

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

**SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022,  
at 2.30pm with members on MS Teams.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Tom Cronin (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness
Cllr. James Tobin

Apologies: Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS  
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads  
Ms. Josephine McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads  
Mr. John Leonard, Executive Engineer, Roads  
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Conan Power, Communications

Vote of Sympathy for Tom Lineen, former roads engineer with Waterford County Council.

**ROADS WORK PROGRAMME 2022**

G. Hynes, SE outlined details of the 2022 allocations to cover regional and local roads with €2.4m for regional roads, €4.5m for local roads, €350k for climate change adaptation, €207k for bridge rehabilitation and €120k for safety improvement works. Commented on details as outlined in previous workshop and recommended approval and adoption by the members of the Roads Work Programme for 2022.

Cathaoirleach noted that road network is of high quality, acknowledging the engineers, backroom staff, and outdoor staff for their role in delivering the works.

The 2022 Roads Work Programme proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed by all.

Cllr. Pratt enquired about the footpath allocation and mentioned his disappointment that no allocation for Tallow footpaths.

Cllr. Nugent noted his disappointment that the LIS has been reduced by €100k this year.

Cllr. McGuinness welcomed a similar workshop on the footpath programme as delivered for the roads work programme noting that the footpath programme should concentrate on footpaths for towns and villages. Noted that while allocation was slightly increased it had not kept pace with inflation enquiring as to the impact this will have.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted his support for the programme thanking all involved, outlining that real progress is being made and having dedicated footpath programme is very beneficial. Appreciate that the executive takes representations from members, noting that there are opportunities to address projects even when not included in the programme as presented each year.

Cllr. Phelan commended the roads department for taking on board councillor's representations, noting there is never enough money to address all the required works.

G. Hynes, SE, acknowledged requested work in Tallow stating that considerable work carried out to date in Tallow, currently undertaking active travel works and not possible to get all work done. Noted that increase

in inflation is not matching the allocation increase and not spending in road strengthening but are constrained by allocation that is received. Acknowledged the work of staff in preparation of the 2022 programme. J. McGrath, SEE, noted additional areas for works and will prioritise if additional funding comes available. K. Kehoe, DoS, outlined that the roads section has carried out phenomenal work over last few years and complimented the members of the professional manner in which they deal with the approval of the programme and noted the impact of the additional funding through the Active Travel Programme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathairleach**

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