

**MINUTES**

**COMERAGH DISTRICT GMA MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH**

**HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,  
DUNGARVAN**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services Housing, Community & Emergency Services  
Mr. B. Pollard, Head of Finance  
Mr. D. Murphy, Financial Accountant  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive

I.Grimes, DoS provided an overview of the budget and outlined that there are no charges in the Comeragh area that members can choose to vary. This meeting provides members with an opportunity to outline the priorities for funding in the Comeragh district.

B. Pollard, HoF outlined details of what was presented in the report circulated.

Cllr. Clune outlined the lack of provision in the budget for recreational facilities and street cleaning, this was supported by Cllr. Brazil and Cllr. Barron.

I Grimes confirmed recreation facilities is based on the number of facilities in the district and there are none in the Comeragh district.

B. Pollard stated that council staff are maintaining these services and the associated costs for these are reflected in the non-discretionary allocation so are factored into the budget.

D. Murphy, FA outlined that subsequent to budgetary process is the service plan and this includes the process for the schedule of municipal works.

Cllr. O'Leary asked for accountability back to members in relation to services provided and what is being spent.

I.Grimes, DoS stated that this information can be provided.

Cllr. Power raised concern over funding for burial grounds and requested it to be addressed.

I.Grimes, DoS stated that funding is specifically for burial grounds that are provided by council and there is no funding for older burial grounds.

Cllr. O'Leary stated that specific allocation needs to be given to Tidy Towns groups as they have additional pressures and there is the rising cost of insurance to voluntary groups to be considered.

I.Grimes, DoS stated that this funding is not provided for in this budget but part of the Supporting Waterford Communities grants which is agreed at plenary meeting.

Cllr. Barron supported Cllr O'Leary and suggested IPB could provide insurance.

Cllr. Power proposed budget and seconded by Cllr. O'Leary, acknowledging further discussion to take place at the plenary budget meeting.

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

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