

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

**HELD ON 14TH JULY 2025
at 2.00pm in Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Niamh O'Donovan (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Tom Cronin
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Cllr. Donnchadh Mulcahy
Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Kate O'Mahoney

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Ivan Grimes, Director of Services, Planning, Corporate, HR, IS & Culture
Mr. Walter Holden, Senior Executive Architect, Housing
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, A/Director of Services, Roads, Water & Environment
Ms. Dawn Wallace, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. Marcus Linehan, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Conor O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development
Ms. Anne Flynn, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Office.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its sympathies to the families of the late: Mary Fitzgerald, Jerry Dennehy, Mary Spratt, Billy Shalloe and Jenny Truman.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to Waterford Minor Hurling Team, Dungarvan United Women's Team, the organisers of the Dungarvan Show, Waterford Minor Ladies Football Team and the organisers of TuneFest Dungarvan.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 9th June 2025 were proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

Minutes of AGM held on 9th June 2025 were proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Pratt asked that Coolroe in the minutes of District Meeting held on 9th June 2025 be changed to Culrua.
Cllr. Phelan raised the issue of the festoon lights on Causeway, Dungarvan.
Cllr. Mulcahy asked about the hoarding in Railway Gardens.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Planning

Cllr. Phelan commended the work of the Derelict and Vacant Properties Team. He asked about the new lighting system for the Town Hall Theatre and he requested details on the utilisation of the theatre.
Cllr. Nugent asked for an update on taking in charge of Water's Edge and the other estates where no TIC request has been received.
Cllr. Phelan asked in relation to Water's Edge, Water's Side, Monksfield and The Sycamores if TIC requests had been received from either the developer or from the residents. He asked if the developer had not

submitted a request; what is the process for the residents to do so and are the residents made aware that is an option for them.

Cllr. Pratt said there is no lighting in Cúil na Circe, Cappoquin and said it vital that this issue is resolved in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Cronin asked about taking in charge of a housing estate in Clashmore. He asked if the new planning guidelines make it easier or more difficult for us as a planning authority to grant permission.

I. Grimes, DoS said a TIC request must come from the developer or 50% of the residents of the estate and no request has been received from either one in respect of Water's Edge and so on. He said it is open to the elected representatives to make residents aware that they may submit a TIC request. He said he would revert in relation to the theatre lighting and he said he would provide information around the level of use of the theatre. He said the TIC queries will be responded to in advance of September meeting and he said he would bring the issues in relation to Cúil na Circe to the attention of G. Hynes, A/DoS. In relation to new apartment guidance he said as far as he is aware the guidelines are aimed a large apartment developments in cities and he said we will not know whether it will be easier to make a positive decision until we start applying them.

Cllr. O'Mahoney said she wished to reiterate what Cllr. Phelan was saying in relation to the TIC of Monksfield, Abbey Gardens, The Sycamores and Water's Edge.

Cllr. Mulcahy said he supported Cllr. Pratt in relation to Cúil na Circe. He noted that Cois Bride, Tallow is to be taken in charge and asked what becomes the responsibility of the council once that process is completed. He asked for more information in relation to Railway Gardens, Lismore and if housing was proposed for there.

Cllr. Geoghegan enquired as to when councillors could expect to be looking at various land rezonings and so on in the City & County Development Plan noting the need for building developments in Dungarvan and Abbeyside stating we need to do what we can to move that process forward.

I. Grimes, DoS said we will revert in relation to the queries on individual estates. In relation to the City and County Development Plan he said the variation process this year is a largely technical exercise that has to be completed within the calendar year. He said the opportunity to look at rezonings will come next year.

(b) Housing

Cllr. O'Mahoney requested an update on the housing development in Ardmore and she asked if Part II has been submitted in relation to the Fairlane development. She asked if there was a backlog of HMD 1 Forms from the Dungarvan/Lismore district and, if so, how many there were and when the backlog would be cleared.

Cllr. Cronin said he previously raised the delay in housing developments in Ardmore, Old Parish, Fairlane and also on land the Council purchased in Ring and asked that a Housing SPC meeting be called to discuss same. He further suggested a delegation from the SPC meet the Minister.

Cllr. O'Riordan asked for an update on Ormond House.

W. Holden, SEA said he had no update in relation to Ardmore and that the Part II for Fairlane has been lodged with the Department. He said as far as he is aware there is no backlog of HMD 1 forms. He will raise the holding of the next SPC meeting with the Director of Services. He said the Old Parish Housing Development Part VIII is on the agenda today for approval. In relation to the lands in Ring Housing are reviewing 'Housing for All 2.0' for all lands going forward. He said Ormond House is now in Council ownership with letters of offer to issue in the near future.

Cllr. Phelan asked if the WWETB will be able to continue using the Community House at Colligan View and what the community building being constructed as part of the extension of Estuary Heights will be used for. He asked about estate management and staff resources available for estate management to deal with anti-social behaviour. He asked for a workshop between the local Gardai and the housing team to discuss concerns in relation to anti-social behaviour. He asked how many houses will be provided to the council from the Kilrush Housing Development. He asked that the Housing Report show on a quarterly basis the number of people on the housing list.

Cllr. Pratt asked if the current situation in relation to the tenant in situ scheme is having an impact.

Cllr. Nugent asked how many families will be housed in Ormond House. He asked for contact details for staff dealing with the derelict house grants.

W. Holden, SEA said the WWETB have a contract on the house in Colligan View. He said the Community Team are looking at the use of the community building under construction. There is a new staff member in estate management, noting that staff in estate management are in constant contact with the Gardai. He said he would revert in relation to the housing list. In respect of the tenant in situ scheme he said the numbers have significantly reduced and he said the budget for 2025 is spent. Ormond House has 19 units.

I. Grimes, DoS said he would organise a meeting at district level with the Gardai.

(d) Economic

Cllr. O'Mahoney queried when consultants be appointed to carry out the feasibility study for Dungarvan Swimming Pool and when would quotes be sought from pool builders. She requested that the local swimming club be included in the design process and she asked that an appropriate site be confirmed without delay.

Cllr. Pratt welcomed the arrival of the glamping pods at former Bank of Ireland site in Lismore asking for an update and he said he commended the other positive initiatives in the area.

Cllr. Mulcahy said he too welcomed the work by the Economic Team in the Dungarvan/Lismore Area and asked if the swimming pool in Lismore could be promoted on the councils' social media platforms.

Cathaoirleach noted the recent announcement of €330,00 funding for outdoor swimming projects and asked if the council would be applying for this funding to improve access to our swimming pools for people with disabilities.

C. O'Neill, A/SEO said the glamping pods will be in use in the next five or six weeks. He said he would forward Cllr. Mulcahy's suggestion of promoting the swimming pool.

Cllr. Nugent asked that the Members be included in the process around Dungarvan swimming pool.

I. Grimes, DoS said the original feasibility study had significant input by all of the potential users. He said the upcoming feasibility study will be updating the cost to reflect what has happened since the 2023 report.

Cllr. Phelan noted that the original feasibility study was not made public and said whatever comes out of this study should be made public. He asked if there is any work to identify economically or otherwise what Dungarvan has or does not have. He asked for a workshop and in addition suggested a walk around town so that the councillors, planners, architects and the Regeneration Officer get a sense of what needs to be done. He said five local authorities were selected to pilot a new Home of Halloween Destination Experience and asked if the council applied for this funding from Fáilte Ireland.

Cllr. O'Riordan said he supported Cllrs. Nugent and Phelan and said he fully supported a swimming pool in Dungarvan.

C. O'Neill, A/SEO said an analysis of the town is being undertaken. He said he will revert in relation to a workshop and also whether funding was sought from Fáilte Ireland.

(e) Environment

Cllr. Cronin said there is a shortage of water in Clashmore and Ballycurrane and asked that funding be sought to rectify the system in both locations.

Cllr. O'Riordan said the entrance to Stoke's field is obstructed by a large bush and the seating at Stoke's Field needs upgrading. He asked for benches by the graveyard in Abbeyside, and a tap for swimmers. He asked for a toilet at the beginning of the greenway opposite Eurospar. He said the cove in Ardmore needs attention and said he had received representations in relation to the state of gardens of council houses. He said dumping in the area around Quann's, Dungarvan, behind the Dungarvan sports centre, at Gallows Hill and at Western Terrace needs to be addressed.

Cllr. O'Mahoney asked how long the pilot project in relation to the removal of dog waste bags was set to last. She noted the upgrading of the county dog pound and asked what animal welfare policy was followed in the pound and if there was a national policy.

D. Wallace, SEO said the issue of water supply is a matter for Uisce Éireann. She said if the dumping issues have been reported on CRM they will be responded to by the Waste Enforcement Team. She said the plan to utilise preventative planting at Gallows Hill was awaiting an archaeological impact assessment. She said

CCTV is proposed for some of the areas. It is proposed that the dog waste bags pilot scheme will last around twelve weeks. She said the staff in the dog pound are adequately trained in dog welfare with access to veterinary surgeons when needed. Concerns in relation to how a dog is being treated by an individual are referred to the SPCA.

Cllr. Pratt asked when the CCTV cameras would be in situ and he asked if camera footage can be used to bring individuals through the Courts.

Cllr. Mulcahy raised the issue of the recent water outages in West Waterford. He said there was a drought status declared for Cappoquin over the weekend with other areas at high risk. He said our water infrastructure is under serious pressure and called for a dedicated emergency water tanker ready to deploy at short notice to any community that faces an outage.

Cllr. Phelan requested an online workshop in relation to CCTV. He said there are reports of a septic tank overflowing at the toilets in the car park at Clonea Strand and asked if it has been dealt with. He noted that the council had recently joined KIMO and asked if enquires could be made there in relation to how best to dispose of the whale carcass on Clonea Strand. He asked for a review of the mature trees on the verges of Murphy Place. He said there has been reports of rats around the Boardwalk and asked that this be looked at.

Cllr. Geoghegan asked that a foul-smelling discharge being deposited into the harbour at Davitt's Quay be investigated. He said in relation to CCTV because the locations where cameras will be situated must be advertised the culprits will choose a different location where there is no camera creating new illegal dumping blackspots.

D. Wallace, SEO said in relation to CCTV once the current tendering and consultation process is concluded we hope to have them operational in the near future. She said cameras will be placed in different locations at different times. She said legal action is subject to people being recognised. She said the legislation is about protecting an individual's right to privacy. In reply to Cllr. Mulcahy she said water supply is a matter for Uisce Éireann. She said we will consult with colleagues in KIMO in relation to the whale carcass. Regarding the trees and rats she said she would pass to Roads Team in Dungarvan.

G. Hynes, A/DoS said additional benches at Stokes field will be looked at. He said there has been discussions with TII in relation to funding a toilet at the start of the Greenway and will revert to Cllr. O'Riordan. He said the issues raised by Cllr. Riordan in relation to the cove in Ardmore were operational issues and he said enforcement action will be taken. He said water supply is the sole responsibility of Uisce Éireann. He said the septic tank in Clonea will be looked at as will the trees on Murphy Place

(f) Taking in Charge

Questions in relation to TIC were taken with the Planning Report.

(c) Roads

Cllr. O'Mahoney asked if the Roads Department would write a letter of support to the Department of Education as regards Scoil Gharbháin's application for funding to build four classrooms noting that traffic measures are needed for the work to advance. She asked if the council would consider purchasing a weed ripper. She said the signage at Pulla Famine Graveyard needed cleaning and she asked that signage be provided at the monument at the cholera graveyard. She asked for an update on her previous request for a clean-up at Abbeyside beach.

Cllr. Cronin said that hedges, briars and so on on the approach roads to some of our beaches are a safety concern. He said funding is required to deal with flooding in Clashmore, Ballinacourty and Glenbeg.

Cllr. Pratt asked about grass cutting and in particular in Riverglen. He asked for an update on the study regarding West Street, Tallow. In relation to hedge-cutting he said there are issues in some locations regarding road safety. He requested an update on works between the bridge and the monument in Lismore. He said there has been improvements in public lighting in Lismore but there are still some serious issues and he said there are no lights on the bridge's left-hand side all the way up to the hotel.

G. Hynes, A/DoS in relation to Scoil Gharbháin said there has been considerable consultation and the council have made submissions to the planning application and to the Board. In relation to grass cutting in estates he said we would encourage residents to get involved and the council would work in partnership with them. In relation to grassing cutting in Riverglen he said ideally the solution would be for the residents

to take responsibility for that. He said we would also welcome community groups getting involved in maintenance of old graveyards. The additional signage as requested will be provided. In relation to Abbeyside beach he said that we would be reluctant to interfere with the natural processes regarding sand and stones and said the issue of rodents will be looked at. He said hedge cutting on local roads is the responsibility of the land-owner. He said the issue of flooding in Clashmore required significant investment and he said the council has applied for funding for both Ballinacourty locations. As regards the flooding in West Street, Tallow he said the council had received funding from the OPW for a pilot study noting it is likely to be a two-year project. In relation to works between the bridge and the monument in Lismore he advised a contractor has been appointed and the works will be carried out in August. Regarding lighting, there are difficulties with the underground cables and the council will be seeking funding for to address significant infrastructural issues.

Cllr. Geoghegan said he wished to put on record his appreciation for the Dungarvan Tidy Towns Committee who may be getting involved in cleaning up Kilrush and other graveyards. He said the yellow box at the Lookout, Dungarvan needs to be extended. He asked that the footpath in the vicinity of the courthouse in Dungarvan and the footpath at the Causeway be looked at. He asked that the standard of Walton Park be applied across all of our parks.

Cllr. Nugent said sightlines coming from the Canal Road up to entering the N25 are totally obscured; the trees need to be cut and also the right-hand side of the Canal needs to be cut. He asked in relation to historic graveyards if the council would do the first clean-up and then the community take over. He said the footpath at Murphy Place is in very poor repair and needs to be sorted.

Cllr. Phelan said in relation to recent footpath repairs that consideration should be given to putting bollards at the kerbside to prevent cars parking up on them. He asked that collapsible bars be installed in the four yellow junction boxes at the Causeway to prevent motorists parking in them. He asked that the grass verge on the Clonea Road be cut. He asked if the bins in Ballynagaul could be looked at and replaced if necessary. He noted that where there are picnic tables, bins should be provided. He asked if the parking situation in Cluain Garbhain could be looked at. He requested rumble strips to slow down traffic on the Wood Road and requested weeds at kerbsides be looked at. He asked for data from the parking meters in Quanns in relation to camper vans.

G. Hynes, A/DoS said he welcomed the community involvement in relation to the graveyards. He said we would be prepared to do a first clean-up at the famine graveyard. He said the yellow box at the Lookout, Dungarvan can be extended and footpaths mentioned can be looked at. The issues in relation to Canal Road and the Canal will be dealt with. It is illegal to park on footpaths and in yellow boxes and Roads would not be in favour of putting up bollards. He said people using picnic tables should bring their rubbish home. He said we would not use green areas in estates to provide additional car spaces. He said he would not be in favour of rumble strips and he said he would look at kerbside weeds. He said the issues in Quanns are being reviewed.

Cllr. O'Riordan said a sign is required before the bridge in Ballyguiry. He asked if the traffic wardens monitor ticket usage of camper vans in Quanns. He said camper vans parking on the footpath on the seawall are impacting on pedestrians noting the Gardai have suggested putting a barrier on the kerb. He asked if the camper vans at Lookout are parked legitimately and he said a new site for camper vans is needed. He requested signs at the crossing from Dunnes on John Treacy Street.

Cllr. Mulcahy asked that the council review and increase the number of bins in Tallow, Lismore and Cappoquin to reflect population size, usage levels and community effort. He said he wanted to raise an issue regarding fairness in relation to estate maintenance in Cappoquin with the council cutting grass in some estates and not in others and asked that Riverglen be looked at again. He said a system needs to be put in place in relation to the road sweeper to ensure all areas are covered. He requested a further sign for Chapel Street, Tallow. He asked if there is a budget for maintenance of toilets in Lismore and he asked if there is a timeframe for painting of toilets in Tallow. He asked the timeframe for works on N72 from monument to bridge in Lismore. In relation to the signs going in and out of Lismore he asked how long they will be there and the cost to the council. He requested hedge cutting on the Pike Road.

The Cathaoirleach asked if we could write to Local Link requesting a report on proposed routes.

G. Hynes, A/DoS said he will request routes from Local Link. In relation to bins he said it has been shown that littering declines when bins are removed. As regards the small road sweeper he said it is not possible

to have the small sweeper in all small towns and villages due to limited resources and funding. A further sign for Chapel Street can be arranged. He said there is a budget for Lismore toilets. The works on N72 are due to start in August. The signs in Lismore are for safety reasons and are funded by the TII. Roads will look at Ballyguiry bridge. He said the council would like to see private camper van sites and he said parking of camper vans on footpaths is illegal and the Gardai and traffic wardens can issue fines. He said the crossing on John Treacy Street is a pedestrian crossing and motorists must stop.

The Cathaoirleach called for a suspension of Standing Orders for 15 minutes. Proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

4. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 as amended Part VIII:-

a) Tourist Accommodation Facility – Villierstown – Commencement of Process

b) Old Parish Housing Development – Completion of Process

Tourist Accommodation Facility – Villierstown – Commencement of Process Noted

Old Parish Housing Development – Completion of Process Proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed by all.

5. PRESENTATION: Healthy Age Friendly Programme

Deferred.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion in the name of Cllr. Pat Nugent

“I wish to propose that as elected members of Waterford City and County Council supports the inclusion of two additional stops on the Route 361 in An Rinn—at Seanachill Cross and Carigeen Junction on Road L6112. These locations are vital access points for the local community, and their inclusion would significantly enhance public transport connectivity and accessibility. We request that these stops be approved and implemented as a matter of urgency to improve the service’s reach and usability.”

Reg. No. DLJ/2025/29 (dated 1st July 2025)

Proposed by Cllr. Nugent, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

Cllrs. Phelan, Pratt and Mulcahy spoke in support of the motion.

8. AOB

Cllr. Geoghegan asked that a letter issue to the department of Justice seeking an update regarding the Reception & Integration Centre at the former Clonea Strand Hotel.

Cllr. O’Mahoney said that prior to the Cathaoirleach’s attendance at the Royal British Legion event, there should have been consultation with the Members of Waterford City and County Council. Cllr. Mulcahy also said he had concerns about the Cathaoirleach’s attendance.

I. Grimes said that any concerns should be brought to the Corporate Policy Group.

Cllr. Mulcahy informed the council of the West Waterford Mental Health Awareness event in Villierstown at the weekend. He said it is a free event and all are welcome.

Cllr. Phelan asked for a response to his request for a workshop after CCTV consultations to which D. Wallace, SEO replied that a workshop was not required in this case.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____
Cathaoirleach **8th September 2025**