

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

**HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER, 2019, 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

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. D. Ó Murchadha, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. J. Sullivan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Rían French
- Paddy Flynn
- Terry Donnelly
- Willie Hartley
- Tom Whelan
- Tomás O Faolán
- Mai Breen
- Gay Byrne
- Bobby Frost

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Munster Club Hurling Ballysaggart
- Féile Ealaíne Péacóg – Bilingual Youth Arts Festival
- Cois Brid winning county finals

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 14th October 2019 were proposed by Cllr.D. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr.Tobin and agreed.

Minutes of Budget meeting held on 14th October 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Pratt and seconded by Cllr. C. D. McGuinness

It was proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Pratt that item 5 on the agenda would be brought forward before item 3 and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested details regarding the Christmas lights tender and asked if council was satisfied with the process followed.

Cllr. Cronin requested update on holding anti-social behaviour workshop.

5. Presentation by Dungarvan/West Waterford Chamber

Presentation given by Vincent Pettit and Jenny Beresford providing an overview of the work carried out by the Dungarvan/West Waterford Chamber.

All councillors welcomed the presentation, the support the Chamber provides to local businesses and the importance of the continued good working relationship with Waterford City and County Council. All supported the need for everyone to shop local and support local businesses in towns and villages across the County.

3. PLANNING LISTS

- (a) Planning Lists - noted
- (b) Planning & development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 – Development of a Campervan Facility at Quanns, Ringasilloge, Dungarvan – Completion of the Process

G. Hynes, SE outlined details of the Part 8 and noted that seven submissions were received. One of the submissions involved an appeal to An Bord Pleanála requesting that a full environmental assessment was carried out on the development, he confirmed that the Part 8 does not require this. A submission from the Chief Fire Officer requires a greater separation distance, this affects the layout and reduces the bays from 11 to 8. He recommended the development proceeds with the inclusion of the recommendation from the Chief Fire Officer.

Members enquired if there is a larger plan for the provision of facilities for campervans, if there will be a charging mechanism and if there is additional space on the site for future development.

G. Hynes, SE stated that once spaces are in place will revert with parking charge mechanism and he is hopeful that private developers will come on board for provision of additional facilities.

The completion of the process was proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed by all.

K. Kehoe, DoS welcomed the decision and the importance of putting these supports/facilities in place.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. D. McGuinness outlined local disquiet in relation to the Christmas light tender and asked if the appropriate tender process was followed. He welcomed that the Chief Executive signed the climate charter but has reservations as to whether the council will have the funding to implement the measures.

Cllr. Geoghegan supported Cllr. D. McGuinness outlining that the previous contractor employed local people and was highly regarded by the business community and noted his disappointment in the outcome and treatment of the local contractor.

Cllr. Tobin thanked R. Moloney, SEO for arranging the once off bulk collection for the 23rd November and also noted that 30 tonnes of rubbish was illegal dumped in Tallow on Coillte land

Cllr. Pratt outlined disappointment with outcome of Christmas lights tender.

Cllr. Phelan supported the issues raised outlining that it reflects badly on the council and asked for it to be reviewed. Requested an explanation between fly tipping and illegal dumping. Informed the members that Energia are due to hold a briefing for councillors on their proposed foreshore application. Suggested that a green area in Abbeyside that has become overgrown is used for pollinator planting.
Cllr. Nugent asked if a weighting system could be used for tenders in relation to local suppliers.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that there was a tendering process for the public lighting. As the connections for Christmas lights is to the public supply these now need to fall under the remit of the main contractor. He acknowledged and thanked the previous contractor for their work in Dungarvan and assured members that the new contractor will be available to address any required repairs over the Christmas period.

Cllr. Tobin asked if this policy for Christmas lights will be applied to all the towns across the county, this was also queried by Cllr. Pratt.

Cllr. D. McGuinness enquired if the Christmas Lights element was in the original lighting tender or added after the appointment of the new contractor, this was also queried by Cllr. Phelan.

K. Kehoe, DoS confirmed the practice of adding the Christmas Lights to the main lighting contractor is happening across the country and has previously been put in place in Waterford City and Tramore.

R. Moloney, SEO outlined that while there is no specific budget in relation to the climate charter it is more related to policy changes with no direct cost. Will be putting in place a mechanism for carbon proofing and maximise any issue to mitigate climate change. He stated that fly tipping relates to small scale dumping and illegal dumping generally relates to large scale dumping. He will review options for planting in McCarthy Ville, Abbeyside.

K. Kehoe, DoS stated that the council has encouraged Energia to hold public information meeting.

Cllr. Cronin outlined that there has been storm damage to the boxing club in Dungarvan and asked for update on the tourist office in Ardmore.

Cllr. D. McGuinness outlined his disappointment that Energia have refused to meet with fishermen at this time noting that the proposal will have an impact on local fishermen and noted that it is not satisfactory that it is a closed meeting for councillors only.

K. Kehoe, DoS will follow up on queries from Cllr. Cronin and revert.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Pratt welcomed funding for tackling flooding outside of Cúl Rua estate in Aghlish.

Cllr. Nugent asked for details on the extent of the works being carried out in Military Road and associated timelines.

Cllr. Phelan requested additional detail to be provided on footpath repairs and noted pothole near Minnie's that needs to be addressed. Enquired as to how much is spent on the repair of footpaths and what is paid out in insurance claims. He outlined that the condition of the Square is worsening and asked for update on issues with contractor.

Cllr. D. McGuinness thanked Cllr. Tobin and G. Hynes, SE for reinstatement of local link route on the R361. Acknowledged work carried out on cleaning of drains in Leacain Beag. Outlined that the R674 is only a priority 3 road and is a strategically located road for access within Ring and requested that it is added as priority 2 road. Noted that there is road subsidence in Ring that needs to be addressed and asked for update on the tackling of Poplar Trees on the N25 by Lisfennel Close. He queried the removal of parking spaces in The Square.

Cllr. Doocey noted at the meeting that the repairs to river bank at Kilbree is in its third week and making little progress.

Cllr. Cronin noted that there are a number of issues on the road out to Glenbeg School and complimented prompt repair to the sea wall in Ardmore and works to College road.

Cllr. Nugent noted that there is dangerous subsistence by Solas na Mara that needs to be addressed and requested that Glenbeg is added to list for TII

Cllr. Pratt welcomed traffic calming in Cappoquin and hoped that it would not result in the loss of parking spaces. He requested update on double yellow lines by boat house.

Cllr. Tobin stated that gully cleaning in local towns is beneficial and requested additional scheduling to deal with the fallen leaves. Asked for update on stop go system at creamery outside Cappagh.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted work carried out by A. Reddy team, outlined that there is a portion missing from the speed ramp on Fr. Toomey's road and needs to be repaired. He outlined the pothole by Minnie's in Abbeyside was caused by a utility company carrying out works in the area and they should be responsible for its repair. Requested update on works at the Burgery and noted that the staff car park which is opened for public use at no charge at weekends is not being used.

G. Hynes, SE informed the members that the contractor for the Military road is on site, new paving is being laid and road closure will be in place up to Christmas. Road improvements and pavements completed in Cappagh and entrances and accommodation works near completion. Works at the Burgery due to commence in March 2020. Glenbeg road is a local road and not TII responsibility so funding will need to be part of road works programme. Acknowledged issues with the Square and stated that the council is in discussion with contractor to resolve. He outlined details of the road gritting programme as part of the winter services plan stating that it is not possible within current resources to salt all routes. Parking Spaces removed in The Square were to accommodate planters and decorations and noted the availability of free parking in the staff carpark at weekends. He outlined that works are progressing well at Kilbree noting that due to the location work can only be carried out at low tide. He stated that the traffic calming works for Cappoquin will result in some build outs and notes comments regarding car parking spaces.

J. McGrath, SEE outlined that there are a number of footpaths in need of repair, there is no capital money for reconstruction and will revert with locations in the district. Will follow up on pothole repair, review road subsidence issue and informed members they the cleaning of gullies is on-going. A number of landowners have been consulted with in relation to Glenbeg and will revert with proposal.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that tenders for the Poplar trees on Lisfennel close are being assessed.

Cllr. Geoghegan left the meeting and Cllr. Tobin took the chair as lease Cathaoirleach.

(c) Housing

Cllr. McGuinness asked for update on completion date for Ballinroad, requested update on perimeter wall for Highfield and issues pertaining to Childers Estate as raised at previous meeting.

Cllr. O'Donnell requested update on new houses for Sean Phobal.

Cllr. Phelan suggested housing report includes comparable figures to previous year. He highlighted issue with debris being continuously brought out onto the main road due to the works in Ballinroad and asked that the contractor is contacted to address the matter.

Cllr. Cronin asked for update on houses in Ardmore and if issue with Irish Water has been resolved.

J. Sullivan, SEO stated the completion date for Ballinroad is June 2020 and will revert to the members with details on other issues raised. He confirmed that issue with Irish Water in relation to Ardmore still remains and will follow up on Sean Phobal query.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Cronin queried details on the applications for the two masts in Seapark and location near hall in Ballinroad, noting that residents have concerns and the necessity for both as locations are close together.

Cllr. Phelan outlined that masts that are being applied for under S254 and asked if it is within the power of the planning authority to apply conditions and asked if the council has a policy in relation to 5G and if additional permission would be required if the masts were to be used for 5G.

Cllr. D. McGuinness stated his concern that planning decisions are being made in relation to policies and plans that are out of date.

Cllr. Tobin outlined his concern in relation to the Development Plan that we are currently working under that is 7 years out of date. He asked for an update on the retention planning application for the development in Ballyduff.

K. Kehoe, DoS clarified that while we have to work under the current Development Plan the planning section make decisions that follow national guidance and these are up to date and take primacy over the Development Plan. He confirmed that conditions can be attached to Section 254 applications and these applications are in place to encourage the roll out of broadband and connectivity across the County.

D. O Murchadha, SEE notes concern regarding the masts and informed members that the public can appeal a decision of the planning authority. There are a number of applications for masts currently lodged and as they are active he cannot discuss further. Wind turbine retention in Brannafaddock was withdrawn and planning enforcement action stands, it is currently part of a judicial review which will take its course.

Cllr. Cronin highlighted a major issue raised at recent Planning SPC in relation to the delay on the issuing of the new guidelines from the Department and particularly the ones in relation to wind turbines and requested the Executive to raise this issue with the Department.

Cllr. Tobin suggested the issue is brought to the attention of the Plenary meeting.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Notice of Motion

None

8. A.O.B

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____