

MINUTES

COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING

DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH

HELD ON 23rd May, 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. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner, Economic Development & Planning
Mr. E. Lonergan, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, HR and Emergency Services
Ms. M. O' Brien, Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

Dymphna Mangan
Betty O' Keeffe
Michael Walsh
David Veale

Votes of Congratulations:

Pieta House on the successful Darkness Into Light walk/run.
Senior Waterford Ladies Football Team
Shauna O' Brien on winning two national titles at the recent Irish Long Course Open Swimming Championships.
Red Cross Portlaoigh on winning Red Cross Branch of the Year

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 25th April, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. O' Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

None

3.PLANNING

- (a) **Planning Lists**
Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) **Planning**

Cllr. O' Leary enquired about the status of Kilmacthomas Distillery.
F. Galvin, DOS replied that contracts have been exchanged.
Cathaoirleach asked for an update on planning application numbers.
J. O' Mahony, SP replied that the numbers are up 12% in the Comeragh District.

(b) **Roads/Infrastructure**

Cllr. Murphy stated that the entrance to school at Convent Road, Portlaw needs attention, sought update on road from convent to bridge in Kilmacthomas and if there are any new footpaths planned.
Cllr. O' Ryan sought an update on the R672 and when is it reopening, update on plans for road at Kilmacomma, raising of road at Knocknamullagh and signs indicating entry into Waterford and Comeragh area. He also requested an update on flooding in Clonmel.
E. Lonergan, SEE replied that schools across the district have a problem with parking and will examine during the summer. Road from bridge to convent in Kilmacthomas will be overlaid in July. Car park will be overlaid. Footpaths are being worked on in Hillside Crescent and the Council is looking at design for footpaths near the GAA pitch. The R672 will reopen at the end of this week. Cllr. O' Ryan asked that this be sent out on mapalserter. Kilmacomma CPO will be published in June. Knocknamullagh is upgraded.
The flooding in Clonmel was caused by freak rainfall and Council is examining a solution to road flooding, signage will be examined.
Cllr. O' Leary asked if road at Ballymacarberry has been approved by TII and if scheme is available to other roads. The narrowness of road at Kildarmody, Kilmeaden underpass is a concern. He expressed concern about left hand turn at Littlewoods, Stradbally.
E. Lonergan, SEE said that Low Cost Safety applications to TII are based on accident history. He will refer Kildarmody to TII and will look at Littlewoods issue.
Cathaoirleach said that Fews Village road needs attention and that water on the road from the convent to village in Kilmacthomas needs to be dealt with and agrees that Littlewoods needs work.
E. Lonergan, SEE said that Fews Village contractor has been appointed. He said a long term solution to water on road at Kilmacthomas is been worked on.

(c) **Housing**

Cllr. O' Ryan asked will Council decide what houses are to be done under the Retrofitting Insulation Grant.
M. O' Brien, SO replied that a list of houses is being compiled and additions can be suggested.
Cathaoirleach requested an update on Ceol na Mara and asked can Council provide legal or financial assistance. M. O' Brien, SO replied that Council is not responsible for private houses and that it is the owners responsibility. Cathaoirleach asked can the householders claim on their insurance. Cllr. O' Leary

asked where the landlord terminates the tenancy can Council help. M. O' Brien, SO replied that the onus is on the tenant to source alternative accommodation and if they present as homeless they are dealt with under the Councils homelessness policy.

Cllr. Murphy asked for an update on SEAI grant for Portlaw houses.

M. O' Brien, SO will revert.

(d) Environment

Cllr. O' Ryan referred to the coffee cups issue which has been picked up by National press and asked for an update on the clean up costs. .

Cllr. O' Leary said that the cost of the clean ups should be highlighted to Council and the value of community groups and tidy towns to clean ups.

Cllr. O' Ryan asked can community involvement be costed and valued.

Cllr. Power said that the clean up costs could be diverted to other services.

F. Galvin, DOS acknowledged the huge voluntary effort and doesn't have an exact cost but it would be low compared to Council doing the work.

E. Lonergan said that cost of the clean up from Carrick to Kilmeaden was €18,000 which he said was not good value for money considering it is 25% of the maintenance budget for the area and is not sustainable.

Cllr. O' Ryan suggested putting up a sign saying €18,000 spent on cleaning. Cllr. Power concurred.

Cllr. Murphy complimented Council on work done so far to combat littering.

Cathaoirleach said that €18,000 is an outrageous cost to clean up deliberate littering and that offenders should be prosecuted. He complimented the schools in the district that were awarded the Green Flag.

F. Galvin, DOS stated that a Regional Roadside Litter campaign was launched recently and Council is also working with food outlets, garages etc to encourage proper disposal of waste. He said that CCTV is a high demand facility for the hours needed to go through the footage.

5. Fix Date of Annual Meeting

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach that the June District meeting would be held at 4pm and that the Annual meeting would be held at 6pm on the 27th June, 2016, seconded by Cllr. O' Ryan and agreed.

6. Correspondence

None

6. Notices of Motion

None

7. A.O.B

Cllr. O' Ryan asked about signage for Comeragh and could a promotional video be produced for social media. Cathaoirleach suggested schools involvement. E. Ruane to scope out.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated: _____