

**MINUTES
COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH
HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2022 in Civic Offices Chamber, Dungarvan**

PRESENT

Cllr. John O’Leary, Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Liam Brazil

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, A/SEE Roads

Mr. Raymond Moloney, SEO, Environment.

Ms. Aisling O’Sullivan, SEP, Planning

Mr. Donal Ó Murchadha, SEE, 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 Catherine Power, Lar Barton, Noel Walsh, Mary Allen, Seamus Brady.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its congratulations to Diane Behan on her achievements at the Duathlon World Championships in Romania.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held 18th May 2022 proposed by Cllr. Barron seconded by Cllr. Brazil and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Clune enquired if any response received from Irish Water in relation to last month’s motion. H. Dunphy, MA, confirmed that no response received to date.

3. REPORTS

(a) Roads

Cllr. Barron welcomed news on footpaths for Boatstrand and asked for details on location and requested design details on footpath on St. Annes Terrace in Kilmacthomas.

Cllr. Clune thanked engineers on completion of councillor CRMs noting it is a good system that is beneficial to the members, in relation to Active Travel measures asked if we have the required resources to complete the schedule of works under this programme. Noted a report of debris on road in Beallough by the wind turbines and ditch areas removed which is being used for anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. Brazil requested update on traffic calming in Lemybrien, Mahon Bridge and Mahon Falls carparks and outlined that sightlines on bends on regional roads are causing problems and need to be addressed.

Cllr. Power requested update on footpaths and resurfacing of roads in Pinewood estate in Kilmacomma, complimenting residents committee on works in the estate.

Cllr. O'Leary requested update on commencement of section 38 for the Carrick Road, update on proposed works and signage on the roundabout in Kilmeaden and any update on L4026 onto the R680 for safety measures works to be carried out at the location.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that the L4026/R680 is currently out on public consultation and will be due back to the July meeting for approval, design being finalised, and tender documents being prepared, subject to NTA approval with works commencing later in 2022. Noted that the Kilmeaden roundabout on N25 is under responsibility of PPE, due to discuss at upcoming meeting with TII and will have update for July meeting. Active Travel project on the Carrick Road is due to go to tender, expects Lemybrien to commence in 2022, Kill Village in September/October, outlined that these are multi annual schemes and is a matter of progressing in stages, funding ringfenced and dependant on availability of contractors. Mahon Bridge and Mahon Falls due to commence end of the year. Currently focusing on completion of Carroll's Cross and then move to detailed design and tender documents for Lemybrien.

M. Goff, A/SEE outlined that the Boatstrand footpath in design stage and will include footpath along coastal road an either side of harbour entrance, will come before council for approval and there will be some land acquisition required. St. Annes Terrace is an active travel scheme that is currently at design phase and will be back to council for approval. Will review issues in Beallough. Currently carrying out tender assessment of hedge cutting contractors, will commence hedge cutting on N25 followed by regional roads and will prioritise junctions where there are issues. Footpaths in Pinewood are programmed for September and works on road will follow.

Cllr. Barron requested details on the Wood Road Climate Change Adoption Measures funding.

M. Goff, A/SEE outlined that this additional funding includes works on drainage, culverts, raised road levels and Wood Road by Knocklofty Bridge is an example of one such scheme.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired about coastal erosion along the coastline in areas such as Boatstrand and Annestown and what is being done to address it.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that the lead agency on coastal erosion is the OPW who provide funding to address the problem, detailed cost benefit analysis needs to be carried out including coastal surveys. Council is currently undertaking surveys in some areas and will identify risk areas, OPW funds areas where there is a risk to houses or critical infrastructure.

(b) Housing

Cllr. Barron outlined his congratulations to all concerned with the opening of Port na Machan estate in Kilmacthomas, requested that place naming committee look at the naming of what is currently referred to as Bye Lane where 3 houses are being constructed. Welcomed movement on convent in Rossmore enquiring how many and type of units to be put in place.

Cllr. Brazil requested update on burned out house in Stradbally, noted issue of odours in Kilmacomma continues and needs to be addressed urgently. Asked for update on taking in charge of Cois Cille.

Cllr. Clune enquired if there is an option for council to purchase old Bank of Ireland building in Kilmacthomas. Requested information on waiting lists as previously requested to be included in housing report.

Cllr. Power supported Cllr. Brazil regarding Kilmacomma.

Cllr. O'Leary congratulated all involved in the opening of Port na Machan enquiring if there will be more developments for the Comeragh district.

Cllr. Power noted Cllr. Brazil's work in campaigning for the Port na Machan houses.

I.Grimes, DoS, will review the description for the houses in Bye Lane, the convent development in Rossmore is a proposal for 6 apartments and will be back to district when commencing part V111, noted that works are due to commence on the house in Stradbally and may take up to 6 months to complete. Concurs with issue regarding Kilmacomma outlining that it is not a housing issue, responsibility lies with Irish Water and will continue to raise the issue with Irish Water. Noted that the old Bank of Ireland premises in Kilmacthomas bought privately and will request information as requested by Cllr. Clune is in next report. Outlined that further developments are due in the district, delivery plan submitted to the Department for social and affordable housing and will be publishing details shortly, it will provide for a significant number of units in the district which department have indicated support for, it is planned for approximately 57 new units along with repair and lease scheme and a focus on derelict and vacant units.

Cllr. Power noted that housing adaption grants and grants falling short due to increased costs and asked if the grant can be increased or subsidised.

I.Grimes, DoS, noted that grant limits are set nationally, and council has no discretion to change, acknowledged issue of the cost of inflation and that this is being looked at nationally.

(c) Environment

Cllr. Barron welcomed reusable cups initiative, hoping that more than the 10 if the initially proposed cafes will take up the initiative. He noted that Leave no Trace campaign and public campaigns are very important to affect change.

Cllr. Clune noted need for wastewater treatment plant in Bunmahon, next phase commenced for the Irish Water capital plan enquiring if the council have list of priorities for what is needed and this is communicated to Irish Water. Requested update on Murphy's boreen in Portlaw and addressing issue of illegal dumping at the location with Coillte who have carried out large clean ups at the location with the council.

Cllr. Brazil welcomed reusable cup initiative and need to educate people, need to have CCTV to tackle hot spots.

Cllr. Power enquired if it is an option to have private companies carry out CCTV monitoring in areas.

R. Moloney, SEO, outlined that the 2GoCups campaign is due to be launched on 15th July, initially will focus on certain areas along the Greenway, customer pay an extra €1 to get reusable cup and then exchange for clean cup. Leave no Trace campaign is a national campaign which Waterford Council is a part of national campaign to be run over the summer months and will tie in with other campaigns. Will refer Irish Water issues to the Water Services section. Outlined that environmental inspector met with

Coillte in relation to Murphy's Boreen, the boreen is used for local access and engaging with Coillte to look at alternative routes if boreen is closed. Outlined that the use of CCTV is a significant deterrent but prohibited from using at the moment as waiting for the circular economy act to be passed to provide for it, use of private company poses a number of difficulties due to GDPR, council will manage once the legislation has been passed.

(d) Planning

Cllr. O'Leary outlined that Cois Cille needs to be taken in charge.

Cllr. Clune supported issue regarding Cois Cille and need to look at how the whole area if taking in charge is being progressed.

Cllr. Brazil requested update on issue raised regarding campervan parked in Bunmahon and enquired if there has been a change to the extension of duration permitted on a planning permission.

Cllr. Barron raised his concern about Cois Cille and the issues preventing it being taken in charge along with An Cruachán View

Cllr. Power Supported Cllrs. Barron and Brazil regarding taking in charge and if any slow down on planning applications.

A. O'Sullivan, SEP, outlined that the extension of duration is dealt with through planning legislation, a bill passed into planning law recently amending that an extension can be obtained once the building is substantially complete. If planning permission expires before substantially completed applicant will need to make application for retention and completion. Informed members that site in Bunmahon has been reviewed and appropriate action is being taken and confirmed that there has been reduction in planning applications. Acknowledged issues in relation to taking in charge and will have update for next meeting. Noted that site resolution exercise being undertaken for Cois Cille.

Cllr. Clune asked that the taking in charge report is comprehensive and provides more details and snagging and if there can be expected timeline on completion.

A. O'Sullivan, SEP noted the taking in charge process is complex and not appropriate to get detailed snag lists, timelines difficult due to the number of parties involved and possible legacy issues.

4. SECTION 85 Agreement

Section 85 Agreement for Waterford Greenway to Suir Blueway Feasibility Study, between Waterford City & County Council and Tipperary County Council, for approval.

D. O 'Murchadha outlined details of the proposal noting that Tipperary County Council is to be the lead authority and need to appoint in this capacity. Feasibility study to commence to look at preferred route. Will provide details on the NTA process in relation to the feasibility study. All members welcomed and supported this project.

Proposed by Cllr. Barron and Cllr. Power and agreed by all.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

7. AOB

Cllr. Brazil welcomed the news that Mount Congreve awarded additional funding from Department of Rural and Community Development, supported by the Cathaoirleach.

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
15th June 2022
Ref: R2022/13

In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 that Waterford City & County Council enter into a section 85 agreement with Tipperary County Council to allow Tipperary County Council and their appointed consultants to complete the Feasibility Study in the functional area of Waterford City & County Council in relation the development of a recreational trail connecting the Waterford Greenway and Tipperary Blueway.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Comeragh District of Waterford City & County Council that Waterford City & County Council proceeds with this section 85 Agreement as detailed. Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed unanimously. THAT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED AND WITH RECOMMENDED REVISIONS PROCEEDS.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach Comeragh District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator