

**MINUTES
COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH
HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
DUNGARVAN**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. G. Hynes, SE, Roads
Ms. M. Goff, A/SEE Roads
Mr. L. O'Brien, AO, Environment
Ms. M. O'Brien, SO, Housing
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends a vote of congratulations to:

- Rathgormack Senior Football Team and to Manager Ger Power
- Ballyduff Junior Football Team

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

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

- Madge Welsh
- Davy Organ
- James Power
- Eoghan Keating

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of District Meeting held 17th October, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Barron and seconded by Cllr. O'Leary and agreed.

Minutes of Comeragh Budget Meeting held 17th October, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr. O'Leary and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Clune requested update on completion of Tannery report and letter from County Registrar regarding polling station in Portlaw.

L. O'Brien, AO informed the members that the report is due to be completed in 2-3 weeks.
H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator advised that no response has been received from the County Registrar and will continue to follow up on the matter.

3. Planning

- (a) **Planning Lists** – noted
- (b) **Taking In Charge** - noted

4. Reports

(a) Environment

Cllr. Power highlighted dumping at Lough Morha walk, Rathgormack and requested council to contact Coillte to close barrier in order to prevent access to the area.

Cllr. O'Leary noted his concern that the number of reported calls in relation to illegal dumping has increased. He queried what measures can be taken in relation to complaints of dog barking.

Cllr. Brazil supported Cllr. O'Leary regarding illegal dumping and asked if we survey the households that are not registered with a licensed refuse collector.

L. O'Brien, AO stated that the Environmental Inspector is due to contact Coillte in relation to the Lough Morha walk in order to look at options for reducing access to the location for illegal dumping. The public have been encouraged to report incidents of illegal dumping and the council welcomes this so that issues can be addressed. He outlined that there is a legislative solution in relation to dog parking whereby the person affected can make an application to the courts, he would encourage people to inform the dog owner of the issue in the first instance before proceeding to the courts. He confirmed that the council carry out inspections where there is evidence of non-compliance in relation to disposal of household waste. He informed members that there have been a number of reported cases of sheep worrying and outlined that dog owners need to know the location of their dogs at all times.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Barron requested the road from Scrahan to Newtown to be resurfaced and listed for 2020 roads programme.

Cllr. O'Leary requested resurfacing for Clonea Power to be included in the 2020 roads programme and noted that the footpath by the bridge in Clonea Power needs to be re-instated. Enquired if the road in Clonea Power village is salted as recent frost caused problems.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired if there is a programme of works in place for replacing local road markings, particularly at junctions of local and regional roads, highlighting a particular issue at the Faha/N25 junction.

Cllr. Brazil requested update on the extension of the Mahon Falls carpark, traffic calming scheme in Lemybrien, fingerposts and required works on footpaths in Kilmacomma housing estate.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that requests for 2020 roads programme will be considered once allocation details have been received. He outlined that salting is carried out on priority 1 and 2 roads, Clonea Power falls under priority 3 and is addressed subject to available resources. Statutory signs and road markings are reviewed on an ongoing basis and requested members to inform the district engineer of any problem locations. Agreed that additional parking is required at Mahon Falls and noted that a dedicated source of funding outside of roads budget is required in order to proceed with the works. Currently finalising

designs for Lemybrien with the intention of going to tender in early January with anticipated commencement in April. Fingerposts contract has been awarded with commencement early 2020.

M.Goff, SEE confirmed that survey and design carried out for Mahon Bridge carpark. Works due to commence in relation to Kilmacomma estate and will review reinstatement of bridge in Clonea Power.

Cllr. O’Leary highlighted issue of some local roads categorised as priority 3 are of priority to the local residents, naming the Kilmeaden to Ballyduff road as an example of a location that has school going traffic and when icy needs addressing.

G. Hynes accepts point raised and noted that local GSS will address local issues depending on resources, they take cognisance of local schools and would address where possible.

Cllr. Brazil thanked all roads staff for work carried out in the district on behalf of the members.

(c) **Housing**

Cllr. Barron raised concern in relation to the entrance/exit proposed in the recently approved Part 8 for houses in Kilmacthomas and the impact it will have on Riverview and Walsh’s Place requesting that an alternative route is developed, suggesting entrance onto old N25 route.

Cllr. O’Leary supports Cllr. Barron and is aware of local concerns supporting suggestion of an alternative access route. He noted that a unit in Fán Glas advertised on CBL and enquired as to the number of bids.

Cllr. Brazil noted and supported access issue to proposed housing development in Kilmacthomas and suggested pedestrian access by the Old Mill. He noted that two houses in Hillside remain vacant and requested update on when they will be available.

M. O’Brien, SO noted concerns and informed members that public submissions can be made during the public consultation period. The number of bids on the house in Fán Glas totalled 175 bids and requested members to inform their constituents that CBL is the method by which social houses are being allocated. Confirmed that the work on the vacant units in Hillview will be completed by mid-January 2020.

(d) **Planning**

Cllr. Barron welcomed planning application for distillery in old woollen mills in Kilmacthomas, noting concern that access to stores by Tidy Towns and car parking for local businesses will be altered, he will make a submission as part of the planning application process.

Cllr. O’Leary noted that some housing estates that are not taken in charge are having problems with developers resolving problems with public lighting.

Cllr. Brazil supports issue with access to site near Old Mill as outlined by Cllr. Barron. He requested that the council supports the planning application of a 16 unit housing development in Lemybrien.

Cllr. Power stated that small developments similar to Lemybrien are needed in all villages to support the services, schools and clubs in the locality.

**5. Section 38 – Roads Traffic Act 1994 –
Traffic Calming Scheme on R681 at Kill Village – Completion of Process**

G. Hynes, SE outlined proposed traffic calming scheme for Kill Village, stating that no submission received and recommended the approval by members to enable the works to commence. Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. O’Leary and agreed by all.

Cllr. Brazil suggested that consideration is given for the extension of this traffic calming from Kill Village to Carroll’s Cross.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Notices of Motion

None

8. AOB

Cllr. Brazil informed members that correspondence was issued to St. Brigid's Community Hall informing the Chairperson that the polling station was being located to Kilrossanty National School for all future elections. Members supported the need to have the community halls sustained as the location for the polling station and requested that a letter was sent to Niall Rooney, Returning Officer.

Cllr. Brazil proposed that no meeting will be held in December noting that if an emergency meeting is required he will call it as necessary. Seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed by all.

Meeting concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____