

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

**HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2024
at 2.30pm in Conference Room, Civic Offices, Dungarvan.**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Ivan Grimes, Director of Services Housing
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. Josephine McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Ms. Dawn Wallace, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Ms. Aisling O'Sullivan, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. David Quinn, A/Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Richie Walsh, SEO, Economic Development
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its sympathies to the families of the late: Brid Hurlley Power, Maud Sheehan, Betty Burns, Mary Fynes, Martin Cashel, Michael Fraher, Mary Foley, Jimmy Lenihan, Ned Whelan, Caroline Power, Breda Roche, Pat Dalton, Thomas (Francis) Burke, Ned Breen, Jim Lenihan, Liam Ryan, Brian Keogh, family of Matthew Healy Purcell and former Taoiseach John Bruton. Cathaoirleach called for a minutes silence.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to Aoibhe Devereux on the Texaco National Art Competition and also Irish League of Credit Unions. Ann Mulqueen and the late Tomás Ó Céilleachair – Gradam Nioclás Toibín on their work. Organising committee of the Tionól Nicoláis Toibín, IFA demonstration in solidarity with family farmers and St. Johns Special school in winning the Munster Schools Soccer Championships and the Blackwater Community Schools team.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 8th January 2024 proposed by Cllr. McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.
Minutes of Special District Meeting held on 30th January 2024 proposed by Cllr. Phelan seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.
Minutes of Special District Meeting held on 2nd February 2024 proposed by Cllr. Phelan seconded by Cllr. Doocey and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. McGuinness outlined that the issue with the public lighting contractor remains in Dungarvan and need to address the underground cabling, need to review what resources are needed to resolve the issues and noted that response times to resolving issues are not been met. Requested Cathaoirleach writes to the chair of the Transportation SPC to progress the proposal for the reintroduction of the annual parking scheme. Requested update on communications to residents in Ringaphuca.

Cllr. Pratt highlighted issue with access to the post office in Cappoquin requesting assistance in having is addressed.

Cllr. Geoghegan supported issue of lack of lighting in Dungarvan and lights out across the town.

Cllr. Phelan noted that progress on faulty lights is not being addressed, number of new light faults occurring with large part of town centre lights with lights not working. Enquired if there are any punitive clauses in the contract and if any that they are enforced.

Cllr. Doocey supported issue of lights out, suggested a temporary ramp is installed at post office in Cappoquin as an interim measure until the planning application is completed.

Cllr. Tobin noted that lights are out in Ballyduff Upper and need to look after rural villages.

Cllr. Cronin supported issue of addressing lights out across the county, noted that the reference numbers on light poles are also missing at many locations.

G. Hynes, SE, acknowledged there are issues with the lights across the county noting there is a backlog that the contractor is working on addressing, it will take approximately three months to address. He noted that the LED retrofit project will also assist in addressing the matter. Underground infrastructure is poor, which is the cause of the number of outages, first objective is to carry out the retrofit project and this will be followed by tackling the underground cable issues. Penalties are in place in the contract, but this cannot cover where there are legacy defects underground and this is the case in many of the locations, assured the members that the work is a priority for the contractor. Outlined that the annual parking permit proposal has been reviewed since the last meeting, noting scope in the byelaws to provide it on the basis that it is not subsidised, otherwise there will need to be a change to the byelaws noting he need to keep parking available for customers coming into town for business. Post Office in Cappoquin is private operator, will facilitate working with them and there is a process where require planning permission and conservation officer to be consulted. Informed members that where a reference number doesn't exist on a light pole that can pick the pole on the Deadsure app.

Cllr. McGuinness noted that proposal for annual permit is for ease of use rather than subvention, requested that proposal in writing is available for March meeting.

Cllr. O'Donnell noted that contacted by suppliers delivering to premises in Dungarvan that due to access to locations for drop off and parking that receiving parking tickets when making deliveries, supported by Cllr. Geoghegan.

G. Hynes, SE, noted that there is an appeal mechanism for parking tickets that can be utilised.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Geoghegan noted that SI regarding use of CCTV for illegal dumping has been published, enquired if council is in a position to progress the matter.

Cllr. Phelan acknowledged replacement of tricolour at the court house, enquired if contact made with Cork County Council regarding visit to Youghal and enquired about the delay in removal of Christmas lights. Requested update on the extension of remit of town presentation team to Ballinroad, noted building across from Civic Office has not been painted as previously requested, noted need for more dog bins on Ring Road and suggested use of Stokes field for a dog park.

Cllr. McGuinness welcomed the announcement on CCTV SI and the enabling guidelines enquiring if the council has the capability to deploy the CCTV and store the footage to enable its use as evidence.

Cllr. Nugent will follow up on visit to Youghal.

D. Wallace, SEO, noted that SOPs and guidelines need to issue to guide the implementation of the use of CCTV, structure needs to be established noting need to get permission for each camera that has to be erected and need to have evidence of dumping so can pursue the use of CCTV. Will circulate code of practice when available. Will review late removal of lights and the provision of additional dog bins.
Building

G. Hynes, SE, noted that a change to work practice is needed in order to extend the area for the presentation crew to manage, need to consult with staff and currently assessing the proposal and options and will revert to the members.

(b) Economic Development

Cllr. Doocey requested update on the Dungarvan to Mallow greenway noting issues with landowners not being addressed.

Cllr. McGuinness requested letter sent to Bord Failte to request funding for Water Activity Centre in Clonea if funding becomes available.

Cllr. Phelan enquired when public will have access to the Ballinacourty cycling and walking trail along with update on the proposed project for the court site in Dungarvan. Requested festoon lighting to be turned back on, on the Devonshire bridge along with Abbeyside. Requested update on the implementation plan for the Dungarvan 2040 project and date for the next Town Centre Management Group (TCMG) meeting. Welcomed development of the new town centre groups in Ardmore and enquired if the Dungarvan TCMG is adequately resourced to access necessary funding and progress issues.

Cllr. Pratt enquired if consultation for the proposed Greenway is on schedule for March and requested update on the Cappoquin Loop walk.

Cllr. O'Donnell supported issues raised about Greenway noting concerns in relation to the cost of the proposed project.

Cllr. Nugent requested update on upgrading of slipway down to Ballyclammer.

Cllr. Cronin requested update on proposed walkway by sports centre and Quanns suggesting that route could be provided onto the beach rather than accessing private lands.

R. Walsh, SEO, outlined that the Dungarvan Mallow Greenway is a TII project with Cork County Council as the lead authority, in March 2024 announcing the emerging preferred route which will be followed by full public consultation. Will enquire about a Water Activity Centre for Clonea, noted that 22 projects were funded for country with 2 in Waterford, doubtful that will receive funding for a third project. Noted that Ballinacourty project is advancing well and due open in next couple of months, will do small upgrade works on area as referred to. Dungarvan 2040 project is being developed in conjunction with DTCMG and implementation plan will be part of the meeting agenda. Outlined that consultants to be appointed for the loop walk. Slipway in Ballinclammer currently being designed and intended to be completed for summer.

M. Murphy, SEO, outlined that have reviewed the trail at Quanns and privately owned lands need to be pursued.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Cronin requested update on affordable housing project behind fire station in Ardmore.

Cllr. Pratt noted that payment for adaptation grants are slow in issuing and requested update on works in Cappoquin library.

Cllr. McGuinness repeated proposal for insourcing arrangement for adaptation to council stock standalone team for bathroom adaptations. Enquired about timeline for allocations for Ormonde House, update on development of 12 social houses for Sean Phobal and stage 2 approval from the Department. Requested letter issue to the Minister on behalf of the district for the progression of the affordable house scheme as eager for the project to be developed.

Cllr. Phelan requested update on addressing boundary at Highfield estate, update on void house in George's Street in Dungarvan, enquired about carrying out of walkability audit as objective in the Age Friendly Plan.

Cllr. Doocey noted concern about poor heating facilities in some council houses and need to carry out upgrades.

Cllr. Geoghegan supported need to address the boundary rectification at Highfield and Springfield.

Cllr. Tobin noted that people who secure council properties receive a tenant's handbook regarding their maintenance obligations enquiring what follow up is carried out by the council to see that they are being adhered to and houses maintained.

I. Grimes, DoS, outlined that currently finalising discussion with the Department regarding the social and affordable houses in Ardmore and advancing preparations for procurement process. Will have workshop in March regarding the developments in Ardmore, Sean Phobal and Fairlane. Works progressing in Ormonde House and will update on timeframes, outlined that the adaptation grants section is very busy and delays in payments are being pursued and noted if there are particular delays provide details and they can be pursued. The provision of insourcing teams would need additional approval from Department noting that currently putting in place frameworks to have contractors to carry out works required. Will have the boundary issue at Highfield inspected. The house in Georges Street is nearing completion and will be allocated shortly. Responsibility of carrying out the walkability audits is not the responsibility of the community section. Housing team are targeting properties that are not energy efficient to carry out necessary improvements. Noted that housing section doesn't have the resources to inspect all properties on an annual basis but do inspect anywhere complaints are logged.

H. Dunphy, MA, noted that the facilities team are managing the works in Cappoquin Library, additional works uncovered which have caused additional delays in completing the project.

(d) Roads

Cllr. Pratt noted road damage on Main Street in Tallow needs addressing, footpath needed from Railway Gardens out the Station Road and noted need to acquire land to provide the footpath and lighting. Requested extension of Affane footpath out to Sun Lawn, noted need for site cleaning on the existing footpath. Noted possibility of acquiring facility for parking from boat house to church and options for progressing traffic calming in the area. Requested update in works in Cul Rua estate in Aglish.

Cllr. Cronin requested update on 2024 Roads Work Programme (RWP) and when damage caused by Storm Babet will be addressed and has additional funding been received. Noted issue with storm damage at Tower Hill in Ardmore and need to look at new piping to outfall to stream and need for inspection.

Cllr. McGuinness noted subsidence outside Quinns in Ardmore with water flowing underneath and danger to motorists and needs to be reviewed suggesting signage and cones to divert traffic around it. Noted funding made available for Active Travel projects, noting funding for footpath from Ballinroad to the Clonea roundabout enquiring about timeline for the completion of the project. Enquired about process of the allocation of the jet patcher across the district. Requested update on resurfacing of St. Bridget's Terrace in Dungarvan now that Uisce Eireann have completed their works. Commented that Uisce Eireann contractors have had a number of issues and miscommunications with businesses and communities.

Cllr. Phelan supported comments in relation to Uisce Eireann, noted pothole by Powers Bridge and gully at entrance by Garranbane Green that needs cleaning. Ballinroad to Garranbane needs to be strengthened and resurfaced, solution for flooding at Ballinacourty, repair to roads in urban estates such as Orchard estate, footpaths on Wolfstone road to be repaired also, surface lining and markings of hidden disability spaces reinstated in Scanlon's Yard. Sweeper needed to clear litter on the R672. Noted that parking meters out of order in Dungarvan and requested update on repair to lighting at Knocknagranagh Village in Ballinroad and need for street lighting in front of Ballinroad Hall.

G. Hynes, SE, noted the RWP funding allocation not received yet, what works can be carried out depends on funding received. Railway gardens station road and footpath acknowledge section missing and require funding to address it, need to acquire the land initially and then construct footpath. Affane footpath, landowners carried out work and responsible for cutting back up to 1st March. New section in Affane is on medium term programme, Cul Rua work to be carried out. Roads under pressure as a result of significant storms, dealing with potholes as arise. Under allocation hoping to receive funding for storm repairs. Ballinroad footpath to tender under Active Travell later this year. There are two patching units per district and work is programmed with GSS, will include St. Bridget's Terrace for consideration. Will consider works on Ballinroad to Garranbane, drainage works direct discharge required and reviewing solution and potential funding source. Note requests as outlined, litter evident on verges and look at litter picking unit for regional roads. Note issue of parking meters and will discuss lighting in upcoming workshop.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined hedge cutting that needs to be carried out by Coillte in Clashmore and at Kiely's cross. Noted that from Halley's Bridge to Dungarvan Road there are no white lines.

Cllr. Doocey supported request for footpath and lighting at Railway Gardens and lights needed by St. Cartages House. Noted that layouts on some junctions need to be altered, noted issue of parking on both sides of roads and double yellow lines to allow large machinery to pass.

Cllr. Geoghegan bridge on Canal Road needs to be repaired, works required at St. Bridget's Terrace as road in very poor state and needs to be included in RWP. Concur regarding issue with contractor in Congress villas and Lismore Avenue and disrespect to the residents.

Cllr. Tobin raised issue on bridge at bottom of Ballina Hill and required reconstruction and issue with water streaming across that needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Nugent requested update on funding for LIS and CIS, noted recent crash at Burgery and request for roundabout at location, update on Garranbane, concern about responsibility to get onto the N25 at Youghal Bridge and issues for some residents.

G. Hynes, SE, noted that need to purchase land to construct footpath at Railway and will include ducting for public lighting. RWP and provision of lighting to be discussed at workshop. Safety at junctions can be addressed under low-cost safety funding. Footpath at Mayfield road and Cappoquin to Affane is responsibility of landowners to carry out hedge cutting, council also carry out some works. Works to be carried out on bridge on Canal Road, will inform water services lead in relation to works carried out by Uisce Eireann. CIS is part of allocation from Department of Transport, LIS comes from Department of Agriculture later in May announced. Roundabout at the Burgery in on medium term list, hopeful will be developer led. Will be back to council with new Part V111 for Garranbane junction. Youghal bridge and entrances are a big issue where site distances are poor and politically needs to be driven to have the road upgraded and needs to be included on works programme with TII. Aware of the bridge at Ballina and under bridge rehabilitation programme.

Extension of standing orders for 30 minutes proposed by Cllr. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

(e) Planning

Cllr. Phelan no mention of process for formulation of Local Area Plan for Ballinroad in monthly report and requested update and what is delay in having this developed.

Cllr. McGuinness requested update on planning enforcement at Ringaphuca and communications to the residents along with update on affordable serviced sites available to come before council.

A. Sullivan, SEP, outlined that a number of sections involved in the serviced sites initiative, steering group to be established to review management of the project. In the Riverside and Waterside estates, the developer has recently lodged compliance with planning conditions and will planning office will carry out a compliance assessment noting the developer is actively engaging with the council.

D. Quinn, LAP Dungarvan, submissions received by OPR and NTA and to undertake a local transport plan before doing the Local Area Plan (LAP) and working with Active Travel to progress and delays due to the need for this plan. No date for LAP adoption and working towards draft for end of summer.

Cllr. Geoghegan enquired if the completion of the Taking in Charge of houses in Ringaphuca will impact on the newly completed houses on the market.

A. Sullivan, SEP, TIC of the estate involves the upgrade of the pump station and once completed the council can move on TIC of Cruachán and Waters Edges, the other development will need to be planning compliant before TIC.

(f) Taking in Charge

Cllr. Cronin requested update on Taking in Charge of Clashmore

D. Quinn in discussion with roads and plan to progress to formal TIC process in quarter 2 2024.

Cllr. Phelan where developer in Ringaphuca and liaising with developer and not in compliance with planning conditions, is this taking in account all issues including pump station and what action will be taken if not in place. Planning permission granted in 2017 by what date should all works have been completed and when can be taken in charge.

A. Sullivan, SEP, all planning permissions have 5 years for completion of development. Compliance of planning conditions is what has issued which is publicly available and for developer to show compliance. Snag list comes when in the process of taking in charge. Pump station is common infrastructure and hopeful this will be resolved in coming months.

Cllr. Pratt noted issue with lights in Mountain View, Lismore and would there be similar issues in other estates.

D. Quinn, A/SEP, will be reviewing this estate with roads and will revert.

Cllr. McGuinness requested update An Lachan in Baile na nGall.

D. Quinn, SEP, will review and revert.

5. TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING ESTATES/ROAD – Fainne na Farraigne – Completion of Process

Taking in Charge of Fainne na Farraigne proposed by Cllr. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

6. YOUGHAL TO DUNGARVAN CYCLE ROUTE – Project Update

M. Murphy, SE, gave presentation to the members outlining the details of project providing and update to the members.

Cllr. Cronin, Geoghegan, Phelan and McGuinness outlined concerns about location on cycle route, access to Youghal Bridge, challenges of the route and need to upgrade Youghal Bridge.

7. ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE 2024

Deferred

8. ROADS WORK PROGRAMME 2024

Deferred as no funding announcement received.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None

11. A.O. B

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Resolution of the Elected Members
Waterford City and County Council, Dungarvan Lismore District
12th February 2024
Ref: R2024/06

In accordance with Section 11 Subsection (1)(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993 Waterford City & County Council proposes to take in charge roads and services of

- (i) Fainne na Farraige

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Dungarvan Lismore District of Waterford City & County Council that Cul Rua estate is taken in charge. Proposed by Cllr. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed unanimously.

Signed:

Councillor Pat Nugent
Cathaoirleach Dungarvan Lismore District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator