

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

**HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2020, 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
Cllr. Pat Nugent

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. G. Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Dermot Bolger
- Dick Doocey
- Pat Murphy
- Garda Colm Horkan
- Bertie Nugent

A minutes silence was held

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 9th March 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Pratt seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

None

3. PLANNING LISTS

- (a) Planning Lists – noted
- (b) Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Scheme at Crotty's Corner, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford– Completion of Process.
Proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all
- (c) Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Scheme at Knockanore, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford – Completion of Process.
Proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed by all.

- (d) Taking In Charge of Housing Estates/Roads- Road at Boherboy, Grange, Co. Waterford.
Proposed by Cllr. Phelan, seconded by Cllr. O'Donnell and agreed by all.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Phelan noted his disappointment with the increase in illegal dumping over lock down and asked if car registrations details could be put on takeaway packaging, requested that number and location of bins on The Quay are reviewed and noted that rubbish is being blown out of the bins at the top of the Sweep. Requested update on the felling of trees on the bypass road and long term plans for development of coastal path along the Youghal road. Cllr. D. McGuinness commended work carried out by contractors on the walkway to White Strand, raised issue in relation to problem of horse fouling, suggested extending use of beach wheelchairs to Clonea and asked if options of nontoxic weed killer could be used by contractors.

Cllr. Pratt congratulated work on new coastal walkway in Abbey side which he officially opened, commended Blackwater Community College who received their first schools green flag.

Cllr. Tobin outlined that there is a large amount of litter in drains which causes blockages and needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Cronin requested update on when groups can get involved in beach cleaning and if seasonal litter pickers will be in place this summer.

Cllr. Geoghegan raised issue of weeds growing in suburbs and housing estates asking for them to be addressed, noted increase in illegal dumping on Shandon Road resulting in rubbish going into the Colligan river.

R. Moloney, SEO acknowledged increase in dumping over last number of months and will investigate option for details to be put on takeaway packaging. He outlined that there is a good supply of bins in Dungarvan, they are located in the highest footfall parts of the commercial areas, noting that funding has been received to install additional compacter bins which have greater capacity. Felling of trees is due to take place on the N25 where a tree survey recommended removal of a number of trees adjacent to Lisfennel Close, this work was delayed due to Covid 19 and is scheduled for the autumn. Will need to review the locations of the horse fouling to address issue, beach wheelchair is currently on trial in Tramore and success is down to the management of the service. He informed the members that the council has signed up to the All Ireland Pollinator Plan which involves trailing of plant based weed killer. Currently no update on recruitment of litter pickers for the beaches but outlined that the an Taisce Spring clean ups have been reactivated so groups can undertake these once social distancing rules are adhered to. Council was prohibited from addressing weeds in housing estates during lockdown so there is currently a backlog of work that will be scheduled. Aware of illegal dumping in the Shandon Area and working on solution to address the issue.

Cllr. Pratt asked if it is more difficult to get CCTV into areas to address issues of illegal dumping.

K. Kehoe, DoS stated that it has become more difficult due to data protection issues, need to undertake appropriate assessments and received approval in order to get permission.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Nugent commended work in Grattan Square and noted there is an issue with the water pressure in the Cois Mara apartments that is causing flooding.

Cllr. Pratt commended the efficiency in the completion of the works in Grattan Square, noted works on boundary wall in Cappoquin is underway and requested cleaning of the drains in Tallow, asked for update on footpaths in Tallow and when road sweepers will be back in use.

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested update on resurfacing of R674, commencement of works at Lisfennel Close, requested update on preparation of application for footpaths and pedestrian crossing in Clashmore. Noted that in relation to Grattan Square questions need to be asked in relation to the design and suitability of materials used. He asked if issues have been raised in relation to the parking of cars and space allowed for the driver testing area and highlighted that traffic management and speed is an issue for residents in Marquis Drive and raised issue with crane in Helvic.

Cllr. Phelan enquired if the district roads programme will be delivered and if funding will remain the same as a result of the pandemic. He noted that the work on Grattan Square was completed ahead of schedule with major improvements to the area, he would like to see parking and walkways highlighted more clearly. He noted that the 5 axle ban needs to be enforced, requesting additional signage to be put in place and discussions regarding an enforcement campaign with the Gardaí to be considered. Requested an audit of footpaths to be undertaken and to see if additional funding can be sourced from the Department for expansion of footpaths in Ballinroad to include access to school.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if works at Tallow Bridge will be progressed and when LIS will be finalised.

Cllr. O'Donnell welcomed improvements in Grattan Square but concerned about the removal of parking spaces from the area.

Cllr. Geoghegan supported Cllr. D.McGuinness in relation to the driving text centre parking spaces being relocated and associated problems. Welcomed works on Grattan Square and reiterated the need to focus on other areas in the town that need to be addressed such as Davitt's Quay and outside of the Civic Offices. Noted that the condition of the road finish at Master McGraths is causing a problem.

G. Hynes, SE informed the members that there was an issue with the final surface finish at Master McGraths and repairs are due to be carried out shortly. Had discussion with RSA and they are satisfied with the current arrangements for the parking spaces. Acknowledged comments in relation to Grattan Square and will refer issue on water pressure to water services, the road works programme schedule has been revised and is on course to be completed as approved as long as there are no further restrictions. Speed survey in Marquis Drive has been carried out, excessive speeds need to be brought to the attention of the Gardaí. He noted difficulty in management of additional crane in Helvic, would need local group to take charge of the crane and if forthcoming could be considered. Outlined that need to complete first part of the Ballinroad footpath completed and noted that while section from Ballinroad to Garranbane would be worthwhile there would be significant cost and could be considered in the medium to long term plan for the area. He confirmed that the funding for Tallow Bridge has been approved is scheduled to be completed this year. Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) currently being finalised and will revert with details along with CIS. Clashmore CLÁR funding needed for pedestrian crossing at school in Clashmore, currently being considered.

Cllr. Cronin requested that footpath from GAA site towards pitch in Ardmore is completed and outlined that lighting in Clashmore needs to be extended. Requested details on commencement of tarmac of Cliff Road in Ardmore.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted that Ballinroad Road is ideal location for traffic speed camera and asked for this to be reviewed.

K. Kehoe, DoS current agreed proposal includes the removal of a maximum of 23 spaces to accommodate outdoor seating but expects it will be less once finalised. He informed the members that the council has consulted with Dungarvan Management group, businesses and councillors in relation to the proposals. There are premises that will not open if they adhere to the current restrictions and it is incumbent on council to assist these businesses and the proposal will be an attractive addition to the area. He noted that Davitt's Quay want additional seating and the provision of a seated area is being done as a section 254 licence under the Planning and Development Act.

Cllr. O'Donnell noted his objections to the removal of car parking spaces.

Cllr. Pratt welcomes the initiative noting the positive improvement for the town.

Cllr. Geoghegan outlined that all members informed and welcomes the development.

Cllr. Phelan outlined that while the normal time for consultation wasn't possible that the proposal is balanced and targeted and thanked the District Manager for the meetings and consultation that was undertaken.

Cllr. D. McGuinness noted that consultation was restricted due to the situation but members had opportunity at several different fora to input into the proposal, essential that provisions for businesses are put in place to assist the economy in its recovery.

Cllr. Cronin enquired as to when the coastal repair works, pier in Helvic and Youghal bridge works will commence.

K. Kehoe, DoS outlined that the existing traffic movement in Grattan Square remains the same, the number of parking spaces to be removed has been reduced on the basis of consultation with the local businesses. He

noted that the furniture is being supplied by local contractor who has pride in the quality of what is being produced for the location. There is a grant available to businesses to assist with costs.

G. Hynes, SE informed the members that the council are in talks with google maps and the Gardaí in relation to the 5 axel ban, noted that the surface outside of the Civic Offices will be completed this year. The road to the Cliff House will have contractor in place shortly, funding of €200, 000 has been approved Helvic.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Geoghegan requested update in relation to wall at Silversprings, noted issue with house that has been turned into a compound and causing issues for residents and needs to be addressed.

Cllr. D.McGuinness estate in Ballinroad where 21 new houses available and estate looks well and asked for update on allocations process and when people might expect to get notice requesting that those that are not successful are informed. Barriers at entrances to Highfield Estate are not sufficient onto a main road and need to be addressed. Childers estate issue with chimneys and water egress and asked for update on funding to carry out repairs. House in Childers estate where caravan parked for nearly 2 years and causing an obstruction on footpath and needs to be addressed. An Leacan Beag estate in Baile na nGall issue with windows and doors that hasn't been addressed.

Cllr. Phelan concern regarding Na Fearnoga estate in Ballinroad and need to have a number of these houses allocated to people with linkages to the area.

Cllr. Cronin noted the unauthorised site in the Burgery area that needs to be addressed and the laws need to be enforced.

Cllr. O'Donnell enquired if there are two housing estates being asked if 2 housing estates being taken over in An Rinn.

Cllr. Pratt enquired as to when houses in Railway Gardens in Lismore will be completed and noted that site has been accessed by children in the area and is dangerous. Asked if allocations and adaptation grants recommenced. He asked for update on completion of windows in the Alms houses in Tallow.

I.Grimes, DoS reconfirmed his commitment to construction at wall at Silverspring which was delayed due to Covid 19, works due to recommence shortly, also will review barriers. Assured members that that the housing section is aware of the issue in relation to illegal encampments and is being investigated. Allocations for Ballinroad will be on Choice Based Letting and while the system cannot notify unsuccessful applicants housing are looking for options of adding details to the council website. Will follow up on caravan in Childers estate, housing maintenance to check on inspections. Railways gardens scheduled for completion and will ensure site is secure, grants are also recommencing.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Tobin asked if council has been contacted in relation to the proposed wind farm in Knockanore.

Cllr. D.McGuinness survey work during restrictions in Kilbrien area and if any meetings in relation to this, requested update on taking in charge of An Leacain and Fáinne Na Farraige in An Rinn. A number of issues remain outstanding before the estate can be taken in charge.

K. Kehoe, DoS will arrange for Donal Ó Murchadha to attend the next council meeting with an update on taking in charge. He confirmed that no wind application received as per Cllr. Tobin.

(e) Economic Development

R. Walsh, SE outlined details in relation to the Restart Grant and encouraged small businesses to apply with a closing date of the 30th August and provides critical finance for small businesses. Business Continuity vouchers to the value of €1.3m approved under this scheme. Large demand for trading online vouchers and additional allocation provided by the Department. A number of rural development schemes opening up for applications.

Cllr. Pratt enquired if there is assistance for mentoring.

Cllr. Phelan commended work done by LEO and asked about take up of section 254 licences and could town and village renewal scheme be looked at for additional works and more consultation.

Cllr. D. McGuinness echoed work of LEO and need for additional broader supports and asked for update on €1.2m application for rural regeneration plan for Cappoquin.
Cllr. Nugent ask for feasibility study for sports complex and swimming pool for Dungarvan to be undertaken.

R. Walsh, SEO outlined that Cappoquin application was ineligible under current scheme but hoped that there will be other schemes coming on stream. Currently 6 applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for Dungarvan for 2020 and expects take up of section 254 licences to increase.

Cllr. Pratt supports Cllr. Nugent need for capital programme for Dungarvan.

K. Kehoe, DoS intention to make application for Town and Village Renewal in order to develop Dungarvan and need to develop a number of projects for future funding schemes.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined the need for a public toilet for Dungarvan town, supported by Cllr. Pratt.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

7. A.O.B

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____