

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

**HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2020, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
DUNGARVAN at 2.30pm.**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Ms. C. Horan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. G. Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. J. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. H. O'Brien, Executive Planner
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Richard (Richie) Pratt
- Thomas Feeney
- James (Jimmy) Motherway

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged all those who have died from the Coronavirus.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 14th September 2020 proposed by Cllr. D. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Pratt requested update in relation to the filling of the vacancy in the outdoor gang in the Lismore area. Suspension of Standing Orders to take Item 4 on the agenda before Item 3 proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

5. PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

Presentation by Fiona Laffin from Social Prescribing outlining the work of the organisation.

Cllr. Pratt acknowledged work of the group and enquired as to where their funding comes from.

Cllr. D. McGuinness praised the work of the organisation and asked what resources group would be seeking locally.

Cllr. Nugent asked how many referrals from the county and breakdown in age groups of the referrals.

Fiona Laffin outlined that the salaries element is funded by Slainte Care, need to continuously source other funding streams or volunteers to assist to support in providing the wellness packs. LEADER Partnership have provided a space to work from for office space. To make service accessible there are clinic bases in Portlaoighaire, Dungarvan, Lismore, Cappoquin nothing that the library service have been supportive. There have been 69 referrals to date in county, youngest client 18 and eldest 92, average age group is 25 – 45. During lockdown noting increase in older people as a result of day care centres not remaining open.

Cllr. Cronin suggested presentation to full plenary council; hopes can secure funding going forward.
Cllr. Phelan asked for presentation to be circulated.

K. Kehoe, DoS thanked Ms. Laffin for presentation outlining benefit of the group linking in with the ‘Keep Well campaign’ and it’s roll out over the coming months as to the supports established networks on the ground can provide.

3. PLANNING LISTS

Noted

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Phelan commended presentation group, article in the Examiner paper for public planting in the area. Enquired if emoji’s promoting litter picking etc can be added to the planters in the town.

Cllr. Pratt enquired regarding the provision of dog fouling bins in specific areas such as the Link Road in Tallow and Ballysaggart.

Cllr. Geoghegan enquired about Christmas lights in Lismore, Tallow and Cappoquin where voluntary committees are in place requesting that we look at increasing funding to these groups this year as they haven’t been able to fund raise this year. It is important that these groups are supported so that areas are lit up for the festive season. This was supported by Cllr. Doocey.

Cllr. Tobin supported Cllr. Geoghegan’ s proposal, noted littering of beer cans at the top of Tallow Hill and acknowledged the Tidy Towns group for cleaning it up and thanked the environment section for addressing illegal dumping in Knockanore.

Cllr. Pratt involved in application process for funding of Christmas lights and outlined the difficulty for groups in accessing funding stating that there are hidden costs in putting up and taking down of lights.

Cllr. D. McGuinness proposed that a section is included on the agenda to enable raising issues with the district manager. Asked for update on project in Cappoquin, confirmation on return of parking spaces in Grattan Square for Christmas. Requests from retailers that council consider free parking in Scanlon’s Yard leading up to Christmas.

K. Kehoe, DoS noted as members are aware that there is an application process for Christmas lights, acknowledged there is a challenge this year for local groups who have been unable to do fundraising and will bring back to economic development to see if additional supports can be sourced. Confirmed that received approval for project manager for Cappoquin Regeneration Programme and hopeful it will be in place by year-end. Looking at putting back in place a number of parking spaces in Grattan Square, some seating areas to remain as need to strike a balance for the needs of all businesses in the area. Noted that free parking doesn’t work well as it can mean that parking spaces can be taken up all day, outlined that there is generous free parking in Scanlon’s Yard and other locations across the town.

R. Moloney, SEO not aware of article in newspaper and convey thanks to staff, will follow up on emoji’s for Dungarvan. Noted that a lot of work in terms of signage and stencils in relation to dog fouling and encouraging owners to clean up, do not have resources to install dog bins and the associated emptying. Noted issue with littering and will follow up on all reported issues.

(b) Roads

Cllr. Pratt requested update on outdoor worker for Lismore area, update on lights out to Padre Pio in Cappoquin, installation of cats eyes on Youghal Road, schemes for improving sightlines at dangerous junctions, issue with viewing of oncoming traffic at top of Tallow Hill and option for traffic mirror to be installed and requesting painting of build out in West Street, flooding in Villierstown.

Cllr. Cronin congratulated all involved in delivery of Clár Programme to West Waterford, it is an important fund for small villages. Welcomed sightline improvements in Aglish and requested update on realignment at Kiely's Cross.

Cllr. Phelan thanking roads section for addressing potholes on road from Powers river to Ballinroad, welcomed Clár funding for the areas that were successful and noted a drawback of the funding for areas due to the categorisation and asked for configuration of roads at Garranbane to be reviewed particularly in relation to parking at the school. Suggested longer free parking in Scanlon's Yard and enquired if damaged sea wall at Abbeyside Church was reviewed. Enquired if scope for short-term parking on Bridge Street.

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested update regarding flooding at An Leacha Beag, number of complaints regarding footpaths on O'Connell Street, Sexton Street in Abbeyside opposite O'Connor's, St. Marys National School on Mitchell Street side where the surfaces are uneven. Barrier rail by footpath on Shandon Street and Kilrush roundabout, railing is forcing pedestrians onto road and needs to be reviewed. Issue regarding inadequate notice given in relation to the resurfacing works on roundabout on N25. Foggy evenings in Sean Phobal and Ardmore and suggested the need for cat eyes and reflector signage in more locations. Commend roads section regarding works on pedestrian crossing in An Rinn and enquired as to how long will it take to complete and what signage, traffic calming will be put in place. Street lighting on N25 at the Burgery and requested update on its provision. Dredging at Helvic, noted that no funding and no commitment for funding, Minister's office clarified that the application for funding of the survey work was deemed ineligible as the funding is only for works and not the planning and preparation of the works. Suggested that need to lobby the Minister to have the scheme changed.

Cllr. Nugent enquired if works in Clashmore as a result of Clár funding will be undertaken by contractors and noted that the work carried out on the Ballyhenny Bridge is to be commended. Outlined that the Health Centre in Clashmore not been used as a health centre anymore and asked if anything can be done to clean it up. Enquired if Cushcam will it be going CPO route or will there be a resolution with land owners. Requested update on commencement of works at Ballylemon Cross. Outlined that communication from Irish Water to individuals is very poor and needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Doocey noted trees cut on Clonmel Road by landowner outlining missed opportunity to cut trees around the Touraneena water works requesting this to be addressed. Requested letter to issue to doctor in Fourmilewater clinic to facilitate clinic in Mary's Cross, Ballmacarbery.

Cllr. Geoghegan requested update on Cushcam junction, completion date for work at Crotty's Corner, when Scanlon's Yard will be resurfaced and when meeting to review the Roads Works Programme for 2021 will be scheduled.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked for update on funding for work at pier at Helvic Head, suggested that a private developer should develop parking facility of 2-3 levels for Scanlon's Yard and outlined that public toilet facilities for Dungarvan town need to be addressed.

G. Hynes, SE outlined that there are limited resources and noted that removal of dog fouling is the responsibility of the dog owner. Process for the filling of the vacancy for Lismore has commenced, lighting N72 to Padre Pio needs to be discussed with TII in relation to their 2021 public lighting programme and the intention is to complete the cats eyes on the Youghal Road to Tallow over a phased basis and Cork County Council have confirmed to undertake their sections. Dangerous junction's allocation from department will come as part of Low Cost Safety scheme and will be dealt with as part of the 2021 Roads Work Programme. Will review issue of sightlines at top of Tallow Hill and noted that there is a liability issue with installation of mirrors and is not the correct approach for dealing with sightline issues. Painting of build out on West Street can be carried out. Patching unit will address issue of potholes on completion of the Villierstown drainage works and footpath repair works. Successful in getting three schemes under the Clár Programme, Clashmore to supplement current work outside GAA field, scheme for Knockanore. Low cost safety work completed in Aglish and resulted in significant improvements to the junction on the regional road. Ongoing discussions with land owners at Kiely's Cross, have agreement with the land owner and hopeful that works will commence in Q1 2021. Difficulty with Garranbane School is that the school is in the wrong location and now have a school with parking difficulties, no footpaths and traffic congestion, will work with school

to assist and implement solutions. Scanlon's Yard has 90 minute free parking which is ample time for shoppers and extending the time would only result in making those spaces unavailable, resurfacing works is in programme for 2021. Multi story carpark is a long-term solution that would require significant capital investment that would need a cost benefit analysis and may not justify the capital expenditure required. Work ongoing regarding footpath improvements at O'Connell Street, as part of Road Works Programme and capital programme investment will be prioritising footpaths over a phased basis. Contractor carrying out works on N25 had visual display signs up prior to the works commencing, mapaleter and leaflet drops carried out also. Accepts that An Rinn has an issue with fog, ideally all regional roads should have cats eyes and will implement over time subject to available resources. Preliminary discussions with TII regarding street lighting on N25 and needs further discussions. Dredging in Ring funded by Dept of Agriculture, Food and Marine and on annual basis submit application, funding restricted to structural works on piers, at the moment they are deeming funding request is not eligible, policy may change and will include as part of the application next year. Clár funding for Clashmore is supplement to current funding for additional works at the GAA. Stone work carried out at Ballyhenny Bridge was carried out by own staff and was a very successful job. Health centre in Clashmore is a matter for HSE to request works to be carried out to the front of the premises. Delayed discussions in relation to Cushcam, hope to reach agreement with landowner, however CPO is a 12 month process. Ballylemon junction currently going to tender for the complete scheme. There is a dedicated member's email/number for Irish Water to deal with issues, as the council are only contractors to Irish Water. Tree cutting is responsibility of land owners, Clonmel Road works were facilitated by the council with traffic calming assistance. Crotty's corner significant ducting works and kerbing this year and will complete raised table in 2021. Roads Work Programme 2021 will be dealt with once advised of grants by Department, hopeful to present at February district meeting. Toilets for Dungarvan needs inclusion under capital programme and resources to for ongoing maintenance costs. J. McGrath, SEE will review sea wall at Abbeyside, noted there is a bigger issue in Leacha Beag that needs to be reviewed. Railing at Shandon Street to be reviewed. Pedestrian crossing in Ring will have signage and kerbing from GAA field to form a platform area and will look at other works at the bend. K. Kehoe, DoS noted that will bring issue to attention of Water Services regarding Irish Water member support.

Cllr. Pratt asked for clarification as to if there is specific footpath funding for a footpath programme

K. Kehoe, DoS noted that there is a budget workshop and discussion regarding footpath funding will be discussed at this forum.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Pratt queried if the tenants of the social houses coming on stream in Railway Gardens are eligible to purchase the houses and what is the eligibility if it is a Part 8 house. Is there a minimum standard for council houses that are allocated.

Cllr. Cronin enquired why numbers are low with only 1 approval for the housing adaptation grant, 1 for housing mobility grant and 2 for housing for the elderly.

Cllr. Phelan requested if additional anti-social behaviour workshop with ASB team can be held. Enquired if all houses have been allocated in the An Faoige development in Ballinroad if road widening was approved before authorisation and what the finish of the road will be.

Cllr. D. McGuinness enquired if application for funding to carry out remediation and retrofitting has been submitted for Childers Estate. Enquired about the policy whereby people awaiting appointment for OT for adaption grant, a number of people have borrowed money to install stair lifts while waiting approval from council, asked for this to be looked at.

Cllr. Geoghegan illegal traveller encampment in Kilrush noting the situation is unacceptable, its adjacent to businesses whereby owner finding it difficult to get new tenants. Issue at Burgery also needs to be addressed.

Cllr. O'Donnell outlined issue with falling guttering on council houses and not been addressed, issues with inadequate heating provision in some houses that needs to be reviewed.

C.Horan, SEO, will check and revert in relation to Railway Gardens, confirmed there are minimum standards are in place for allocations. Numbers reported of the adaptation grants are related to the value of the work and will follow up on those mentioned. Will revert separately to Cllr Phelan on issues raised. Funding for retrofitting is low, awaiting full details from the Department. Aware of issue on Kilrush Estate

and working with the families to finding a housing solution and planning authority aware of the issue. There is an ongoing maintenance on council estates and report of issues through the normal complaints procedure.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Tobin noted that not happy that undertaking a Development Plan in current pandemic and need to have face to face meetings.

Cllr. Phelan agrees that face to face meetings are preferable and need to follow current guidelines in place. Enquired about date for turning on of new Christmas lights in Dungarvan, asked when will have details of the covered seating proposal for Dungarvan. Update on survey for the click and collect spaces and welcomes opening up of parking spaces in Grattan Square, suggested short-term parking at Bridge Street and suggested extended free parking time in Scanlon's Yard.

Cllr. D. McGuinness update on Taking in Charge for Fainne na Farrage in An Rinn and Railway Gardens in Lismore.

Cllr Cronin supported Cllr. Tobin in relation to the Development Plan.

H. O'Brien, EP will discuss with D'Ó Murchadha and revert with update on TIC and agrees with difficulties in conducting business on line noting there will be many opportunities to have discussions and dialogue.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

8. A.O.B

K. Kehoe, DoS noted that report on Christmas Lights in Dungarvan will be issued to members this week, contractor appointed and lights will be turned on early December. Allocation of €40,000 under town and village renewal scheme for outdoor seating covers is gone out to tender so will revert with details. Survey results outlined need for click and collect, can look at short term parking in Bridge Street. Initiative to look at uplifting and supporting local businesses whereby a local artist is running a shop and house front competition for people to decorate their windows. Asked people to support the County hurlers in the Munster final and fly the blue and white.

Cathaoirleach wished the Waterford Hurlers the best of luck in the Munster final.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated _____