

MINUTES

DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN / LIOS MHÓR DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING

HELD ON 13th June, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. J. Sullivan, A/Director of Services, Housing
 Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, HR & Emergency Services
 Mr. D. Lyons, Chief Technician, Housing
 Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
 Mr. R. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Local Enterprise Office
 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:

Kevin Curran
 Tim Sheehan
 Joe Foley
 John Whelan
 Johnny Dalton
 Michael Landers
 John Joe McGrath

Council wished the Waterford hurlers well in the Munster final

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 9th May, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Nugent requested an update on works at top of Friary Street and the restricted parking, Cllrs. Geoghegan, O' Donnell, Nugent and the Cathaoirleach expressed concern regarding same.

Cllr. Whelan asked for an update on Cruachan and Waters Edge

J. McGrath, SEE said that Smarter Travel will update and report on Friary Street and parking.

Cllr. Tobin asked about traffic calming in Tallow and Ballyduff.

J. McGrath, SEE replied that the traffic survey is complete and that Cruachan and Waters Edge are not yet taken in charge.

Cllr. Doocey asked about opening hours of Arts venues and increased personnel.

J. Sullivan, A/DOS will check and report back.

3.PLANNING

(a) Planning Lists - noted

(b) Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads as per report dated 13th June, 2016 from P. Daly A/DOS was proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Planning

Report noted.

(b) Roads/Infrastructure

Cllr. Pratt asked about testing on strand in Lismore.

Cllr. Doocey asked about spraying of Japanese Knotweed.

Cllr. Tobin asked about new machines in Comeragh area and reinstatement of Tallow Road following laying of water pipes.

J. McGrath, SEE replied that the Lismore strand official testing results are awaited, Japanese Knotweed on roads is sprayed twice a year, reinstatement of road is part of the pipe laying contract and that the combi unit has recently arrived and will work between the districts.

Cllr. O' Donnell advised about problem with pedestrian crossing on Dungarvan Ring Road.

Cllr. Tobin asked how many areas are affected by Japanese Knotweed.

Cllr. Whelan mentioned that works in Square in Dungarvan are causing a hazard.

Cllr. Pratt asked about footpath works in his area.

Cllr. Nugent asked when Garranbane Cross report will be ready and said that works on Bog Road need more warning signage. Tars Bridge parking restricts access to houses. Holy Well Road damage by forestry lorries.

J. McGrath, SEE said that there has been no report of problems with pedestrian crossing and will investigate, a map is kept showing all Japanese Knotweed locations, problems in Square in Dungarvan will be referred to Smarter Travel, report on Garranbane Cross is imminent and issues at Bog Road and Tars Bridge will be reviewed.

Cathaoirleach asked about Cruachan/Waters Edge road.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Pratt asked about housing at Cappoquin and Tallow.

Cllr. Whelan asked if Councillors are informed when allocations are made.

Cllr. O' Donnell asked if Council are purchasing houses.

D. Lyons, CT replied that Cappoquin project is starting in mid September and that Tallow project is awaiting appointment of design team and will possibly be on site in mid November.

J. Sullivan A/DOS will inform Council when houses are allocated and houses are being purchased on the basis of need.

Cllr. Tobin asked for the length of time it takes to re-let vacancies.

J. Sullivan, A/DOS said that there is a high rate of refusal and gave notice that a new housing needs assessment will take place and that the SEAI application has been unsuccessful.

Cllr. Tobin asked how many refusals an applicant can have.

Cllr. Pratt asked a question on needs assessment.

Cllr. Geoghegan asked if we can write to the Minister regarding the refusal of the SEAI grant.

J. Sullivan, A/DOS will report back.

Cllr. Geoghegan requested a workshop on needs assessment and to have voluntary bodies at meeting in July.

J. Sullivan, A/DOS said that 2 reasonable refusals in 12 months are allowable and then the applicant is taken off the list.

(d) Environment

Cllr. Nugent asked about tap in churchyard in Dungarvan. Cllr. Geoghegan said that a rainwater harvesting system should be installed.

Cllr. Tobin asked how much does it cost to prosecute litterers.

Cllr. Geoghegan said that Abbeyside beach needs litter picked and cleaning.

R. Moloney, SEO said he will deal with tap and rainwater harvester in churchyard, the general cost to go to court is €500 and litter picking will be extended to Abbeyside beach.

Cllr. Whelan asked for an update on pay per weight.

Cllr. O' Donnell asked about the public toilet in Dungarvan.

Cllr. Doocey appealed to the public to bring home their rubbish and to be conscious of water safety.

R. Moloney, SEO said that under the new regulations there is no charge for recycling and that the former town council took out the public toilet in Dungarvan and he will bring comments made to the Water Services section.

Cllr. Pratt asked if Cois Brid in Tallow will be connected to new system.

R. Walsh, SEO said that temporary services will be provided on the Greenway but it will ultimately be up to service providers to supply facilities.

(e) Economic Development

Cllr. Geoghegan welcomed 160 new jobs in Dungarvan in Lancaster Labs and Eurofins, which was also welcomed by all Councillors.

Cllr. Pratt mentioned Blackwater Valley tourism initiative, with meeting being held on 14th June in Cappoquin.

Cathaoirleach requested an update on rural broadband.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Notice of Motion

None

7. A.O.B

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:_____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated:_____