

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

**HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021,  
at 2.30pm with members on Zoom.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Tom Cronin (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Conor McGuinness

Roll call carried out by Meetings Administrator.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS  
Mr. Paul Johnston, Senior Engineer, Housing  
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads  
Ms. Josephine McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads  
Mr. Raymond Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment  
Mr. Richie Walsh, Head of Enterprise, LEO  
Mr. David Quinn, Assistant Planner  
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its sympathies to the families of he late:

Ann Conway,  
Shirley Brown (Wall)  
Mary Flynn (nee Manahan)  
Marian Green

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to Ella Whelan in her retirement and to Seamus Power with his current golfing successes.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of District Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan seconded by Cllr. McGuinness and agreed by all.  
Minutes of District AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Phelan noted that report was circulation in relation to public toilets and outlined that need to make provision for this in next budget.

Cllr. Pratt acknowledged thanks for lights on bridge in Tallow and requested update on outdoor dining for Barron's.

Members were informed that section 254 licence was granted to Barron's last week.

### **3. PROGRESS REPORTS**

#### **(a) Roads**

Cllr. Phelan noted that Garranbane School was recent recipient for the Safe Route to Schools Programme enquiring if this funding could be utilised for the new footpath that is required at the location. Enquired if the Big Belly bins can also be installed in Clonea, requested signage prohibiting camper van parking in small carparks noting issues at Gold Coast Road, outlined overgrowth at junction between Dungarvan golf club and Ballinroad that needs to be addressed and enquired if investigating feasibility of moving loading bay moving on O'Connell Street closer to the Square along with changing hours of the loading bay.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted excellent work on footpaths in town centre and asked if considering addressing Emmet Street as footpaths in disrepair. Acknowledged work at upkeep of Kilminnion graveyard and the addition of the big belly bins and need to roll out in other areas.

Cllr. Nugent congratulated roads section on improvement works at Burgery and Military Road. Noted need to improve payment on The Quays and if programmed to be addressed, requested update on Garranbane Cross and if the works at Cappagh will be developed to Ballylemon.

Cllr. McGuinness requested any update on crash barriers along N254 in vicinity of Kinsalebeg from TII/NRA, acknowledged work to remedy the footpath in An Rinn, enquired about types of road sweepers and frequency of these in operation across the district and when contract is due to be signed for Ballinacourty Pier and when works are due to recommence at Helvick Pier.

Cllr. Tobin thanked roads staff for work on rural roads of West Waterford, asked for signs to show new road in Tallow, enquired if any additional allocation under LIS noting Department should put additional funding into LIS versus the CIS.

Cllr. Doocey welcomes new staff in Lismore area and hope additional vacancies will be filled, supported extra funding under LIS, highlighted need for cooperation of public in hedge cutting to improve sightlines.

Cllr. Pratt enquired when painting on Tallow Bridge will be carried out, footpath in Springfield to be addressed along with Mitchell Street in Dungarvan. Enquired about possibility for extension of footpath from Affane Cross back towards Cappoquin and requested larger sweeper once every 4-5 weeks to do outskirts of towns and villages. In relation to work on footpaths wanted confirmation that have staff to complete all the programmed work.

Cllr. O'Donnell raised issue regarding barrier at Murphy's Place noting residents in Abbeyside want it to be removed.

Cllr. Cronin outlined that hedge cutting required under health and safety grounds on the canal from Ring Cross to Twomilebridge and junctions on regional roads also need addressing.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that current works on Garranbane School being carried out under Active Travel, the Safe Route to Schools Programme is separate funding and needs to be carried out in conjunction with the school and in particular encouraging children and parents in how they navigate the school when walking and cycling while minimising congestion where possible. Will review operation of the big belly bins in The Square and subject to available resources will roll to other locations. Outlined that cutting of verges, the policy is approaches to towns and villages, tourist routes and approaches to strands, junctions on regional roads are cut nothing that landowners have responsibility and noted that while outside of the cutting season where there are significant safety the junctions can be cut. Acknowledged work and comments on footpaths in O'Connell Street noting that Emmet Street not on current programme but if significant issues can do temporary repair and include for consideration in next year's capital works. Stated that have increased resources in relation to sweeping and employment of contractors for current year. Acknowledged compliments regarding works at The Burgery and Military Road noting that a lot of drainage and service work carried out at Burgery which is unseen and adds to timeframe of any contract. Aware of issues on Davitt's Quay, in longer term flood relief work needs to be carried out on The Quay, significant work to be carried out on the pavement and will require OPW funding and in shorter term will carry out temporary repairs as required. Currently at stage of carrying out design for Garranbane Cross and in correspondence with landowners with works to commence in 2022 in relation to the realignment of

the junction. Advised that contractor on site at Cappagh, 5km pavement plus drainage scheme with cost of €2m and Ballylemon included in the contract and advised of significant road closure in August with N72 closed and diversions in place to facilitate final laying of the HRA (Hot Rolled Asphalt). Crash barriers at Kinsalebeg discussed with TII and accident history reviewed and satisfied at present that no additional measures warranted at this time. Confirmed that contractor ready to commence works at Helvick Pier and currently at tender stage for Ballinacourty with both due to be finished by mid-November. Acknowledge compliments in relation to rural roads, reviewing appropriate signs for Tallow, outlined that may be additional LIS funding and currently submitting additional list of schemes. Outlined €670k for CIS and noted condition of the scheme with the community where contribute either 15% of costs as financial or works/land of 30%. Noted that as vacancies arise there is a process to follow to fill as required and carry out work programme with a combination of own crews and engagement of contractors which will ensure that work programme is completed by end of the year. Contractor appointed for Tallow Bridge and work on bridge will be carried out in next 2 months. painting contractor appointed last year and on site and work will be carried out in next 2 months, Springfield footpaths. Under Active Travel works have agreed the footpath programme for capital works for the year and won't be moving outside the agreed programme this year. Funding for extension of Affane Cross footpath would be with funding provided by TII and will liaise with them to discuss. Outlined that Murphy's Place part of Smarter Travel and was approved by members at the time with barriers put in place for safety reasons, won't be amending currently and can be reviewed under the larger Active Travel programme for Dungarvan with consultation and designs drawn up stating that all funding spent under Smarter Travel is spent prudently.

J. McGrath, SEE, outlined that sign for campervan parking can be discussed directly, new overnight campervan location and they can park in carparks. Currently reviewing details for loading bay this week and will revert. Currently have small sweeper for footpaths which is driver by own crew, hiring in additional sweeper with driver for whole district for the remaining summer.

Cllr. Nugent enquired about markers for the Bog Road between Lawlor Cross and Ross Cross.

Cllr. Pratt reaffirmed that section for Springfield is dangerous and warrants some additional works.

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that looking at loading bay and how to facilitate this and also the businesses.

G. Hynes, SE, agreed will put up markers on Bog Road, have reviewed on ground and where have room will put in an earth berm and markers where there is no room.

## **(b) Housing**

Cllr. McGuinness enquired about project in Railway gardens, completion date and date for allocation, noted changes with personnel in housing requesting details and if there will be an impact for members and public. Requested number of voids and empty houses to be included in report for the district.

Cllr. Phelan outlined details of website [vacanthomes.ie](http://vacanthomes.ie) where can inform of vacant homes and that details for Waterford vacant homes officer to be updated on this website details requesting media to promote it.

Cllr. O'Donnell requested update on houses in Sean Phobal, noted issue with sewerage issue in Rush Park that needs addressing and concern that local contractor losing out in the procurement process.

Cllr. Pratt requested update when windows will be completed in the Alms houses in Tallow.

Cllr. Geoghegan raised issue of long promised wall between Highfield and SilverSprings and update.

Cllr. Tobin noted site council owned in Knockanore has capacity for additional four houses enquiring if this could be progressed for development of additional houses.

Cllr. McGuinness enquired about issue with storm drains tied into sewerage system in Leacain Beag which cause issues at times of heavy rain looking for update and solution to remedy.

Cllr. Phelan requested update on footpath in Ballinroad.

P. Johnston, SE, update on Railway Gardens that had accepted offer from developer and development hasn't progressed as the developer not in position to deliver 17 units in Railway Gardens, waiting clarification from developer. Confirmed that there have been a number of personnel changes, will be a bedding in period but all services continue. Will revert regarding the Leacain Beag issue, informed the members that currently in district there are 13 vacant properties (relet property), 9 of the houses in 2 locations in Dungarvan town that are proving difficult to let areas. Target to have less than 2% local authority stock vacant, 1.5% currently vacant and number of voids low. Recommend use of

vacanthomes.ie portal and informed members that Robert Zelanzy is the vacant homes officer. Currently looking at footpath in Ballinroad, agreement with landowners and due to be completed in Q3 2021. Update that the Sean Phobal application currently with Department, site owned is a hectare which would take up to 12 single storey units, it will be a phased development, main issue is that currently zoned open space and not available for residential development. Alms houses will be completed in the Autumn, wall in Highfield delayed due to Covid and proposing to go adjacent landowners for 50% cost as shared boundary. Will look at Knockanore for additional houses, need to determine demand and most suitable type of unit. Will revert regarding issue at Rush Park.

Cllr. Geoghegan outlined that wall at Highfield was included as part of the original planning permission noting that not acceptable for residents to have to pay towards it. Of great concern that there is difficulty in letting in certain areas in Dungarvan and the underlying issues need to be addressed considering that we are in a housing crisis. Supported and agreed by the Cathaoirleach and Cllrs. Pratt and Tobin.

Cllr. McGuinness supported Cllr. Geoghegan regarding Highfield and the need to advance the Sean Phobal development if material contravention of the development plan is required to have zoning changed.

### **(c) Planning**

Cllr. Tobin raised issue and concern that An Bord Pleanála having deferred decision on the wind farm to 1<sup>st</sup> November leaving people of West Waterford in abeyance.

Cllr. Phelan noted that details on the An Bord Pleanála Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application at Duckspool is not included in report and enquired about the development and the process that is followed and if it considers what is included in draft Development Plan or only abides by the current plan.

Cllr. Geoghegan supports Cllr. Phelan asking for details on the application and roll of the council.

Cllr. Nugent enquired about council taking over upkeep and grass cutting of Castle Keep in Dungarvan

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined his satisfaction with the decision on the 5G mast in Old Parish.

Cllr. McGuinness requested update on taking in charge of Fainne na Farraige in An Rinn.

D. Quinn, AP, will revert to Cllr. Tobin regarding the live application offline. Outlined that the SHD application is a 3-stage process over a 16-week period and noted that consideration will be given to the draft Development Plan and required zoning. Noted that where the Bord can't make a decision within the statutory timeline they have the power to extend the deadline. Will follow up on the taking in charge queries regarding to Abbeyside and An Rinn.

Cllr. McGuinness enquired if it is possible for council to make submission in relation to SHD to An Bord Pleanála.

D. Quinn, AP, will forward direction on this as per the An Bord Pleanála website.

Cllr. Phelan enquired if this is the official notification to the district members on the SHD.

K. Kehoe, DoS, planning lists issue to the members and public on a weekly basis and a report on the SHD once completed will be issued to the members.

### **(d) Environment**

Cllr. Pratt acknowledged launch of dog fouling campaign in Ballyduff in conjunction with the Bag It and Bin It campaign and will be commencing roll out across towns and villages across the county. Raised issue on Blackwater close to Dromana Gate where there is evidence of dumping of a number of cars in the water, need to determine the source of the dumping and impact on water quality.

Cllr. Phelan commended the installation of big belly compactor bins in Dungarvan, thanked environment education officer for assistance, enquired if plans to replant flower beds on the Youghal Road and outlined that there is an odour emanating from the pond in the Linear Park.

Cllr. McGuinness commended the environment section on the biodiversity corridors in Dungarvan, requested update on the replacement of Poplar trees N25.

Cllr. O'Donnell requested recycling bins for cans at GAA in Sean Phobal.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted issue regarding occurrence of weeds throughout urban settings and housing estates.

R. Moloney, SEO, concurred that excellent work done by tidy towns groups in the west of the county in relation to the anti-dog fouling campaign, aware of issue with dumping of vehicles and need to determine

extent and has referred the issue to the environmental enforcement team. Noted that the big belly bins are working well and will have online access to their performance. Replanting of Youghal Road is underway aware of odour issues in Linear Park and working on solution. Acknowledge biodiversity corridor's, hope to increase and need to continue to get the message across on their purpose. Details on the Poplar trees were previously circulated in earlier district report, missed the opportunity for planting due to Covid but hope to do landscaping this Autumn or Spring 2022. Outlined the recycling bins for cans only provided at tourist locations and working on addressing the weeds issues in urban areas commencing on commercial centre and working out towards residential areas and will have all covered by end on the month.

Cllr. Nugent noted tidy towns are being evaluated and requested if there is an amnesty for flowerbeds. R. Moloney will revert directly with details.

(e) **Economic**

Cllr. Phelan noted on the explosion of growth of outdoor coffee to avail of outdoor summer enquiring if need to amend current casual trading byelaws to accommodate the increase in requirement of pitches. Acknowledged the planters in the town centre enquiring if there are more due to be installed and enquired if installation of Christmas lights on Main Street can be done after hours.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted parasols and planters look great enquiring when additional ones are due and noted that dereliction on O'Connell Street is an issue.

Cllr. Pratt welcomed the Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway extension feasibility study and enquired about update on feasibility of improving access to the River Bride to enable kayaking in Tallow.

Cllr. O'Donnell enquired about possibility of monument to be put in place at Helvick for singer Nicholas Tobin.

R. Walsh, Head of LEO, outlined that any casual trading on private property has a requirement for planning permission and in respect of public areas the casual trading byelaws govern the area, if additional areas not designated under these there needs to be an amendment to the byelaws and associate process to be followed. Noted that feasibility study to commence regarding recreational use of River Bride and Blackwater in terms of requirements for access points and improve slips and piers with tender due to issue and completed by end of the year. Query in relation to Nicholas Tobin needs to be referred to cultural committee and Maire Seo Breathnach's office and noted that already a commemoration in An Rinn.

K. Kehoe, DoS, outlined that successful in securing Failte Ireland funding of over €200k parasols and with other contributions there is €300k been invested into outdoor dining and the presentation of Dungarvan town and complimented the presentation crew and all other staff involved in planning, roads and environment along with Bernadette Drohan. Confirmed that parasols are currently in Dungarvan with installation commencing at the moment, additional 24 planters being made by Coffey's and are due for delivery in next couple of weeks. Notes issues of dereliction in parts of the town and liaising with businesses to address and outlined the current painting scheme that is in place. Will review road closure for installation of Christmas lighting but noted that it was in place to address health and safety concerns and will minimise disturbance.

**4. SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME – AGLISH – Construction of a raised table – For Approval**

G. Hynes, SE, outlined details of the proposal to install raised table to provide safe crossing for pedestrians and reduce vehicular speeds and reduce hazards. Received one submission, points in submission valid but outside scope of current proposal but will review points raised at a later date and recommended approval of the scheme.

Proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

**5. TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING ESTATE/ROADS in accordance with Roads Act 1993 – Páirc an Bhóthair, An Rinn, Phort Láirge**

G. Hynes, SE, noted no submission received when advertise and recommended approval by the members.

Proposed by Cllr. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

## **6. DUNGARVAN 2040 – STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Presentation by Avison Young**

K. Kehoe, DoS, outlined that funding received under the Town and Village renewal scheme and following procurement process successful consultant appointed is Avison Young. The aim is to develop a shared vision for the future development of the town and will look at social, community and economic infrastructure along with priorities and opportunities and a blueprint for the development of the town into the future. Will also identify suitable projects for future funding opportunities.

Brian Maher from Avison Young outlined the details of the strategic frameworks and planned engagement with various stakeholders to develop a planned approach to the socio-economic development of Dungarvan.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted this is beginning of process with ample time to input into it, gives people of Dungarvan opportunity to input into the development of the town and outlined the need to look at provision of swimming pool for the town.

Cllr. Phelan supported need for swimming pool, welcomed the strategic framework and acknowledged the work of all involved. Enquired based on previous experience enquired about lessons learned from previous similar work and any pitfalls to avoid as part of the process to ensure get the best from the process.

Cllr. Nugent outlined a site available for swimming pool noted that tourist towns need the necessary amenities for visitors, noted Youghal has wonderful boardwalk recently open and suggested looking at similar amenity for the area to add to existing park walkway.

Cllr. McGuinness outlined idea for having walk around the town to take in Colligan estuary and walks along Dungarvan Bay and would like to see it as part of the plan.

Brian Maher noted that cars and traffic need to be addressed as part of the plan and important to move towards reduced carbon production and reduce number of cars and improve living place. Keen to show people alternatives to using cars and utilise the existing infrastructure of the Greenway.

K. Kehoe, DoS, outlined the need to look at connectivity of all areas of the town and how they interrelate, walkways and circular routes to be developed and welcomes public consultation and engagement which is due to commence in September. There will be issues such as swimming pool to be addressed and outline that are other ideas for the town and will engage regarding the movement of people and traffic and look forward to working with members and Avison Young team.

Cathaoirleach acknowledged his thanks and welcomes the work ahead that lies ahead.

Cllr. Phelan requested soft copy of presentation. Agreed that will be circulated.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Conor D McGuinness**

*“That Dungarvan-Lismore District Council*

- acknowledges the strategic importance of Cé Heilbhic as both a working fisheries harbour and as the base for the RNLi lifeboat station serving Dungarvan Bay and adjacent waters;*
- notes that the harbour is in dire need of dredging to ensure safe access and egress for vessels;*
- regrets that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine does not provide funding for the necessary preparatory work required before harbour dredging can take place; and*

- *calls on Minister McConalogue to alter his Department's regulations to allow local authorities apply for funding for essential preparatory work relating to dredging."*

**Reg. No. 10 (dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021)**

Proposed by Cllr. D. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

**9. A.O. B**

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that have not received notification of the SHD for Duckspool in Dungarvan and noted that not currently up on the An Bord Pleanála website and will advise the members accordingly once received.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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