

**MINUTES
COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH
HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2023 in Civic Offices Chamber, Dungarvan**

PRESENT

Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. John O’Leary
Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Ger Barron
Cllr. Declan Clune

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ivan Grimes, DoS Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, SE, Roads
Ms. Maria Goff, SEE, Roads
Mr. Niall Kane, A/SEO, Environment.
Ms. Aisling O’Sullivan, SEP, Planning.
Mr. Finn Brophy, Executive Technician, Economic Development
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its sympathy to the families of the late Phyllis Corcoran, Maudie Hallissey, Freddie Laffan, James Barron and Craig Breen.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held 15th March 2023 proposed by Cllr. O’Leary seconded by Cllr. Barron and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

None

3. REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Clune noted that councillors had online clinic with Irish Water recently where they discussed issues with communications and projects. Outlined his disappointment with information received that the wastewater treatment plant for Bunmahon is not in their current capital plan and could be 6-8 years before it will be progressed. This issue needs to be addressed urgently, Bunmahon can’t wait this long to have the work done.

Cllr. O’Leary noted increase in complaints in relation to dog control enquiring about detail of the complaints.

Cllr. Barron and Cllr. Power agreed and supported Cllr. Clune and appealed that Irish Water consider it a priority. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Brazil supported the issues raised noting the difficulty in dealing with Irish Water.

Cllr. Clune added that he has requested a copy of the notes from the meeting which have not been received to date.

Cllr. Brazil noted that the Comeragh clean up was very successful over Easter weekend, however noted that it is a disgrace and unacceptable that people continue to dump illegally. Highlighted need to use CCTV to address and catch the offending people for fining.

N. Kane, A/SEO, noted comments in relation to Irish Water and will raise issues with the A/SE in Water Services. The increased complaints received relate to loose dogs and he credited communities with their clean ups, urged people to report car details if witness dumping from car windows.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Clune acknowledged and welcomed current works in Portlaw on the Carrick Road project stating that it is progressing well with a good traffic management system. Enquired about funding for the Brown Street Active Travel works and funding of the project.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired if there is any update on the requested meeting the NTA.

Cllr. Power outlined that recent accident at Ballyhesk Cross, noting that section needs to be reviewed as there have been a number of incidents at the location. Requested new welcome signs for the village of Rathgormack.

Cllr. Brazil requested update on Lemybrien traffic calming scheme and when the works at Mahon Galls car park will be completed.

Cllr. requested update on the speed limit review.

G. Hynes, SE, noted that currently in discussion with the NTA in relation to the commencement of the Active Travel project in Brown Street. The Director has requested a meeting with the NTA and will revert when have response. Commented that can look at low cost safety scheme for Ballyhesk next year, will review and see what can be done in the interim. Progressing design and tender documents for Lemybrien and hope to go to tender early next year. Have informed the Gardai and TII in relation to the plan to commence the speed limit review later in the year.

M. Goff, SEE, noted that aware of accident at Ballyhesk Cross, will look at additional advance signage and road markings in the short-term with low cost safety scheme for consideration next year. Can look at provision of welcome signs for Rathgormack later in year if budget allows. The main car park in Mahon Falls has re-opened, currently carrying out snags.

Cllr. Brazil enquired as to how the Roads Work Programme is progressing.

Cllr. Clune enquired if the section on the High Road recently resurfaced will also be tar and chipped.

M. Goff, SEE, noted that strengthening works are progressing well and that tar and chip will be added to the High Road.

(c) Planning

Cllr. O'Leary previously raised the need for additional infrastructure along with school and community facilities for Kilmeaden considering the increased housing in the area. There are issues with access roads to Ballyduff Village and there will be increase pressure on the primary school which needs to be looked at

Cllr. Clune has previously raised the issue with the water supply in Woodlands Estate in Portlaw where 74 families could be without a water supply enquiring who is obliged to address it.

A. O'Sullivan, SEP, will revert to Cllr. Clune regarding the details as requested when discuss with Water Services. Acknowledge concerns regarding need for community facilities in Kilmeaden, working with developers to look at this area, can facilitate meeting with Department and school to discuss.

(d) Housing

Cllr. Clune noted that there are a number of new schemes announced recently such as Tenant in Situ and dealing with Notice to Quit, requested information on details and who to contact for information. Also enquired if have detail on who is buying the houses under the Notice to Quit.

Cllr. O'Leary supported Cllr. Clune, noting need to understand the schemes.

Cllr. Brazil requested update on Kilmacomma issue and OPW and vacant barracks in Kilmeaden and Kill as to getting them back into use requesting meeting to discuss.

I.Grimes, DoS, noted that just commencing the work on the new schemes and looking at who is the appropriate person to approach. Engaging with landlords in relation to Notice to Quit, new scheme for people who have notice to quit and are not eligible for social housing and referring to housing agency which deals with cost rental in situ scheme. Details are emerging daily and need to change structures in relation to the homeless services and will email information to all councillors once finalised. Priority in initial weeks has been dealing with the tenants that have been affected. Noted that due to schedule workshop in relation to the Croí Cónaithe scheme and will arrange one for the new schemes also. No detailed information of who is buying houses as requested, council are purchasing units under the notice of quit with an initial target of 50 units. Have discussed Kilmacomma with Irish Water who have indicated that not part of investment programme and will continue to follow up with IW. Can address OPW issue at workshop.

4. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 as amended – Part VIII Mount Congreve New Car Park – Commencement of Process

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined the details of the proposed car parking provision where the preference of the OPW is to develop parking for 75 cars along the driveway. Will also address the gravel at the entrance to the house as it is causing access difficulties, works will include new drainage, lighting and landscaping as included in circulated plans.

Cllr. O'Leary welcomed investment in Mount Congreve, noting that initially there were to be 200 parking spaces, now revised to 75 and will this cause a pressure zone. There were also plans for changes to the road at the entrance to Mount Congreve and will this be progressing.

Cllr. Power noted issue with gravel and welcomed it being addressed.

Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. Clune and agreed by all.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted that refurbishment of lower carpark provided 100 spaces and along with the 75 spaces and additional disabled car parking by the house will have enough. Require additional funding for works at entrance and as volume of visitors increase will need to review.

5. TAKING IN CHARGE - Cois Cille, Dunhill, C. Waterford – Completion of Process

Cllr. Clune welcomed the taking in charge of the estate.

Cllr. Barron enquired if there is an update on the taking in charge of Cruachán View

Cllr. O'Leary noted that needs to be recognition that when an estate is taken in charge areas of works then fall back to the residents, community grants are vehicle to provide supports to residents' association.

Proposed by Cllr. Clune, seconded by Cllr. Brazil and agreed by all.

I.Grimes, DoS, acknowledged that the community grants are important for community groups and would welcome support for an increased budget for next year by the councillors.

A. O'Sullivan, SEP, outlined that the roads section is integral in the taking in charge of estates. Will be dealing with progressing the taking in charge of Cruachán View.

6. CASUAL TRADING BYELAWS

F. Brophy, Executive Technician outlined details for the redesignation of 2 licences to Kilmurrin Beach. There is one extra condition for mobile sauna in that they are to have a working AED facility available.

Cllr. Clune enquired if additional bins will be provided in Kilmurrin due to the new licences.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired about the assessment criteria for the provision of licences.

F. Brophy, Executive Technician outlined that vendors as part of their license are required to be responsible for waste generated. Criteria includes that no license will result in the displacement of local business and equally with tea and coffee there are a limited number of licences provided.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Leary and seconded by Cllr. Clune and agreed by all.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

9. AOB

Cllr. Barron raised issue about condition of signal box in Durrow, area that has historical importance enquiring if there are any plans to preserve from decaying further and if can be put into a practical use in future. Supported by Cllr. Brazil asking for report on plans for the location.

Cllr. Brazil thanked all who supported the charity cycle over Easter, raised €10,000 for the charity. Raised importance that need to talk about and raise awareness about mental health with everyone so that people can seek help and get help.

Cllr. Power acknowledged work of Claire Quinn and wished her well in her new role, supported by all councillors.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Resolution of the Elected Members
Waterford City and County Council, Comeragh District
19th April 2023
Ref: R2023/05

In accordance with Section 11 Subsection (1)(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993 Waterford City & County Council proposes to take in charge roads and services of Cois Cille estate, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Comeragh District of Waterford City & County Council that Cois Cille estate is taken in charge. Proposed by Cllr. Clune, seconded by Cllr. Brazil and agreed unanimously.

Signed:

Councillor Liam Brazil
Cathaoirleach Comeragh District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator



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Waterford City & County Council

Resolution of the Elected Members
Waterford City and County Council, Comeragh District
19th April 2023
Ref: R2023/06

In accordance with Part II, Section 1 of the Adopted Casual Trading (Control and Designation) Bylaws 2021, two licences at Annestown are redesignated to Kilmurrin Beach for

- (i) One licence for Ice Creams, Beverages & Foods for immediate consumption
- (ii) One licence for Mobile Sauna

As a requirement of its licence the Mobile Sauna unit must have a working AED defibrillator.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Comeragh District of Waterford City & County Council that the licences are redesignated. Proposed by Cllr. O'Leary seconded by Cllr. Clune and agreed unanimously.

Signed:

Councillor Liam Brazil
Cathaoirleach Comeragh District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
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