

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

**HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
DUNGARVAN at 2.30pm.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. John Pratt (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. Tom Cronin
Cllr. Siobhan Whelan
Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

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. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. D. Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr. R. Walsh, SEO, LEO
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Kieran Kehoe as the district manager for Dungarvan Lismore District Meeting. K. Kehoe, DoS thanked the Cathaoirleach and looks forward to working with the councillors.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The meeting passed a vote of sympathy for
Seamus Ó'Cadhain
Lar Curran
Michael Nugent
Michael Wright
Paddy Fitzgerald
Dan Keane
Nicky Kiely
Tom Roche
Ann Byrne

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 14th January 2019 were proposed by Cllr. D. Doocey seconded by Cllr. D. Geoghegan and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. O'Donnell requested an update on the letter issued to HSE regarding Clashmore. H. Dunphy, meetings administrator confirmed that the letter issued. Cllr. Cronin requested a follow up.

3. PLANNING

Noted

Proposal to suspend standing orders to bring item 5 before item 4, proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

5. Presentation – Update on Rollout of the National Broadband Plan – Mr. Jack Doyle

Mr. Jack Doyle provided an update on the national broadband plan

All councillors outlined their concern about the rollout of the broadband plan in rural areas, in particular where cluster of houses are being denied access. It is impacting on rural communities and where people want to work from home.

J. Doyle outlined that the national broadband policy is to tackle the issue of the getting broadband to the areas that are not being serviced by EIR in terms of fibre broadband. It will be 2020 before the national broadband policy commences and in the interim there are other options/technologies available to households who are waiting for the roll out of fibre broadband.

Cllr. Geoghegan congratulated J. Doyle on the successful application for vouchers for Wi-Fi in public places and asked when it will be in place. J. Doyle expects it to be in place in 12 months.

Cllr. Nugent and Cllr. Doocey queried if private providers could supply broadband connections.

J. Doyle stated that communities could come together and approach a wireless provider for connection which results in economies of scale for the provider. He will provide an update on the national broadband plan in coming months.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Whelan asked for detail on the local waste prevention grant and enquired where the litter warden carried out their recent inspections. Highlighted complaints received on dumping on Mrs. Kiely's boreen.

Cllr. Pratt asked for update on provision of dog fouling bins on link road in Tallow.

R. Moloney, SEO outlined details of waste prevention grant and stated that an additional amount of €16,194 has been included in the budget on basis of it. Confirmed that environmental inspector and dog warden carried out an inspection on the Link Road in Tallow and identified a need for additional signage in the area. The installation of bins is the responsibility of the roads section. Currently reviewing complaints on Mrs. Kiely boreen and will review what is needed.

G. Hynes, SE stated that bins needed to have the resources to service them, will review requests on a case by case basis.

Cllr. Tobin stated that dog owners need to be educated. Reported that road between Tallow and Lismore is being littered on a regular basis.

Cllr. Doocey supported councillors with regard to dog fouling and need for additional bins.

Cllr. Pratt asked what it the local authorities approach on identifying households that don't have a bin provider.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that dog fouling is the responsibility of the owner and will continue to review problem areas. Will be running a green walker campaign to promote responsible dog owning and encourage individual responsibility for dog fouling. All local authorities are adopting new waste management by-laws and this provides the facility to check households. Need a mechanism to get access to waste collection providers to identify who have signed up properly to a provider, this would allow a targeted approach to determining the properties that haven't signed up.

Cllr. Pratt commended the work of the dog and litter wardens.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Doocey outlined incident of landslide on N72 at Cappoquin Bridge and issues with local access, asked for site to be cleaned and hedgerows cut back. Asked if investigation and report on the raising of Red bridge has been undertaken.

Cllr. Nugent raised the condition of the surfacing on the Square in Dungarvan and the footpath in O'Connell Street. Asked for update on LIS allocation for Waterford and details on commencement of work at the Burgery and Ballylemon.

Cllr. Cronin outlined his disappointment on LIS allocation for Waterford outlining the benefits the scheme has for an area. Highlighted that site cleaning is needed on all roads and asked what the current budget is for 2019.

Cllr. Tobin stated there is poor national political presentation for the Waterford and the percentage that Waterford received is very poor.

G. Hynes, SE stated that in relation to closure of N72 there was a wall collapse and undermining of trees, there were a number of diversions and there was an issue with non compliance of diversion signs. There will be a workshop in coming weeks in relation to the 2019 roads work programme. Acknowledged issues with some of the pavement and council are currently in discussion with contractors to determine cause and solutions. No official notification received on LIS. There are currently about 50 applications on file and will be revising application form and re-issuing in coming weeks. When making submissions to the Department it assists when making a case for Waterford to be able to have a record on file of what is needed for the county. The Burgery project is due to go to tender in coming weeks, anticipate works to commence in July 2019 and will take up to 3 months to complete. A feasibility report is currently being prepared for Ballylemon; this is due the end of Q1 and will go to the TII for consideration and funding. Currently finalising design for Cushcam and works to commence in 2020. Programme in place regarding draining works and site cleaning and will advise of funding available in roads programme workshop.

Cllr. Whelan asked for assistance to be given to landowner where local roads are used for diversions. site cleaning for roads being used for diversions.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked for a full ramp to be put in place on Pine road rather than current cushions that are in place.

Cllr. Geoghegan raised issue of the width of some of the parking spaces in Scanlons yard. Outlined that of the increase budget received for local roads that a substantial amount needs to be set aside for the addressing of damaged footpaths.

Cllr. Pratt asked for footpath in Tallow to be completed.

Cllr. Doocey outlined that Kilbree road surface is poor and asked for TII to assist with improvements. Issue of a rotten timber railing on the V road, a new barrier is needed and asked that local contractors are provided with salt to address issues of frost in the area.

Cllr. Cronin highlighted that there have been a number of complaints about speeding outside school in Ardmore and asked if traffic calming measures could be put in place to address the problem. Drainage in Aglish remains an issue and flooding by old creamery site in Aglish to Villierstown and asked for update in addressing the problem.

Cllr. Pratt commended work on subsidence on N72 and asked if a survey can be done to prevent an event like this occurring again.

G. Hynes, SE stated that the ramps in Pinewood are successful in slowing down traffic in the area and there are no plans to change or remove them. Acknowledges the issue with parking spaces in Scanlons Yard and will look to address in current year. Stated that TII funding is only for national primary routes only and funding from Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport is for local and regional roads. Requests for road surfacing and footpaths will be addressed at roads programme workshop. Difficult to predict incidences on roads such as issue on N72, highlighting it is the responsibility of local landowners to review walls etc on their property.

J. McGrath, SEE stated that they are currently looking a fire hydrant connection for fire station in Tallow and then will address footpaths. Under Wildlife Act it is coming to the end of the hedge cutting season and asked landowners to address hedgerows and review boundary roads which would assist greatly. Acknowledged work of landowners who have carried out work to date. Will review speed issue at school in Ardmore.

G. Hynes, SE stated that trees are the responsibility of the landowner and the council will bill landowners to recoup cost where the council has to remove them.

Cllr. Cronin asked for clarification on applications on piers and harbours.

G. Hynes, SE stated that the funding relates to piers and harbours only, the OPW applications deal with flooding and coastal protection.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Tobin asked can an application be refused in the office once a doctor's recommendation is received and without visiting the applicant.

Cllr. Whelan asked how long it takes to address problems logged with housing maintenance. Enquired if the LA handbook and landlord requirements are comparable to private landlord guidance. Asked for update on Shandon Co-op.

Cllr. Pratt highlighted his concern about the difficulties facing people who are coming out of HAP accommodation and emergency accommodation only available in the city.

D. Lyons, A/AO stated that there are various grants for elderly with certain criteria. He will check the specific application referred to and revert. Regarding the complaints system there are a number of categories with related response times, he will circulate the set time frames and responses to councillors for each of the categories. He confirmed that the local authorities handbook is modelled on the private sector. He outlined that there are outstanding issues in relation to the Shandon co-op that are being addressed. He acknowledged that the HAP situation is difficult but it is positive project in the main in the delivery of social houses. Council carries out inspections of HAP properties and instructs landlord to address any arising issues.

Cllr. O'Donnell supported issues about the lack of emergency accommodation in Dungarvan.

Cllr. Cronin highlighted that he has received a number of queries regarding issues with guttering on houses not being addressed and waiting for the work to go to tender for completion.

D. Lyons, A/AO stated that there is an ongoing maintenance programme for properties, in some instances they are collectively tendered so that a quantum of work is presented to the framework contractors to ensure value for money.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Tobin asked if any correspondence received regarding wind turbine application

J. O'Mahony, SP confirmed that nothing received and will inform councillors once ABP make LA aware of application.

(e) Economic

Cllr. Geoghegan welcomes figures on the use of the Waterford Greenway which illustrates that it is going from strength to strength. It has had a positive impact on various locations along the Greenway and complimented the trail officer and LEO in its support. Supported by Cllr. Doocey.

Cllr. Pratt outlined the employment it has created is evident and strengthens the local communities.

Cllr. Geoghegan outlined that there is a large scale infrastructure fund for capital projects available to local authorities and we should be looking for funding to upgrade sports centre in Dungarvan. There is also an opportunity to put in place a running track in Dungarvan as part of this scheme. Cllr. Nugent seconded the upgrade of the sports centre.

Cllr. Cronin supports and outlined that we need a facility to cater for larger public events with capacity of 1200-1400 people and need to include acoustic upgrade of the sports centre.

6. Correspondence

Noted

7. Notice of Motion

None

8. A.O.B

It was agreed that the Roads Programme workshop will be scheduled before the next council meeting on 11th March 2019.

Cllr. D. Geoghegan asked if copies of the register of electors will be available for the councillors.

H. Dunphy confirmed that copies of the register of electors for each electoral area will be circulated to the members. Also outlined that anyone seeking to be added to the register after completion of the live register will need to make an application to be included on the supplementary register of electors. Application to the supplementary register needs to be made by submitting an RFA2 or RFA3 form.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated: _____