

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

**HELD ON 11TH March, 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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Damian Geogeghan

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
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Ned Phelan
Eddie Collins
Robbie Dunford
Michael Geary

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Brideview Drama Group for qualification to the All-Ireland Drama Festival.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 11th February 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Pratt asked for update on dog fouling bins in Tallow and asked what the planned remediation works are for Cappoquin in relation to the recent subsidence.
Cllr. Nugent asked for update on mattress amnesty day from January meeting.
Cllr. Doocey asked for update on the Knockanore/Turin road and stated that a barrier is needed on the V road junction at Cappoquin/Lismore.

G. Hynes, SE stated that dog fouling is the responsibility of dog owners. Regarding the subsidence at Cappoquin the retaining wall repairs is the responsibility of the landowner and the council have met with the landowner and outlined requirements.

R. Moloney, SEO confirmed that additional dog fouling signage and stencils have been put in place on the Tallow Link Road and stated that there is currently no indication yet as to availability of the mattress amnesty scheme.

G. Hynes, SE stated that undermining of road out to Knockanore/Turin has been reviewed, some immediate works are due to be carried out and need to liaise with Fisheries regarding long term plan. Funding for the V road has been included under the Roads Work Programme.

3. PLANNING

Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Pratt outlined that he was approached by a number of tidy towns groups in his area requesting councillors not to use campaign posters in the upcoming Local Elections. Cllr. Tobin supported the proposal and added that it should be applied to the European campaign also. Cllr. Whelan outlined that it is difficult to progress this proposal as no alternative is in place. Other councillors supported the non-use of posters and Cllr. Nugent outlined that it is difficult when all parties don't agree on the approach.

Cllr. Whelan enquired if the council would consider not spraying on the roads and manage without pesticides. Also asked what the general policy was in relation to tree maintenance and highlighted the need to inform the public about planned works.

Cllr. Doocey outlined that the residents in Seapark were disappointed that they weren't informed of the removal of trees in the area.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined that some roadside areas need to be sprayed.

Cllr. Cronin asked when trees are removed if they can be replaced with appropriate species.

R. Moloney, SEO highlighted that the Environment SPC reviewed the legislation with regard to the upcoming elections and it was determined that it is not possible for the council to ban the use of election posters. The use of the elections posters is permitted under the Litter Pollution Act and the council therefore cannot enforce a ban as it would go against primary legislation that allows for it. In relation to spraying the council aims to minimise the use of spraying in urban areas. He outlined that the council doesn't have a written policy in relation to tree policy but does utilise in-house guidelines to determine when trees are to be removed. The adoption of a policy will be discussed with the Environment SPC. With regard to the trees removed in Seapark numerous complaints had been received from residents in relation to the damage they were causing to the footpaths and will look at future consultation with communities where trees are to be removed. He confirmed that the council has a tree planting programme and endeavour to plant 60 trees in Dungarvan area, it is planned to plant new trees in the green area in Seapark. The council also supports National Spring Clean Day and distributes 300 trees to community groups in conjunction with the Tree Council of Ireland.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that spraying is also limited in rural areas, policy is only to spray where it is necessary.

(b) Roads

Cllr. O'Donnell raised issue regarding people using the Youghal Road by the Amber station for long term parking and suggested the extension of the parking charges to this area. Requested a right hand turning lane at Kiely's cross.

Cllr. Cronin outlined that the request for right hand turning junction was previously raised at Transportation Infrastructure Ireland (TII) meeting. Highlighted that there are potholes on road up to Tourwell and also at Strandside and requested they are addressed.

Cllr. Doocey complimented design and completion of N72 flood alleviation works by Tallow Bridge.

Cllr. Whelan outlined that there were bus stops on the Pike and by the Seanachai and asked if these could be reinstated. The new diversion route of the Local Link bus has been very successful and is hopeful the new route will be kept once works are completed. Stated that there issues in Railway Gardens in Lismore as it is not taken in charge and queried if they are considered an unfinished housing estate, there are issues with hoarding and lighting.

Cllr. Nugent outlined that a pedestrian crossing is required on Collins Road by Dungarvan College. Asked for an update on Ballylemon Cross as there have been additional accidents at the location. Issues with potholes on Cauty road and in Kilnafrehan.

Cllr. Pratt welcomed CLAR funding for the area and positive impact on communities. Highlighted issue with Tournore Park and need for traffic calming measures.

G. Hynes, SE stated that any change to the parking byelaws in is a matter for the district meeting. The extension of the byelaws out Rice's Street would impact on the people who are using the location for parking in order to carpool and could result in people parking in surrounding housing estates. A solution to deal with the cars continuously parked there for advertising purposes will need to be reviewed.

Cllr. Whelan outlined that the causeway parking isn't being used as a result of it being metered.

Cllr. Tobin asked for this issue to be deferred as the members do not have full information to enable a decision to be made.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that there is no consideration for the members at this meeting. A full process with public consultation needs to be undertaken in order for the Byelaws to be amended and the commencement of this needs to be agreed by the members.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that Kiely's Cross is included under a low cost safety scheme and the council are currently looking at measures to increase site lines and will revert back with full details. He confirmed that the TII stated that there is not a sufficient volume of traffic to justify a right hand turn lane at the location. The N72 pavement and drainage works at the Cork boundary were funded by the TII and will proceed along next stages of the N72 at Cappagh. The Ballylemon feasibility report is currently being prepared and expects will be ready in April for consideration, works are subject to TII funding and in the TII Minor Programme Scheme. Cllr. Cronin supported Cllr. Nugent in his concerns with the Ballylemon. The issue with Railway Gardens is a matter for planning and roads have no role to play.

J. McGrath, SEE confirmed that potholes will be reviewed, will talk to Local Link team regarding the route. Will review Collins Road and Tournore Park. Highlighted that 30kph speed limit signs have been erected in housing estates and this needs to be adhered to. Will write to the NTA regarding the bus stops. Confirmed that work on the footpaths in Seapark have commenced.

G. Hynes, SE confirmed that changes to the Parking Byelaws are reserved function with a consultation process as was undertaken in 2018. Advice is to not additional changes in such a short timeframe.

Cllr. Doocey supported issue of Ballylemon and outlined his concern with the delays.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Whelan asked if there is SEAI funding for Childers Estate and Congress Villas, for an update on the Shandon Co-operative issue and enquired if the houses in Highfield have been fully allocated.

Cllr. Doocey enquired about private applications for external insulation, there seems to be variances in what is eligible. This was supported by Cllr. Pratt.

Cllr. Pratt asked if an application has been made to the Better Communities funding. Asked for an update on houses on Ballinroad.

D. Lyons, A/AO stated that they currently identifying schemes across the county with a strategy to send a completed application to the Department. Historically have sought funding under Better Communities Scheme for both council and private stock, were unsuccessful in 2018 and will be making an application this year. Hopeful that resolution is being reached in relation to the Shandon Co-op and activity will recommence on site. Highfield scheme has been very successful and concluded allocations, expect estate management team to set up residents group shortly. Will revert with details on grants and circulate to councillors. Received tenders in relation to Ballinroad and it is with the Department for review, hopeful for commencement in Q2.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Tobin enquired if the developer with plans for wind turbines in Knockanore, West Waterford have been in contact with the council in relation to their application. Stated that local residents are receiving letters about the development.

Cllr. Whelan asked what can be done in relation to the hoarding in Railway Gardens, Lismore and enquired if companies need permission for the erection of transmitter boxes appearing on poles.

J. O'Mahony, SP stated that under legislation the applicant carries out public consultation, they will make an application directly to An Bord Pleanála and until such time that they make the application the planning authority will not be formally informed. With regard to Railway Gardens it is not an unfinished estate, there is no planning permission on the open space area. He will have an inspection carried out to review the

hoarding and check the permission. He confirmed that the developer is responsible for the issues outlined works and planning will review.

K. Kehoe, DoS stated that permission is required for the erection of items on an existing pole and requested details of location to be submitted by Cllr. Whelan.

5. Roads Works Programme

Cllr. Tobin proposed the adoption of the Roads Programme and it was seconded by Cllr. Nugent and welcomed the increase of €450,000 in the budget.

Cllr. Pratt outlined his disappointment in lack of allocation of funding for the upgrading of footpaths, this was supported by Cllr. Tobin.

G. Hynes, SE acknowledges the increase in funding to assist with additional road improvements. Outlined that the capital programme dealt with at the plenary meeting is where the issue of a specific budget for footpaths needs to be addressed.

All councillors supported the roads work programme.

Cllr. Cronin thanked all staff involved and asked how additional funding is applied for.

G. Hynes, SE stated that extra allocation received in 2018 was due to extreme weather events, they are continually looking for additional sources of funding.

6. Section 38 Roads Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Lismore/Ballyrafter – Commencement of Process

G. Hynes, SE outlined details of proposed traffic calming for the Lismore/ Ballyrafter area. The scheme is due to be published and submissions taken, will revert to council once process completed.

Proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed by all.

7. Correspondence

Noted

8. Notice of Motion

None

9. A.O.B

Cllr. Whelan requested a calendar is put up on council website to show grant schemes provided by the council over the course of the year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated: _____