

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

**HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 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

Apologies: Cllr. Pat Nugent

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
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
Ms. S. Breathnach, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. D. Ó Murchadha, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its sympathy to the families of the late

- Danny McGrath
- Vincent Byrne
- John O'Gorman
- Breda Veale
- David Cullinan
- Theresa Dalton

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 9th December 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Phelan requested update on the naming of church on Ballinroad, he welcomed review on the Christmas lights in Dungarvan and queried the context of the review. He suggested that the council's internal auditor carries out the review.

K. Kehoe, DoS stated that the Chief Executive has requested a full review of how the Christmas lights are rolled out across the county in Waterford, Tramore and Dungarvan and also to look at benchmark against other LAs and best practice. Will revert with suggestions to Chief Executive.

All member welcome the review and await the outcome of the report.

Cllr. Tobin requested amendment to minutes of the 9th December with reference to Clashmore Bridge which should have been recorded as Camphire Bridge.

S. Breathnach outlined that the naming of church has been referred to place names committee for review.

Cllr. Geoghegan enquired if any councillors are on the place names committee.

S. Breathnach stated the membership is made up of the Irish Officer, Heritage Officer and Archivist and is an independent committee.

Cllr. Doocey suggested the inclusion of elected members on the committee.

3. PLANNING LISTS

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

D. Ó Murchadha, SEE outlined the main details in relation to the report as previously circulated and outlined the positive activity happening in estates and movement in unfinished estates. Currently prioritising plebiscite applications and progressing works where money is available.

Cllr. Geoghegan asked for monthly report on the agenda going forward.

Cllr. Phelan asked if new planning application would have regard for past performance of developers.

Cllr. Cronin outlined his concern in relation to delays with site in Ardmore and issue with water access holding up developments.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEE outlined that developers are anxious to progress issues in estates and he is not aware of past performance being considered with new applications. Outlined that there is a deficit in drinking water in Ardmore that Irish Water are aware of, hopeful that it will be addressed as part of the further development of ‘The Heritage’

Cllr. D. McGuinness outlined non-compliance issue in relation to An Leacain and requested detail on plebiscite process and when bond will be called upon.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEE outlined that there is a boundary issue that is currently under negotiation for An Leacain that is holding up its progression. Plebiscite has been reviewed and it is proposed to liaise with the developer and call on the bond. He will report monthly to members and will look at additional information to be included in the report.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr Pratt requested recent fly tipping on Tallow Hill to be addressed and enquired about supporting the green initiative ‘No Idling Engines’

Cllr. Geoghegan requested update on the independent report regarding the trees at Lisfennel and implementation of reports recommendations.

Cllr. Phelan requested details on resources in place for the enforcement of control of dog’s byelaws and how coastal erosion in Ardmore is being monitored.

R. Moloney, SEO will review fly tipping on Tallow Hill and the initiative ‘Idling Engines Outside Schools’ needs to come from schools or tidy towns groups and will be coming on stream in the Autumn. The report of the trees in Lisfennel has formed part of the tender documents, hopeful that tender will be awarded by the end of the month. He outlined that the enforcement of the dog control byelaws is undertaken by the two dog wardens which covers all public areas. Coastal erosion will form part of the climate adaptation strategy.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Doocey raised issue in relation to land owner penalised for by Department of Agriculture for spoil taken from blocked drains and kept on his land. Supported by Cllr. Tobin and Cllr. Geoghegan. He also enquired as to why registered letters are issued to landowners regarding the cutting of hedgerows.

Cllr. Pratt raised issue with lights on Lismore bridge that are continuously not working, issue with black spots for ice that require salt during bad weather, issue with flooding in Villierstown. Supported by Cllr. Geoghegan.

Cllr. Phelan outlined that it is important that potholes are addressed timely and thanked roads section for dealing with potholes in Ballinroad. Enquired if sea wall in Abbeyside will prevent flooding going forward, requested update on works in The Square and asked how the changes to the annual parking permits in Scanlon's Yard were made and if it is a reserved function of the members.

Cllr. Geoghegan stated that no decision was made by the district members to amend the permits and requested that they are put back in place. Supported by Cllrs O'Donnell, Pratt and Cronin.

G. Hynes, SE stated that parking is a reserved function and the new byelaws didn't have any provision for annual parking permits.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that need to be fair and equitable across the county and the byelaws do not allow for this permit.

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested that the byelaws are circulated to all members and discussed at the Roads Programme Workshop, this was agreed by all.

G. Hynes, SE stated that letters to landowners are notices that need to be issued by registered letter, it was agreed to discuss issue regarding landowner separately. He outlined that there is a larger issue with the public lighting on Lismore Bridge due to water accessing the underground ducting and this needs to be addressed. He outlined that Kilaree Lighting are achieving their KPIs in the majority of cases and where there is a bigger issue it takes longer. There is allowance for the provision and distribution of salt/grit as part of the severe weather plan. Drainage has been completed in Aglish which will alleviate flooding and Villierstown is due for consideration as part of Roads Works Programme. No further update in relation to the Square and negotiations are progressing. Substantial work completed on Clashmore Bridge, some additional works that is weather dependent in order to complete. Camphire Bridge opened prior to Christmas and some additional works remain to be completed.

Cllr. Tobin asked if any reports of damage to roads and trees as a result of storm and can apply for emergency funding.

G. Hynes, SE confirmed that they will need to assess full extent of the damage and will apply for any available funding.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Pratt outlined concern regarding the application for 2 bed units and funding for adaptation works is more difficult for council houses compared to private houses.

Cllr. Geoghegan enquired as to new interview system and how it is working.

S. Breathnach, AO outlined the application process and advised that issues regarding adaptation works are raised with Paul Johnston and his team. Confirmed that the interview system is working very well and can undertake a larger number of applicants and cuts down on number of incorrect applications.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Tobin asked for update on Barnafaddock application, the commencement of the new development plan.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined his concern in relation to coastal wind turbines from Ardmore to Dunmore

H. O'Brien, EP outlined that the intention is to commence the review at the end of March, publication will be in the newspaper and there will be a public consultation period. Currently drafting a strategic issues

papers for the SPC. Will revert with update in relation to Barnafaddock. He confirmed that they have received draft wind energy guidelines and also consultation on marine turbines and outlined functions of all parties involved, a presentation will be made to the Planning SPC.

Cllr. Cronin raised question in relation to the 2 masts and if planning permission has been granted and if councillors have any input to this decision.

H. O'Brien, EP confirmed that the land is council owned and the process around section 254 licence requires an application to the Planning Authority which includes permission to use the land as part of the application. Provision of a licence has associated conditions and is for a period of 4 years and 11 months and Kehoe, DoS confirmed that the granting of a license is the function of the Local Authority.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

7. A.O.B

Cllr. Phelan acknowledged work of outdoor staff in recent poor weather.

Cllr. O'Donnell wished Cllr. Geoghegan and Cllr. Pratt good luck in upcoming general elections

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____