

MINUTES**COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING****DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH**

**HELD ON 24th OCTOBER, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
DUNGARVAN**

PRESENT:

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

Apology: Cllr. Declan Clune

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services
 Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE, Roads, Water & Environment
 Mr. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner
 Ms. S. Breathnach, Administrative Officer, Housing
 Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

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

Teresa Mulcahy (Nee Heffernan)
 Peter Kiely

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

Ballyduff Lower GAA Club on winning the Waterford Junior Hurling County Final.
 Kilmacthomas Tidy Towns on the Garden of Remembrance in Kilmacthomas

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of meeting held on 26th September, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Brazil and seconded by Cllr. O' Ryan and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Planning

- (a) Planning lists noted.
- (b) **Taking In charge of Housing Estates/Roads** as per report dated 24th October, 2016 from P. Daly, A/DOS was proposed by Cllr. Brazil, seconded by Cllr. O' Ryan and agreed.

4. Reports

(a) Planning

Cllr. O' Ryan asked about applications for wind farms and An Bord Pleanala decision.
Cllr. Brazil asked for the number of planning applications and a breakdown of same.
J. O' Mahony, SP said that a review of guidelines for wind farms is taking place and he would welcome a National Strategy. He also said that there has been an approximately 20% increase in applications overall and a 3% increase in the Comeragh District.

It was agreed to take item (c) Housing next.

(c) Housing

Cllr. O' Ryan asked why are OAP's and bungalows excluded from the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
Cllr. Brazil asked about the turnaround time for vacancies in the Comeragh district and what Council is doing with purchases in the Comeragh district.
S. Breathnach, AO replied that OAP's are not provided for in the Tenant Purchase Scheme and will check out individual bungalow report. She said that vacancies have a 22-28 week turnaround and that acquisitions are for allocation and will be brought up to standard.

(b) Roads/Infrastructure

Cllr. Power welcomed the new CLÁR road safety measures.
Cllr. O' Ryan asked when is the Road Works Programme meeting on and asked for a timescale on Knocknamullagh. He also asked about Bye-Laws for flashing lights at schools and requested an outline of the winter plan and asked if there would be any input from Councillors. He said that roads at Glen Lower, Kilsheelan and Modeligo need attention.
Cllr. Murphy asked about lighting in the park in Kilmacthomas and outside St. Patricks Church in Portlaw.
Cllr. Brazil asked for an update on Lemybrien pedestrian crossing, Downeys Cross and Gortavickery climbing lane. He also asked if there was any update on the meeting with TII. He said that works at Kilmacthomas should be assisted.
Cathaoirleach congratulated the Town and Villages successes and also asked for an update on the TII meeting.
E. Lonergan, SEE replied and said that they would be meeting schools on the CLÁR safety measures, that a road works programme is being put together and the meeting may be in the new year. He said that Knocknamullagh has to be done in phases, that byelaws will be included in the speed limit review and that the winter maintenance plan is in place and a workshop will be arranged. He also said that lighting in Kilmacthomas may be included in Town and Villages work as there is no public lighting capital budget, that a request has gone to TII for a meeting and that the Gortavickery tender is currently being assessed. He said we will render any assistance we can give to Kilmacthomas.

(d) Environment

Cllr. O' Ryan complimented the repair directory being compiled and mentioned France considering banning the plastic cup.

Councillors congratulated the Tidy Towns awards in the County.

Cllr. Murphy asked can we get more CCTV signs and requested an update on the bottle bank at Portlaw.

F. Galvin, DOS said that SEAI funding is exclusive to energy saving measures, that he will look at CCTV signage and revert on the bottle bank in Portlaw.

Cllr. Power confirmed that Irish Water has a scheme for new water supply and is going out to tender.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Notice of Motions

- (a) The following motion in the name of Cllr. O' Ryan was proposed by Cllr. O' Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Brazil, which was not put and it was agreed to forward it to the Plenary Council:

“That this Municipal District call on the Taoiseach as leader of Government to implement the recommendations of the Post Office Business Development Group and the new model of Community Banking as advocated on page 48 of the current programme for Government to facilitate the retention and growth of post offices in rural Ireland.”

(dated: 13/10/16 – reg. no. 5)

- (b) The following motion in the name of Cllr. O' Ryan was proposed by Cllr. O' Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed:

“That this Council asks the Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, with special responsibility for fisheries, to allow local authorities a special dispensation to free bridges of obstruction and or vegetation prior to this winter season in an effort to reduce flooding and the risk of structural damage to the road network.”

(dated: 18/10/16 – reg. no. 6)

7. AOB

Cllr. Brazil thanked the media for their attendance at meetings. All Councillors were in unanimous agreement.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____