road and report back.

Cllr. Power mentioned sign at Mahon Bridge and painting of Ross Bridge.

Cllr. O' Ryan asked if any further storm damage funds have been received, suggested roundabout at Greenan, Kilmacomma finger post junction and referred to Knocknamullaig closing during bad weather. He also said that quicker response to tar melting on roads is needed, mentioned railing at Knockawn, Scrouthea hedge cutting and asked if local road budget is being used for Greenway.

Cllr. Murphy mentioned overhanging trees on bend on Pouldrew Road.

Cathaoirleach asked for update on Fews Road, if there is any progress on Downeys Cross and an update on the pedestrian crossing in Leamybrien.

Cllr. Clune asked if there are any emergency funds available for footpath to GAA and local clubs at Portlaw.

P. McCarthy, SE said that the second tranche of storm damage funding had been received but not as much as expected. He said that roundabout has been examined at Kilmacomma and a T-Junction was deemed to be the most suitable solution, works have been tendered for Knocknamullaig, will revert on railings and that there is no further news on Downeys Cross and will make contact with TII.

P. Cleary, EE said that the new signs at Mahon Bridge will be taken down and work will commence on Fews Road.

P. McCarthy, SE will seek further funding for the pedestrian crossing and footpath in Leamybrien.  
Cathaoirleach said that the closing of N25 at Kildarmody is a concern for High Road at Kilmeaden.  
P. McCarthy, SE will examine Scrouthea, confirmed Greenway budget is separate to local roads budget and N25 closure at Kildarmody will be at the weekend.

**(c) Housing**

Cllr. Clune asked why there is a delay with new houses at Coolfin.  
Cllr. O' Leary asked about road safety issue at houses at front of Cul-na-Mara, Kill.  
S. Breathnach, AO said that the delay at Coolfin is a waste water treatment issue and Cul-na-Mara is a Respond issue.

**(d) Environment**

Cllr. O' Ryan asked if can banks could be provided and referred to litter bins being removed.  
Cllr. Clune asked if there are any plans to tackle illegal dumping when pay by weight comes in and a if there will be a name and shame policy to combat illegal dumping and referred to dumping in the woods in Portlaw.  
Cllr. Murphy asked for an update on CCTV and the bottle bank in Portlaw.  
F. Galvin, DOS said that can banks can be provided and that pay by weight is deferred for 12 months. He will refer issue of removal of bins to the area office. Name and shame has data protection implications, Council has been in contact with Coilte regarding Portlaw woods. Alternative site for bottle bank in Portlaw is being examined and that CCTV is a slow process.

**(e) Community**

Report noted.

**5. Correspondence**

None

**6. Notices of Motion**

None

**7. A.O.B**

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Immediately after the meeting a Cathaoirleach's reception on behalf of the district was held for Pieta House, Grow, CHAAT Network, The Samaritans and Aware for their work in the area of suicide prevention.

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

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