

**MINUTES**

**DÚICHE DHÚN GARBHÁN / LIOS MHÓR  
DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE DISTRICT MEETING**

**HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> May, 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. 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. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment  
Ms. A. Kiely, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning  
Mr. E. Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Meetings Administrator

It was agreed to suspend standing orders to take item no. 5 first.

**5. Presentation by Dungarvan Boxing Club**

Paul Kelly presented on behalf of Dungarvan Boxing Club regarding Celtic Boxing Cup. All Councillors supported and wished the club well and thanked them for bringing the tournament to Dungarvan.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

Dr. Joe Meehan  
Brendan Tully  
Nick Roche  
Scott Simons  
Margaret Keane

**Votes of Congratulations:**

John Kiely, horse trainer on winning the Punchestown Gold Cup with Carlingford Lough  
Waterford Ladies Football Team on winning the National Football League Division 3 Final  
Waterford Senior Hurling Team, National Hurling League finalists

Journalism student Brian McGuire was welcomed to observe the meeting.

## **1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed.

## **2.MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Geoghegan enquired about fence at Fr. Toomey Road.

Cllrs. Doocey and Whelan raised the issue of problems with ½ hr free parking.

P. McCarthy, SE said that the issue of the fence will be referred to Smarter Travel. He said a parking disc must be displayed to avail of the free ½ hour parking and that a review is taking place.

Cllr. Nugent requested an update on safety at slipways. Cllrs. O' Donnell and Pratt expressed concern on the matter.

P. McCarthy, SE said that a review of all slipway locations is taking place and that it would be impractical to consider gates for all locations.

## **3.PLANNING**

- (a) **Planning Lists**  
Noted

## **4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

### **(a) Planning**

Cllr. Pratt expressed concern about noise levels from wind turbines at Ring and asked can he see the raw data from the monitoring of the turbines.

A. Kiely, SEE replied that the raw data is being sought and that a response is awaited from the compilers of the report. Concern was expressed by the Councillors at the delay in supplying the data.

Cllr. Whelan asked about safety measures at Cruachan and Waters Edge and an update on the old cinema development.

A. Kiely, SEE said new owner will carry out works at Cruachan and Waters Edge.

I. Grimes, DOS will revert with details of the old cinema development.

### **(b) Roads/Infrastructure**

Cllr. Tobin asked if all storm damage funding has been paid to Council. He also asked how long contractors are responsible for road works.

Cllr. Doocey asked about a second jetpatcher, water on road at Scanlons Mill and Owbeg river dredging.

Cllr. Pratt requested an update on footpaths in Villierstown and footpath repairs at Tallow.

P. McCarthy, SE replied that all funding is received and that second tranche funding is hoped for once all resources are used. The normal maintenance period is 12 months. Second jetpatcher budget will be utilised. Problem at Scanlons Mill will be remedied.

J. McGrath, SEE replied that consultation is ongoing regarding Owbeg River. Work will be carried out on Villierstown footpaths when schools close and work will begin at Tallow.

Cathaoirleach asked about the road closure at Colligan.

J. McGrath, SEE said the road has been closed to carry out repairs and traffic management is in place.

P. McCarthy, SE said that the road closure will be kept under constant review.

Cllr. O' Donnell asked what the work on Pike Hill was.

Cllr. Nugent asked about Smarter Travel work at Friary Street footpath, condition of road at Rivers Edge and queried the size of the drainage pipes and asked is the size standard and an update on request for meeting with TII.

P. McCarthy, SE replied that work on Pike Hill was a specialist solution to the problem. Design at Friary Street is to create safety for school users and pedestrians. Rivers Edge is on the roadworks programme. Pipework is the best available on the market. Meeting with TII to be organised when Garranbane junction design is updated.

Cathaoirleach asked about speed limit signs at Garranbane.

P. McCarthy replied that TII have appointed independent consultants to review speed limits.

Cllr. Pratt asked about traffic calming on Cappoquin/Tallow Road.

P. McCarthy will revert on Tallow, traffic calming scheme being designed for Cappoquin.

Cllr. Tobin sought a traffic calming survey in Ballyduff.

Cathaoirleach raised issue of flooding in Clashmore and the replacement bridge.

J. McGrath, SEE said that outfalls will be upgraded and that the bridge is being cleaned and the replacement being designed.

Cllr. Doocey suggested deepening the river.

J. McGrath, SEE said that the new bridge would be wider and deeper.

Cathaoirleach asked about improved services in Clashmore and the Village Renewal Scheme.

J. McGrath, SEE replied that the renewal scheme is on hold.

### **(c) Housing**

Cllr. Pratt expressed concern about the Tenant Purchase Scheme and that Part V is not available and that social welfare recipients are ineligible.

Cllr. Whelan enquired about €100 TPS application fee, housing allocations and data protection issues and house at Ballinroad.

Cllr. Tobin referred to housing allocation and data protection legislation.

I. Grimes, DOS replied that TPS regulations exclude Part V. Department stipulates that more than half of income must come from employment. Ballinroad house issue is still with department. Data Protection Commissioner has indicated to local authorities that publishing allocations is not consistent with data protection legislation.

Cllr. Geoghegan expressed concern about data protection and Part V exclusions and disagreed with €100 application fee.

I. Grimes, DOS said that the €100 fee is to cover valuation and administration costs.

Cllr. Doocey asked if constituents can give Councillors consent to enquire and get information on their housing application.

Cllr. Pratt proposed Council writes to Minister and other local authorities expressing concern, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan.

I. Grimes, DOS said that Choice Based Letting Scheme will improve the letting process.

### **(d) Environment**

Cllr. O' Donnell enquired about Kilrush and Ballinamuck sewerage.

R. Moloney, SEO said that the matter should be address to Irish Water.

Cllr. Pratt asked can CCTV be placed in specific areas.

Cllr. Whelan asked about right of way at Caseyville.

R. Moloney, SEO said CCTV can be installed in locations. Caseyville will be resolved with bollards on a trial basis.

### **(e) Arts/Culture**

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

#### **6. Correspondence**

None

#### **7. Notice of Motion**

None

#### **8. A.O.B**

Cllr. Geoghegan proposed that a scroll be presented to the Anchor Bar for their role in rescue, seconded by Cllr. Doocey and agreed.

Cllr. O' Donnell referred to retirement of local garda in Rinn and asked that Council write to Minister and Garda Chief Superintendent to request additional Gardaí in Ardmore.

Date for AGM to be decided upon.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Cathaoirleach**

**Dated:**\_\_\_\_\_