

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

**HELD ON 13th May, 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
DUNGARVAN at 11.00am.**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. G. Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Mr. J. McGrath, Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. H. O'Brien, Executive Planner
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. D. Lyons, A/Administrative 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
- Maggie Treacy

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends a vote of congratulations to:
- Waterford Lady Footballers
- Brideview Drama on finishing third in the All Irelands

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 8th April 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Cronin thanked Cllr. Doocey and Cllr. Pratt for not putting up election posters as agreed at last meeting in support of Tidy Town requests.
Cllr. Whelan noted that Sinn Fein have honoured any requests from Tidy Towns committees.

3. PLANNING LISTS

Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Nugent informed the meeting that the tennis club have a grant for resurfacing the club and requested an update on the foreshore licence.

Cllr. Whelan enquired if the environment section is working with the West Water Eco Group and informed the meeting that they have an upcoming talk in the Park Hotel. Stated that private bin companies are now charging by weight which is causing additional costs to homeowners.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if the local authority will have the authority to check if the weighing mechanisms on waste collection trucks are accurate.

Cllr. Nugent enquired if there is a bye-law in place to prevent animals on beaches at certain times, concerned about sulky racing on beaches.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that the environment section is aware of the West Waterford Eco Group and will work with them. He confirmed that 'pay by weight' has been introduced, the council have monitored providers to ensure they have the appropriate equipment in place. The council does not have a role in checking the scales, this lies with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that the Property Management section are liaising with the tennis club in Dungarvan to progress the issues. He advised that the Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment signed a lease agreement with Waterford City & County Council, he will write to Minister Bruton requesting a copy of the lease.

Cllr. O'Donnell enquired when the public toilets in Clonea will be open and asked for an update on the provision of a public toilet in Dungarvan town.

Cllr. Cronin agrees with Cllr O'Donnell in the provision of public toilets and the opening of the facilities in the locality. He outlined that at a recent beach clean in Ardmore he noticed that the majority of rubbish collected was plastic bottles and highlighted that the occurrence of dog fouling on the beach was very prevalent. He requested additional signage in Ardmore and Ballyquin with the provision of dog fouling bags in Ballyquin. He recommended the erection of camera's in the area.

Cllr. Doocey raised issue of provision of public toilets and water fountain between Dungarvan and Durrow.

Cllr. Nugent agreed with the need for public toilets and requested additional signage to illustrate to people how to use the Greenway.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that the byelaws for animals referred to are for the control of dogs on beaches which is monitored by council and Gardaí within the bathing season. The opening of public toilets is the responsibility of water services and he will relay the councillor's questions to the section for addressing. He will review the provision of additional signage and dog fouling bags on beaches. He informed the members that water points are due to be installed along the Greenway such as Abbeyside, Kilmacthomas, Bilberry and Ballylynch.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Pratt highlighted ongoing issues on the Kilbree Road with regard to erosion of the road, unsightly railings in place and the need to progress the works.

Cllr. Tobin supports Cllr. Pratt in relation to the Kilbree Road and requested replacement of broken road mirror on the top of Gallows Hill in Tallow. Acknowledged and welcomed the commencement of work by the hurling field in Tallow.

Cllr. Cronin highlighted a number of potholes for addressing in Coolbagh and Canty. He thanked the council for the work carried out by the school in Kinsalebeg and the addressing of safety issues at Ballycurrane. He requested an update on the Clár programme.

G. Hynes, SE stated that a meeting has been arranged to agree a scope of works at Kilbree Road and work will commence thereafter to progress it. There is a programme in place for the patching units for addressing potholes and the ongoing maintenance is carried out on a phased basis. Submissions for 15 new Clár schemes have been made and currently waiting on feedback on the applications. Confirmed that the policy is to maintain existing mirrors, the mirror on Gallows Hill will be replaced but the council will not be installing new ones. He outlined that the low cost safety scheme is utilised for improvements to the district

J. Harty, SEE outlined that it is important that landowners assist in hedge cutting to ensure visibility on roads.

Cllr. Doocey supported members in addressing issue at Kilbree and asked for works to be progressed and requested traffic calming measures by the hurling field in Tallow.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined that the byelaws on the causeway are causing problems and requested that the byelaws are amended to enable cars to park at the location.

Cllr. Nugent agrees that the Clár programme has been good in addressing safety measures. Highlighted access issue to Murphy Place due to increase in cars parking in the locality and requested a review of the

area. Requested that hedgerows on mini greenway from lighthouse to Clonea are cleared to improve access. Requested that the Gold coast road is resurfaced.

G. Hynes, SE stated that there is controlled traffic calming in place in Tallow with pedestrian crossing and a 50kph speed limit, funding for additional works is currently not available. New byelaws recently introduced for the Causeway whereby a statutory process was followed, it is not planned to change the current set up but will keep the issue under review. Stated that traffic management measures as approved by council were put in place at Murphy's place, the area can be monitored and reviewed going forward. Confirmed that road from lighthouse to Clonea will be reviewed and cut back as necessary.

K. Kehoe, DoS stated that technical assessments are carried out on areas to determine the best solution, changes arise over time and areas will be monitored and reviewed as required.

Cllr. Whelan asked for update on proposed works at Ballyrafter and asked for residents to be consulted. Requested update on illegal settlement by Dominos. Highlighted that Abbeyside residents and businesses are experiencing problems as a result of Greenway, need to review solutions for parking for residents. Residents in Sexton Street requested residential parking signage.

Cllr. Cronin supported Cllr. Whelan regarding parking issue in Abbeyside. Concern raised over safety of the right turn off the N25 for Glenmore and asked for it to be reviewed. Highlighted that the sightlines are compromised due to overgrowth at Glenmore junction onto the N25 and need to be addressed.

Cllr O'Donnell requested traffic calming on the road to Helvick.

Cllr. Pratt requested update in relation to works in Woodview Park, footpaths from Chapel Street to Square and by fire station in Tallow, update on works at Tournore Park and update on public lighting on main road to Padre Pio.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that traffic calming for Ballyrafter will be dealt with under Item 5 on the agenda. Residential parking in Abbeyside has been discussed previously. Junction at top of the sweep has been discussed with TII and their recommendation is to close off the junction entirely, the council will deal with the sightlines issues. Work at Woodview Park is progressing and footpaths will be completed in coming months. Currently no approval for additional public lighting to Padre Pio.

J. McGrath, SEE stated that works in Tallow are progressing, currently finalising funding for Tournore Park and will proceed in coming weeks.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Tobin requested update on waiting list and number of applicants under Category 3 on the disabled person's grants, noting the difficulties and long waiting list for these grants.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked for social houses to be provided for Old Parish.

Cllr. Whelan asked for update on options for improvements to doors and windows in Childers estate. Enquired if there can be a mechanism for informing applicants on the CBL scheme of the outcome of the application. Noted that there is a long waiting list for disability grants for housing adaptation.

Cllr. Pratt asked for update on official opening of the Alms housing.

D. Lyons, A/AO stated that there is prioritisation at the various grant levels, he accepts the issues outlined with Category 3. There is a review due of the council's disability strategy and the associated allocation of funding to the various categories. Proposed houses in Old Parish need to be discussed with DoS. Currently reviewing requirements and options for Childers estate and other LA estates with the view of submitting to a national scheme for funding. CBL scheme is a very important scheme for housing – the software for the scheme doesn't allow for unsuccessful people to be informed and there is a time limit for the successful person to be notified due to the process that needs to be followed for review of each application. Will look at reviewing commentary on the website to outline the process to applicants. There will be an official opening of the Alms Houses, no date confirmed.

Cllr. Tobin asked about intention of a playground for Ballinroad and inclusion of new equipment for children with special needs.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that playgrounds are community driven and the council manage for operation and maintenance. He is not aware of the development of a playground in Ballinroad. Currently adding some accessible equipment in the Linear Park.

Cllr. Nugent asked if the Ballinroad application includes road safety measures

Cllr. Cronin stated that it was proposed that footpath would be from housing estate to the roundabout and also ongoing negotiations with property owners on this to accommodate this footpath.

G. Hynes, SE stated that the footpath is not planned to the roundabout. Church to Ballinroad cross

D. Lyons A/AO stated that Ballinroad scheme does include some safety measures and footpaths. It does not currently include a footpath from the church to Ballinroad cross.

K. Kehoe, DoS will follow up on the Ballinroad issue for members

(d) Planning

Cllr. Tobin requested an update regarding illegal wind turbine in Ballyduff and asked if an application has been made in relation to the proposed new wind farm in Knockanore.

Cllr. Whelan asked if there are guidelines on solar farms and planning issue regarding this.

H. O'Brien, EP confirmed that no response received back from ABP regarding cases outlined. No guidelines produced nationally in relation to solar farms, a decision is made on application and visual impact would be considered as part of the application.

(e) Culture

Noted

5. Section 38 Roads Act 1994 Traffic Calming Lismore/Ballyrafter – Completion of the Process

G. Hynes, SE outlined the details of the scheme and informed members that there were 6 submissions received, he recommended that the proposed scheme as presented is approved.

Proposed by Cllr Doocey and seconded by Cllr O'Donnell.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Notice of Motion

None

8. A.O.B

Cllr. Pratt thanked all councillors and staff for their support during his term as Cathaoirleach. He wished all councillors the best of luck in upcoming elections.

All councillors acknowledged their thanks to Cllr. Pratt in his role as chair.

K. Kehoe, DoS thanked Cathaoirleach for his chairing of the meetings and wished all councillors and wished well in upcoming elections. Thanked executive, press and all staff.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated: _____