

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

**HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2021
at 2.30pm with members on MS Teams.**

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, A/ Director of Services, 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 LEO
Mr. Hugh O'Brien, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. Jon Hawkins
Mr. Conan Power

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Liam Flynn
- Catherine Whelan
- Noel Murray
- Deirdre Byrne
- Mary Morrissey
- Marian Sheridan
- Mary Sheehan
- Kay Twomey

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to:

- Conor Prunty on winning All Star Award at the GAA/GPA awards
- Dungarvan Tidy Towns and all involved
- Dungarvan Surprise Surprise for winning in PPN Awards
- Michael Power on winning team gold as part of the U23 Men's 8000m in the 2021 European Cross County Championships
- Mason Moran from Dungarvan Boxing Club on winning gold in the 33kg National Boy Championships

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 8th November 2021 proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

Minutes of Budget District Meeting held on 8th November 2021 proposed by Cllr. Tobin seconded by Cllr. McGuinness and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Geoghegan wanted to clarify that a recent newspaper reported that the letter from Mr. Saich of the National Parks and Wildlife Service stated that there was not significant numbers of deer in the area. Cllr. Geoghegan confirmed that he read out the details of the letter from Mr. Saich which acknowledged the significant deer population in parts of West Waterford and wanted the record corrected to this effect. Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. Doocey, Nugent and Tobin supported Cllr. Geoghegan and the need for a cull in the area to address.

Cllr. Pratt enquired if the issue of hedge cutting has been pursued.

Cllr. McGuinness acknowledged additional signage and lighting that has been put in place to address road safety issues and quick turnaround in having the work carried out.

Cllr. Phelan noted for the meeting the provision of funding for a public toilet in Dungarvan and feasibility study for swimming pool in the Plenary budget meeting and thanked all involved for the provision of this.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Geoghegan welcomed that work is occurring at the site of the Moresby buoy, noted issue with moving of the base of the buoy and enquired as to the plans for the repair of it as part of the history of the harbour.

Cllr. McGuinness supported Cllr. Geoghegan and would like to see it returned or placed. Noted issue in Waters Edge Estate regarding subsidence into Colligan estuary at side of estate and concern among homeowners in the estate.

Cllr. Phelan acknowledged council staff in addressing issues from recent Storm Barra, anxious to know if intention to return Moresby buoy to its location and if steps could be taken to safeguard tree at location and need to relieve stress on the tree. Enquired if plaque will be put in place at the location to recognise the importance of the area and the poor man's seat.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted that Moresby buoy has been removed and is in very poor condition and beyond repair, in discussion with members of the original committee who put in place regarding replacement options, noted important maritime heritage for Dungarvan and will replace it with something suitable. Informed the members that there is no specific budget for this work and will revert to members with proposals. There are no proposals at moment to tell story of poor man's seat and do intend to carry out remedial works at location in relation to the tree. Noted Colligan estuary is an issue and crosses over a number of departments and looking at options.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Geoghegan acknowledged works for provision of extra parking at Hillview Drive and improvements on layout and design and carried out repairs and extended width of road along with additional parking at the Sesame playschool in Whitestrand, Abbeyside which has greatly improved the area.

Cllr. Phelan enquired if works at Hillview includes first horseshoe at the entrance and similar issue at green area being turned up due to lack of parking spaces. Compliment ongoing works on Ballinroad and welcomed additional dog fouling bin, enquired if works at seafront will include kerbing to stop cars parking on the green, noted that pedestrian crossing lights at Spring roundabout need cleaning. Enquired if review of traffic volume and speeds on Fr. Twomey's road can be carried out. Requested workshop on

parking in Dungarvan and also to look at potential of parent and child parking in council car parks and requested update on loading bay on O'Connell Street.

Cllr. McGuinness enquired if small sweeper available on new footpath in An Rinn and on cycle tracks at Burgery due to recent storms. Noted that drainage works in Kilminnion causing impact on traffic and residents concerned about increased volume of traffic on roads. Outlined that old signage located behind the bring centre needs to be cleaned, replaced or removed depending on their current relevance.

G. Hynes, SE, acknowledged comments regarding Whitestrand and Hillview. Acknowledge difficulties at Kilminnion due to works but necessary to get works carried out and will try to minimise where possible. Can arrange sign cleaning and speed survey at Fr. Twomey's Road, will arrange a workshop in new year regarding parking. Parking bay on O'Connell St is under review and feedback from traffic wardens is that it is working well, and view would be maintaining this and can discuss at workshop. Will make sweeper available on locations as requested, the issue of signage at bring centre in Aglish will be addressed.

J. McGrath, SEE, noted list of 12 estates where people looking for green areas to be removed, only limited funding for this type of work and issue with planning to ensure adequate green area in the locations but can review location. Outlined that not planning to provide kerbing at the seafront.

Cllr. Pratt noted issue with sections damaged by tree roots in Cúl Rua estate and need to review, noted issue with need for additional parking at hall in Tallow. Outlined that heavy traffic through Tallow enquiring if could facilitate ramps on Mike Prendergast Road to be improved to encourage heavy vehicles to use the route. Update on hedge cutting at Moorehill

Cllr. Tobin support issue regarding traffic in Tallow enquiring if new lights could be put up on a flashing light system. Acknowledged quick response in addressing any closed roads during storm Barra and noted need for landowners to ensure hedgerows and trees are addressed. Outlined that a lot of work being carried out in the district enquiring if this is because of active travel funding and enquired as to reasoning for narrowing of roads.

Cllr. Nugent requested update on funding for the widening of spur of greenway through Clonea and Ballyclamper and Ballinard and when works will be underway. Acknowledged all involved in CIS and LIS this year, noting success of the CIS in Ballycurrane in Clashmore and requested update on markings on road outside of Clashmore GAA field.

G. Hynes, SE noted that significant number of hedge cutting notices issued and included trees at Moorehill and expect action by landowners and acknowledged significant assistance of landowners. Informed members that Glendine road will be closed from 5th to 7th January and the 10th to 14th January to facilitate tree cutting. Noted that will work with community groups to assist in provision of additional parking and can discuss in relation to Aglish. Tallow signage in place along church road and will review the speed tables in new year. Noted that funding received from NTA under Active Travel covered rural towns and villages and to date have spent €3.5m in district on Active Travel projects. In relation to Active travel and speed reduction this requires narrowing of carriageway to slow traffic down, getting complaints from large HGVs and large tankers but it is forcing them to slow down which is the desired outcome. Advised that Villierstown has been readvertised and currently out for submissions. Informed the members that have completed 9 schemes under LIS and CIS and noted that lining complete at Clashmore GAA.

J. McGrath, SEE, noted that Cúl Rua and Aglish not taken in charge, have reviewed, and seen issue with tree roots and footpaths.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if landowners can be notified of the road closure on the Glendine Road

G. Hynes, SE noted the request stating that road will be closed from 9am-5pm on the dates.

Cllr. O'Donnell requested driver feedback signs to be put on entrance Ardmore village and lights in Square by Bank of Ireland are not working.

Cllr. Geoghegan welcomed all the funding coming into the county noting the need to address junction at Burgery and Duckspool which is very busy and suggested need for a roundabout at the location.

Cllr. Nugent noted issues on Canal Road with heavy traffic that needs addressing.

Cllr. Pratt noted lights on bridge in Lismore not working.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that the research shows that the more driver feedback signs in place the less effective they become, need to put them up temporary and move locations. To slow down traffic need to narrow the carriageway and proposal to put in footpath to ensure this and currently no proposal for driver

feedback at this location. Agree that a roundabout would be suitable for the Tourin junction, this requires land and funding to put in place and no funding source currently available. Carried out some works on the Canal Road and additional works required and needs to be considered as parts of the 2022 Roads Work Programme. Issue regarding underground ducting on Tallow bridge that is in hand.

J. McGrath, SEE noted ducting required at Houlihan's, bridge lights being hit and due to be replaced in early January, will follow up on lights in The Square and will carry out interim repairs as required on the Canal Road.

Cllr. Cronin enquired if required land acquisition have been resolved on road into Ardmore, requested update on works at Kiely cross and noted importance to progress the need for a motorway from Kilmeadan to Middleton enquiring if members can assist in any way to progress the need for it.

G. Hynes, SE, noted that landowners negotiations are ongoing in Ardmore and hope to finalise in new year. Agrees with need for N25 motorway from Kilmeadan to Youghal bridge noting that politically need support to get N25 upgraded, important from an economic and road safety point of view. Land acquired at Kiely's Cross to enable additional sightlines, works due to commence in Q2 2022 and advised that purchased Flemings Bar to facilitate some works to improve sightlines at this location. .

(c) Economic

Cllr. Pratt noted issue with Wi-Fi provision for businesses in Lismore.

Cllr. Phelan enquired if Christmas Lights in Dungarvan working and if any damaged as a result of Storm Barra

Cllr. Nugent requested update on works for the spur off the Greenway at Ballinclammer and noted need to provide signage from the Greenway to St. John's Castle to promote it.

R. Walsh, SEO, acknowledged that Wi-Fi in Lismore is an issue and raised by the Lismore Heritage Company suggesting update from Jack Doyle regarding the issue. In relation to the Ballinclammer spur off Greenway a topographical study currently being carried out which will be followed by a Part V process, suggesting a workshop in respect of feasibility study for Mallow extension and can deal with Ballinclammer extension. Noted may be some environmental and community concerns, level of development needs to be environmental conscious but increasing its community value. Upcoming workshop on Project 2040 and interpretation of signage discussed within this area.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted several power surges as a result of Storm Barra that resulted in damages beyond repair on some of the installations.

Cllr. Cronin requested update from Jack Doyle regarding broadband provision in the district.

Cllr. Pratt requested update and progress on rural regeneration in Cappoquin.

R. Walsh, noted overall works in Cappoquin have been planning and development works have been satisfactory, there are some access issues and working through them. Anticipated that call from Category 1 funding due and anticipated that Cappoquin will be the councils primary project for this funding.

K. Kehoe, DoS will arrange update from Jack Doyle regarding current broadband supply and update on rollout. Clarified 2 features in Walton Park and 4 features in Grattan Square damaged beyond repair because of Storm Barra. Noted that Framework 2040 engagement commencing, and this is best forum to discuss enhanced showcasing of heritage assets in Dungarvan, also look at festoon lighting and location for bike parks in the town

Cllr. Tobin noted need to take heed of CEO's comments regarding councils' involvement in Christmas lighting going forward.

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that this is an operational issue and will be part of review after this year.

(d) Housing

Cllr. Pratt noted 4 houses in AGLISH on CBL enquiring about parking provision in the area, the issue regarding availability of plumbers and electricians and opportunities to have additional available staff to address this area.

Cllr. Phelan noted increase in staff numbers enquiring how this will impact on housing applicants and requested scheduling of an ASB workshop online.

Cllr. Geoghegan concurred with need for workshop and enquired about the process for taking back a house if someone involved in ASB and requested update on wall between Highfield and Springfield

Cllr. Cronin requested update on development of councils 'site in Ardmore, concern about lack of housing in Clashmore and if there is an option to purchase land in Clashmore for development of social and affordable housing.

Cllr. Pratt noted Brideview Close site owned by the council and opportunity to develop for housing.

P. Johnston, SE, reviewed Aglish and there is parking provided by each of the 4 dwellings, can look at remaining land in Brideview Close. Increase in resources in housing provided in budget and from housing minister that will enhance current service. Can look at having an online ASB workshop and can outline procedure for repossessing dwellings at workshop. Due to commence wall in Highfield in Q1 and will review supply requirement in Clashmore.

(e) **Planning**

Cllr. Pratt enquired about the taking in charge of Cúl Rua to enable other works to be done.

Cllr. Tobin enquired who An Bord Pleanála will notify when decision has been made.

Cllr. Cronin requested update on the issue of the halting site at the Burgery.

Cllr. Geoghegan supported Cllr. Cronin noted there are planning issues that need to be dealt with and are being ignored.

Cllr. Phelan supported need for update on Burgery and also the taking in charge of River Lane.

H. O'Brien, EP, will revert with taking in charge updates for next meeting, noted there is a statutory process that An Bord Pleanála follows, and the local authority are notified on decisions. Will revert with update on the Burgery.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. Phelan disappointed with response from Bank of Ireland.

Cllr. Doocey noted that the Lismore bank building ideal building for offices and hoped that this can be pursued and complimented the post offices for filling the void created by the withdrawal of the Banks.

Cllr. Pratt supported Cllr. Doocey regarding issue of bank in Lismore noting it was raised at Lismore Heritage committee and would welcome solution to keeping the building in the community.

Cllr. Cronin requested K. Kehoe to investigate options for discussion with the Bank.

K. Kehoe, DoS will communicate with property section of Bank of Ireland.

5. MOTIONS

None

6. A.O. B

Cllr. Cronin noted Irish Water underspend of €100m requesting issue of water supply in Grange is prioritised and notified to Irish Water.

Cathaoirleach wished all members, staff and media a very Happy Christmas and thanked for all their work during the year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____