

MINUTES

DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN / LIOS MHÓR DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING

HELD ON 8th February, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

Cllr. Tom Cronin Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Siobhán Whelan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing
Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services
Mr. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner, Economic Development & Planning
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. R. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development
Ms. A. Jacob, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate

Before the commencement of the meeting Dr. John Mahon, Infrasonic gave a presentation to the Council on his report on Ballycurreen Windfarm in committee.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

John Nugent
Maurice Dee
Lar Markley
John Michael Kelly
John Nugent Jnr
Kathleen and Mary Mooney

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends a vote of congratulations to:

John Kiely, Trainer of Carlingford Lough on winning the Irish Gold Cup.

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 11th January, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Tobin enquired about the abandoned caravan at Tallow. R. Moloney, SEO said that the caravan was due to be removed in the coming days. Cllr Whelan asked for an update on social housing in Monksfield, vacant houses in Dungarvan/Lismore area and what the position was in relation to HAP applicants paying water charges. I. Grimes, DOS said that he would revert with details on Monksfield and vacancy numbers and that all household bills must be paid under the terms of the tenancy agreement. Cllr Pratt asked for an update on unfinished estate Waters Edge Cruacháin and the bond. J. O'Mahony, SP said that agreement had been reached with the bond holders but that the outstanding works were in excess of the limit. The Cathaoirleach enquired about funding for the works. J. O'Mahony, SP said that at present there is no funding but that the works would have to be prioritised first and that he would revert.

3.PLANNING

(a) Planning Lists

Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Planning

Cllr Whelan asked if any other areas could be explored regarding the noise levels at Ballycurreen Windfarm. J. O'Mahony, SP said that the EPA could be a possibility but that the levels as explained by Dr. John Mahon, Infrasonic in his presentation to Council were within the guidelines. Cllr Whelan enquired about the cost of the monitoring. J. O'Mahony, SP said that the cost of the independent assessment was €14,000. The Cathaoirleach suggested that the presentation made to Council should not have been in committee. Cllr Nugent said that there is still an issue with flicker for residents and thought it was to be included in the report. Cllr Tobin welcomed the report but said he thought it was very technical and that the guidelines were outdated. Cllr Doocey said that residents still have issues and that planning applications will have to be looked at.

(b) Roads/Infrastructure

Cllr Tobin asked about a breakdown on the roads funding submission and said that 70% of the Dungarvan/Lismore area was affected by flooding. Cllr Pratt enquired about footpaths and lighting works and the taking in charge of the Cúlrua estate and funding for Aglish. P. McCarthy, SE said that following the two recent storm events that 2 funding submissions have been made to the Department, €8 million covering the Dungarvan/Lismore area and is awaiting a return on that. He said that a separate funding submission for harbour and coastal has also been made. J. McGrath, SEE said that the footpaths in Tallow will be looked at, that funding of €15,000 was allocated to Aglish and will also work with Aglish Tidy Towns committee on a plan for further improvements. She also confirmed that the public lighting at Cúlrua has been taken in charge. Cllr Whelan asked if the funding application will be successful and raised flooding issue at Coolnagower. The Cathaoirleach asked if the flooding issue at Fr. Twomey Road could be looked at and the lack of a pathway from the Burgery to St. Augustines College. Cllr Doocey asked that the combi unit be deployed to deal with edging damage on country roads. Cllr O'Donnell raised the flooding issue at Coolnagower. Cllr Pratt said that sections of the road at Shanakill and Aglish need to be addressed and asked when the lighting will be in place in Villierstown. P. McCarthy, SE said that there is no indication from the Department on how much funding will be received. J. McGrath, SEE said she is aware of flooding issue at Coolnagower and that it is a design issue and is included in the storm damage submission, will review issue at Fr. Twomey road and footpath for The Burgery/St. Augustines. She said that the jet patcher will be in Lismore west during the coming week and Councillors can pass on details of specific areas in need of attention. In regard to Aglish she said that this can be discussed at the roadworks programme workshop on 16th February and that we are in talks with the ESB in relation to lighting at Villierstown. Cllr Nugent asked what was causing the flooding

issue at Coolnagower, raised serious issues at Military Road and asked for an update on Garranbane Cross. J. McGrath, SE said that they are looking at drainage options for Coolnagower. P. McCarthy, SE said that there is no update yet on Garranbane Cross that the TII safety section are looking at design options and that he will revert. Cllr O'Donnell enquired if works on The Square, Dungarvan could be carried out at weekends to shorten the time scale. P. McCarthy, SE said that there is an active communication forum in place to deal with issues from all stakeholders and that he would pass this on. Cllr Tobin asked if the OPW offer any grants to farmers where river banks have been breached. Cllr Doocey asked if there was a recycling policy for stone/gravel deposited from flooding. P. McCarthy, SE said he was unaware of any specific grants but that he would contact the OPW and revert. He said that there is legislation in place for such recycling and where it is appropriate we will do so.

(c) Housing Community & Culture.

Cllr Geoghegan enquired about the recently announced Tenant Purchase Scheme and newspaper advertisement regarding the development site Youghal Road and asked that Council be kept informed. Cllr Whelan enquired if a tenant was housed under RAS if they remain on the housing list and also enquired about insulation scheme and funding. Cllr Pratt enquired about the rules where a tenant refuses a house. I. Grimes, DOS confirmed that the Department is due to circulate details of TPS in a couple of weeks and he will keep Councillors informed and would address issues relating to RAS at the planned housing workshop and that an applicant can have 2 refusals in an 18 month period but will look at any individual cases.

(d) Environment

Cllr Pratt asked if the recent hedge cutting carried out at Ring was necessary. P. McCarthy, SE said that he would clarify it and revert to Cllr Pratt directly.

(e) Economic Development

R. Walsh, SEO presented the report and highlighted the Festival and Events funding programme for the coming year and recommended that Councillors liaise with the Council in relation to the scheme and to highlight it to groups in their areas. Cllr Geoghegan said that it would be helpful if the process commenced earlier and that this would help with forward planning and budgeting. Cllr Tobin asked if the approval for allocation would be going to the Plenary or the Districts. R. Walsh, SEO confirmed that it would go to the Plenary Council. Cllr O'Donnell enquired about a broadband update. R. Walsh, SEO said that a pilot scheme is planned for the Gaelteacht area in conjunction with the Waterford Leader Partnership and it is hoped to rollout this out if successful.

5. Correspondence

Noted

6. Notice of Motion

None

7. A.O.B

Cllr Whelan enquired about the loss of trees in The Square, Dungarvan and communication in relation to same. P. McCarthy, SE said that he could arrange a workshop to be held on the works being carried out and address any queries that Councillors have.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated: _____