

MINUTES

COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING

DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH

HELD ON 29th March, 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. John O' Leary

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Declan Clune

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services.
Ms. A. Kiely, SEE, Planning
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE, Roads
Ms. M. O' Brien, SO, Housing
Ms. M. Daly, SO, Economic Development
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Meeting Administrator

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed newly co-opted Councillor, Cllr. Ray Murphy. Cllrs. O' Ryan, O' Leary and Power also welcomed Cllr. Murphy. F. Galvin, DOS welcomed Cllr. Murphy on behalf of the management and staff. Cllr. Murphy responded by thanking everyone for their good wishes.

Votes of Sympathy:

To the families of the late:

Nicky O' Neill

Tommy Lennon

Pat Fenlon

Paddy Cusack

Niall McKeon

McGrotty family to Inishowen District, Donegal

Votes of Congratulations:

Scoil Mhuire on winning the All Ireland Ladies Football Championships.

Portlaw St. Patricks Day Committee

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

District Meeting held on 22nd February, 2016 proposed by Cllr. Power seconded by Cllr. O' Ryan and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. O' Ryan requested an update on the combi units proposal for the district.

3.PLANNING.

(a) Circulated lists noted.

4. REPORTS.

a. Planning.

Cllr. O' Ryan asked about letters from Council regarding contributions and collection methods and asked for flexibility to be shown. Cllr. Power also asked for flexibility. Cllr. O' Leary said that the charges are unfair. The Cathaoirleach was also sympathetic to flexibility and feels it should be referred back to Plenary Council.

A. Kiely, SEE said that clients should contact Council immediately. The Cathaoirleach requested details of collection methods.

b. Roads.

P. McCarthy, SE confirmed that 2 combi units are operating in Comeragh District and that machinery hire is under review at present and it may merit an additional combi unit.

Cllr. O' Ryan said that Kilmacomma and Fingerpoint Road are closed and requested "L" signs for local roads. Cllr. Power said washing of road signs is required, Glenpatrick junction needs attention and drop in road at Nire church needs fencing restored.

He also asked about driver feedback for signs at Clonea Power and footpath at Deerpark.

Cllr. O' Leary requested an update on Carrolls Cross and asked when will proper signage be assigned to country roads and proper markings at crossroads.

Cllr. Murphy said that Darrigle junction kerbing needs restoring.

P. McCarthy, SE replied that Kilmacomma Road CPO is proceeding and will revert on Glenpatrick junction and road at Nire church and in relation to driver feedback signs. Will check with TII when works on Carrolls Cross will be carried out. Local signs are being addressed, if any junction or cross needs special attention it should be brought to the attention of the SEE.

The Cathaoirleach requested an update on Downeys Cross and pedestrian crossing at Leamybrien and sought jet patcher schedule and asked if any extra funding has come to the district.

P. McCarthy, SE replied that work is taking place in vicinity by TII and that there are no immediate plans for Downeys Cross area but is being kept under constant review to achieve standardisation. Design of pedestrian crossing at Leamybrien to be reviewed and see if there is a funding stream available.

c. Housing

Cllr. O' Ryan asked when will applications be sent out for Tenant Purchase Scheme and asked what is the process.

M. O' Brien, SO replied that applications will be sent out on 1st April.

Cllr. O' Leary requested and update on Ceol na Mara.

M. O' Brien, SO replied that no decision will be made until fire report has been considered.

d. Environment

Cllr. Murphy requested an update on the bottle bank in Portlaw and asked if Council can consult with Coillte to erect barriers in wooded areas to control illegal dumping and flytipping.

Cllr. Power said that CCTV should be used to discourage dumping and requested an update on water supply to Clonea Power and grants to sink well and said that there is a tree in graveyard in Clonea Power that is dangerous.

Cllr. O' Ryan asked if the anti litter awareness grant can be used for signage regarding littering.

The Cathaoirleach concurred that dumping is a problem and complimented the Comeragh clean up and urged Council to purchase CCTV to combat dumping and asked can we name and shame.

F. Galvin, DOS replied that a response is awaited from the GAA regarding a site for the bottle bank in Portlaw and that consultation is ongoing with Coillte regarding dumping. Tests are being carried out on new CCTV cameras and will be focussed on high incidence areas and also a regional campaign is being designed to address littering. The tree in the graveyard is the owners responsibility. Water in Clonea Power is progressing and will revert on grant details.

e. Economic Development

Cllr. O' Ryan suggested writing to Minister regarding downgrading of post offices.

Cllr. Power requested an explanation of Measure 1 Support.

M. Daly, SO gave explanation of Measure 1 Support.

The Cathaoirleach suggested a motion from the District go to Plenary in April regarding the Department of Social Protections interaction with the Post Office network. Cllr. O' Ryan proposed that he compose the motion for Plenary on the subject, which was seconded by the Cathaoirleach and agreed.

5. Municipal Works Programmes

The Municipal Works Programmes on Housing, Roads and Environment were noted and approved.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Notices of Motion

None.

8. A.O.B.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone for their support of the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness cycle last weekend.

Cllr. O' Ryan thanked all those who attended the 1916 commemorative ceremonies.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: _____