

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

**HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,  
DUNGARVAN at 2.30pm.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. C. Horan , A/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  
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community and Emergency  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- Nuala Ryan, former County Councillor A minutes silence was called for.
- Paul Kehoe, brother of Kieran Kehoe, Director of Service and District Manager
- Breffni O'Connor
- John Slater
- Mattie Power
- Mary Baron

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its congratulations to the following

- Clodagh Beresford Dunne on her award at the Clarissa Luard Award for Emerging writers
- Dunmore Boxing Club at PPN Awards
- Surprise Surprise Group at PPN Awards
- Dungarvan Déise Shed at PPN Community Awards

Acknowledged Organisers of Peacog festival and the work of Cllr. Liam Brazil in his work in relation to positive mental health.

- Tallow community council

All councillors commended the work of the staff involved in the PPN Awards.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of District Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Pratt and seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed.

## **2. MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Phelan requested update on the public lights tender in relation to the provision of the Christmas lights. He enquired if the contractor working on the Ballinroad development has been contacted and requested an update on the phone mast applications.

C. Horan, A/DoS informed the members that K. Kehoe will meet the members on his return to update.

Cllr. Tobin asked for update in relation to the court proceedings for the Barnafaddock windfarm case.

Cllr. Cronin asked who the property owners are in relation to the phone masts applications and requested clarification on the status of the planning permission.

H. O'Brien, Executive Planner outlined that the phone mast applications are Section 254 applications and confirmed that these applications relate to publicly owned lands and as they are live applications he cannot discuss the details of them. He will check the public files and revert directly to Cllr. Cronin. He outlined that there has been no additional correspondence in relation to the Barnafaddock case.

I. Grimes, DoS confirmed that the housing section has been in contact with Ballinroad contractor.

## **3. PLANNING LISTS**

(a) Planning Lists - noted

## **4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

### **(a) Environment**

Cllr. Pratt asked if the council legally has the right to request details from householders regarding how they dispose of their waste and if the council is proactively seeking this information.

Cllr. D.McGuinness highlighted the instances of vandalism to defibrillators and requested the executive if a separate Bye Law needs to be developed to cover damage to essential lifesaving equipment, he also requested detail in relation to the number of fines issued to individuals in relation to this.

Cllr. Pratt welcomed installation of inclusive roundabout in Walton Park, Dungarvan.

Cllr. Tobin acknowledged and thanked the environment section for organising the one of collection day in Knockanore.

Cllr. Cronin informed the executive that a number of life buoys have been damaged on Ardmore beach as a result of the high tides and recent bad weather requesting that they are reviewed and replaced.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined the need for public toilet on Greenway and also in Dungarvan town centre.

Cllr. Phelan requested update in relation to pollinator planting in McCartyville.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that the council does have powers to request information from householders as to how they are disposing of their waste and confirmed that they have commenced this process. In relation to vandalism of defibrillators he outlined that damage to public property is covered under the Criminal Damage Act of 1991 and therefore would not require additional Bye Laws to be developed, he will revert with details on the fines issued and review missing lifebuoys in Ardmore. He informed the members that there are 37 playgrounds in the city and county, the community section are looking at the development of a policy for the installation of inclusive play equipment across the area. He outlined that the collection day in Knockanore resulted in the collection of 2.8 tonnes of waste and was a very worthwhile exercise. He noted the request for public toilets and outlined that it will be considered as part of Dungarvan 2040. He will review planting for McCarthyville.

### **(b) Roads**

Cllr. Cronin requested details on when the bridge in Clashmore will be re-opened.

Cllr. Nugent noted inconvenience of road closure at Clashmore Bridge and asked for update on Ballylemon cross.

Cllr. Pratt welcomed commencement of work in Tallow and requested accessible footpath at the bottom of New Street. Requested update on when works on Military road will be completed and if people can access Camphire at weekends.

Cllr. Phelan enquired if jet patcher repairs are ongoing as Touranore and Ballinroad need addressing.

Cllr. D.McGuinness thanked roads section on recent work on clearing trees and debris as a result of bad weather. Requested update on N25 at the Burgery and Poplar trees at Springmount and requested if regular meetings are held with Transportation Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Welcomed recent improvement works on Helvic Pier and noted the need to have the area dredged to address the access issue for boats.

Cllr. Tobin asked for details on opening of Clashmore Bridge and acknowledged work carried out on footpaths from Woodview.

Cllr. Geoghegan requested start date of the works at the Burgery and details on closure of Military Road. He supported Cllr. D. McGuinness with regard need to prioritising dredging work on the pier in Helvic.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that considerable works had to be carried out at the bridge in Clashmore, there was negotiations with the Department of the Fisheries to ensure there was no adverse effects on the Special Area of Conservation, anticipated that it will be re-opened before Christmas. Advised that work on Ballylemon Cross will commence once work at Cappagh is completed, stated that contractor for Camphire bridge is currently on site and aims to have it opened by Christmas. Bad weather has hampered progress on Military Road and works will extend into January but there will be temporary opening over Christmas. Anticipated that works at the Burgery will commence in April 2020. He outlined that there is a yearly meeting with TII and councillors and outlined that the roads engineers meet TII on a monthly basis where member's representations are communicated. He informed the members that dredging of Helvic Pier will be included in the application made to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in March 2020. He confirmed that there are two jetpatcher operating on a rotation basis across the county, members can raise issues with area engineers and it will be programmed for completion.

Cllr. Pratt outlined recent damage to Dromana Bridge and asked if there is any options for improving signage on the approach, also highlighted the need for hedge cutting in the area.

G. Hynes, SE stated there is signage in place but will review need for additional ones and outlined that land owners are contacted in relation to the hedge cutting obligations.

Cllr. Nugent requested painting of the raised kerbs at the Burgery and outlined that public lighting at Ballymacmague is not being addressed.

Cllr. D. McGuinness supported Cllr. Nugent and has a concern about the turnaround time of the lighting repairs, questioning the service that is being provided.

G. Hynes, SE informed the members that the raised kerbs at the Burgery are due to be removed in early 2020. In relation to public lights he outlined that it is a web based system that reports and track all faults, there are instances where the faults require additional works and the resulting turnaround period can be greater. He will follow up on Ballymacmague.

Cllr. O'Donnell enquired as to the success of the jet patcher when addressing larger potholes.

G. Hynes, SE stated that the jet patcher is the most effective way of filling potholes.

### (c) **Housing**

Cllr. Phelan enquired if it is a council decision to name new housing estates.

Cllr. D.McGuinness outlined his concern with lack of provision of emergency accommodation in Dungarvan as families are expected to avail of emergency accommodation in Waterford City. He concurred with Cllr. Phelan in relation to the naming of Church Lane and highlighted the need to consider the heritage of the area requested that housing section would look at more appropriate naming and an input from members.

Cllr. Geoghegan concurred with point on naming of locations and requested input by councillors.

Cllr. Cronin supported Cllr. D.McGuinness regarding provision of emergency accommodation for Dungarvan and requested an update on the affordable and social houses in Ardmore

I Grimes, DoS outlined that there is a committee in place for the naming of housing estates, appreciates the requirement to have an emphasis on the Irish language and will look at the makeup of the committee. He confirmed that there is emergency accommodation provided for people in the west of the county and will review the circumstances of the case outlined. There is no update on the Ardmore development and will review when the issue with water infrastructure has been resolved.

**(d) Planning**

Cllr. Tobin acknowledged the adoption of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and enquired as to when the councillors input into the new Development Plan will commence and if there will be a designated team to deal with it.

H. O'Brien, Executive Planner outlined that currently awaiting draft guidelines from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding the new Development Plan process. Intention is to bring issues papers to councillors as part of the consultation period and he confirmed that there will be a designated team in place.

Cllr. Phelan requested an update on Taking In Charge of estates at the next district meeting.

**5. Correspondence**

None

**6. Notice of Motion**

None

**7. A.O.B**

Cllr. D.McGuinness requested that as the end of the centenary of the First Dáil comes to an end that it would be fitting to mark the occasion by hanging its seminal document, the Democratic Programme, in the chamber, alongside the Proclamation which currently adorns the wall of the chamber. He outlined that there is a strong local connection as the first Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann was Cathal Brugha who represented the Co. Waterford Constituency in the First Dáil. As Ceann Comhairle he oversaw the drafting and publication of the document. The Democratic Programme re-affirmed the vision of the 1916 Declaration and expanded upon its promise of liberty, equality and justice for all. It was a radical document and its vision has resonance today. It was and remains a guide for those of us who wish to create a fairer, equal and progressive society. All members supported this proposal and the meetings administrator will make arrangements to source the document.

Cllr. Geoghegan extended a congratulations to Patrica Walsh on becoming the Chairperson of the Western Board of the GAA.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_