

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

**HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2020, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
DUNGARVAN at 2.30pm.**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Service, Housing, Community & Emergency
Mr. G. Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. H. O'Brien, Executive Planner, Planning
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. D. Ó Murchadha, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

None

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

None

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 13th January 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Phelan requested update on who will be carrying out review on Christmas lights and the naming of council housing state on Ballinroad.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that the Chief Executive has requested that he carries out review with the various parties, currently in data gathering stage.

I.Grimes will clarify naming of council housing estate for next meeting

3. PLANNING LISTS

- (a) Planning Lists – noted
- (b) Taking in Charge Report

Cllr. Tobin raised issue about having planning staff in Dungarvan that can deal with members in relation to the new Development Plan.

Cllr. D. McGuinness asked for update on Waters Edge, Cruachán, and Riverside where development is underway but there is an issue with lighting, asked if council can take action to make lighting available in Riverside.

Cllr. Cronin asked for update on two housing estates in Ardmore and An Rinn.

Cllr. Pratt outlined that public lighting in estates not taken in charge are not listed on Deadsure App.

Cllr. Phelan agrees with need to have lights in estates working. He outlined issue with no stop sign at entrance to Cruachán estate and no staggering of entrance on road, requested it to be reviewed.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that planning is based in both City and Dungarvan, the new Development Plan will be the first unified plan for the merged authority and assured councillors that they will be heavily involved in the development of the plan and there will be many opportunities to feed into its development. There will be the development of issues paper that will be followed by public consultation which will be held in the district.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEE will make contact with developer of Waters Edge, Cruachán regarding lighting, stop signs and lines at entrance. He outlined that the wastewater infrastructure for the Cloisters estate in Ardmore has been integrated into the public service and are looking for solution for water infrastructure, he is working with developer to progress. The Heritage development in Ardmore is the subject of planning permission and with An Bord Pleanála for decision. Has requested details in relation to development in An Rinn. Lights in estates can be added to the Deadsure application once the Taking in Charge process has commenced.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested update on Poplar trees on N25, concern of danger posed by trees with recent high winds and bad weather. Also enquired what trees will replace those removed, noting that report calls for replacement with native species and hedgerows. Sign in place at pond in Abbeyside that is causing an obstacle for boat owners to access the water and asked for sign to be moved to facilitate the boat owners.

Cllr. Nugent requested update on Causeway tennis club regarding long term lease of the area.

Cllr. Pratt outlined that litter along Tallow Hill needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Geoghegan asked how long it will take to get confirmation on funding for the project of removal of trees.

Cllr. O'Donnell stated there is a tree at No 42 Murphy's Place that needs to be removed.

R. Moloney, SEO outlined that they have identified the preferred tenderer for the work and have submitted to TII for funding, no decision on replacement trees, and significant amount of roots so need to determine what is most suitable for the area. Sign at the pond was a flora and fauna sign and location was done in consultation with boat owners and will review. Litter warden has inspected Tallow Hill and will be addressing with GSS. He is awaiting report from horticulturist on tree at Murphy's Place.

K. Kehoe, DoS stated that lease is back from the Department which will allow WCCC to enter into sub lease with Causeway Tennis club, currently with solicitors.

G. Hynes, SE will follow up with TII on timeline for decision on tender.

Cllr. Pratt raised issue of dog fouling on link road in Tallow, asking for presence of litter wardens and if cameras can be utilised in the area.

Cllr. D. McGuinness supported Cllr. Pratt and the need to carry out a privacy impact assessment for using cameras. Installation of cameras will alter people's behaviour, it's needed as a preventative measure. Supported by Cllrs. Geoghegan and Doocey.

R. Moloney, SEO outlined issues with using cameras and associated requirement for privacy impact assessments. The litter wardens are on patrol and are putting down stencils in problem locations.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Phelan requested extension of footpath from Clonea cross in line with works at Ballinroad outlining that housing and roads need to work together in relation to the installation of this infrastructure.

Cllr. Pratt requested update on floods in Villierstown and will they be addressed this year.

Cllr. D. McGuinness supports need for footpath in Ballinroad and is timely with completion of estate to do footpath. Congratulations to roads section in relation to timely response on removal of fallen trees/debris. Also raised issue regarding the removal of parking permits for voluntary organisations and asked if this can be reversed. Marquis Drive estate is a conduit for entry into Highfield Estate and residents concerned on increase in traffic and asked for traffic calming measures in the area.

Cllr. Tobin thanked staff for traffic management in Knockanore. Outlined that signage in rural communities needs to be replaced suggesting that communities should list where signs need to be replaced to assist the council.

Cllr. Nugent support Cllr. Phelan regarding footpath and thanked roads engineer for work in Clashmore and asked for update on LIS scheme.

Cllr. Cronin enquired if application will be made to the OPW funding for 2020 and asked if there is funding for beach car parks. Requested that schools in Clashmore and Aglish are considered to Clar programme. Cllr. Doocey issue re Tallow Bridge and asked for update.

Cllr. D.McGuinness lights in bridge in Ballinahane not working and requested update on Helvic and engagement with Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and funding to carry out survey work.

G. Hynes, SE stated that parking permits are due to be discussed at Transport SPC and their recommendations will come back to members. Will put up speed cameras in Highfield estate to assess the position in the location. Welcomed suggestion of communities developing list of required signage and will put in programme to address. Agree that a new footpath is needed in Ballinroad and while housing will deliver as part of housing estate the issue to extend is dependent on funding, a specific improvement grant or developer led grant needed and will review, needs to be co-operation from land owners to progress. Noted comments regarding Ballinahane Bridge, submitted application for coastal events in Ardmore. No details regarding Clar funding and will submit once application period is opened. Confirmed there has been correspondence with the Department regarding Helvic and need to submit application as part of 2020 application period for pier improvements.

I.Grimes DoS stated there is no funding under the housing capital fund for footpaths.

J. McGrath, SEE confirmed that drainage works in Villierstown is included in programme of works. Currently looking at design for Knockanore and will revert to members at next district meeting before going out to public consultation.

Cllr. Cronin acknowledged work carried out in tourist office in Ardmore and thanked all involved.

(c) Housing

Cllr. D.McGuinness asked for update on new ASB procedures and policies, scheme and funding for older houses regarding replacement of old windows and doors, update on energy efficiency scheme and perimeter wall in Highfield.

Cllr. Phelan asked if report could include cumulative figure on current backlog on housing lists and houses to be built along with breakdown for average length of time that people are waiting.

Cllr. Pratt asked for works to be carried out on windows in the Alms houses in Tallow.

Cllr. Cronin asked for clarification on whether housing budget had decreased for 2020.

I.Grimes, DoS outlined that amendments to new ASB policy will be discussed at next meeting of the Housing SPC. No update on new schemes and will be included in new programme for government and requested any issues to be brought to the attention of the inspection team. Confirmed that Highfield wall has been assigned to the housing maintenance crew. Will review how information is presented in report

and will follow up on Alms Houses. Confirmed that the housing budget adopted did not decrease for 2020.

Cllr. Geoghegan outlined that there are a number of single people in 3 bed houses and need to make transfer to one bed simpler and asked for this to be looked at.

Cllr. O' Donnell requested update in relation to houses in Old Parish.

I.Grimes, Dos stated that the issue of one of availability of 1 and 2 bed houses but looking at it in particular top the requirements for older people. He will check on five unit scheme for Old Parish.

(d) **Planning**

Report noted

(e) **Economic**

Report noted

5. ROADS WORK PROGRAMME

Cllr. Tobin welcomed increase on last year's allocation and the approach by the engineers to address the issues and proposed the adoption of the scheme as presented. Seconded by Cllr. Cronin and he acknowledged all staff and outdoor staff in the work undertaken. Roads Work Programme proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

Cllr. Geoghegan requested if additional discretionary funding is received that the focus of the funding is on the improvements of footpaths.

Cllr. Phelan suggested set percentage is set aside in future for the development of footpaths.

Cllr. D. McGuinness seconds proposal for ring fencing of any additional funding for footpaths.

Cllr. Cronin stated that IPB insurance rebate money back to WCCC every year and asked for it to be ring fenced for footpaths, this was seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and asked for this to be brought to the attention of the plenary meeting.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that there is a need to list high risk footpath areas in the city and county and informed members that there are other requirements on the IPB rebate.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

7. A.O.B

Cllr. D.McGuinness paid tribute to Cllr. Geoghegan and Cllr. Pratt on recent General Election campaign, supported by Cllr. Tobin.

Cllr. Geoghegan acknowledged newly elected TDs and thanked the print media and media for platform provided for the elections.

Cllr. Pratt thanked and acknowledged all elected and commended all candidates and thanked his team.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____