

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

**HELD ON 10TH MAY 2021,
at 2.30pm with members on Zoom.**

PRESENT:

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

Roll call carried out by Meetings Administrator.

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. D. Quinn, Assistant Planner, Planning
Mr. R. Walsh, Head of Enterprise, LEO
Mr. D. Ó Murchadha, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning
Mr. M. Conway, Executive Architect
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Patrick Fitzgerald
- Commodore Joseph Deasy (Retd)
- Claire Liddane
- Austin Flynn
- Sr. Clement Murray
- Sonny (Cornelius) McNamara
- Very Rev. Robert Arthure AP
- Catherine Foley
- Nora May O'Neill
- Clare Mooney

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its congratulations to Paddy Mooney on the celebration of his centenary birthday.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 12th April 2021 proposed by Cllr. D. McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Phelan noted that taxi drivers have some concerns with changes to traffic flow on Bridge Street as relayed to roads section.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Economic Development

Cllr. Pratt requested meeting to look at funding mechanisms that are in place and to come together with communities and staff as to best approach to take in making applications.

Cllr. Phelan noted 2 car parking spaces in Grattan Square that have been taken over outdoor dining which is not due to be in place until 7th June requesting that they are left for parking until June. Requested workshop before next meeting to discuss plans for town centre and review parking etc.

Cllr. Geoghegan outlined need to prioritise the walkway at Quanns and need to seek funding for it.

Cllr. D. McGuinness supported Cllr. Geoghegan in relation to walkway at Quanns, need to also look at developing coastal walking route around Dungarvan. Support need for workshop to look at town centre as a whole.

R. Walsh, Head of LEO, suggested workshop can be organised with the councillors in the first instance to look at prioritisation of projects and funding mechanisms and can discuss issue of development of Quanns in workshop.

K. Kehoe, DoS, outlined that proposal brought to members at April meeting outlining plan for Dungarvan town and is continually being done in consultation with the members. Waterford and Cork City recognised as most progressive in development of outdoor dining. He noted that Dungarvan not closing any streets, maintaining carriageways, and only using minimum of parking spaces to maximise return for all businesses. International studies show that where you have people rather than cars business and retail business will improve. Noted issues raised and can have additional discussions with members as plans develop.

(b) Environment

Cllr. Phelan enquired as to who is responsible for maintenance of bottle banks and clothes banks as issues with overflowing in Ballinroad, enquired if council is participating in 'No Mow May' as part of the national pollinator plan. Noted new planting on Youghal road enquiring if sustainable planting can be carried out that does not have to be replaced every year. Update on solar compacting bins for Dungarvan and if student beach litter picking scheme could be extended to the town centre for the summer.

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested update on rat issue in Abbeyside, noted number of residents in An Rinn who undertake regular clean ups of the Cunnigar enquiring if environment department could co-ordinate with the residents in providing assistance with pick up the materials collected. When leaving grass verges grow out to encourage pollination as part of pollinator plan to ensure signage is put up.

Cllr. O'Donnell issue regarding bottle banks and inclusion of bank for cans in the GAA grounds in Old Parish.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted a number of housing estates in district with weeds growing at roadside enquiring when weed spraying is due to commence. Outlined that Clonea Beach needs litter bins in place all year round due to its popularity.

Cllr. Pratt outlined issue with Kereen water supply and requested Irish Water review and resolve.

R. Moloney, SEO, stated that bottle banks are responsibility of WCCC and will ensure regular inspections and will issue reminder to contractors regarding the cloth's banks. Council engaged with the 'Let Dandelions Be' programme and permitting certain areas to go uncut until mid-May. Always try to ensure that planting is perennial, on the Youghal Road the planting gets damaged due to the winter salting programme so needs replacing. Rodent issue at boardwalk in Abbeyside was dealt with after last meeting and measures put in place to deal with issue, bait boxes are still in place and will be monitored. Cunnigar clean up is part of the clean coast network and rubbish can be left at the bins along the Cunnigar for collection. Will review bring back in Old Parish. Have commenced the weed spraying programme, noting use of sustainable herbicide and will refer issue at Kereen to Senior Engineer in Water Services.

(c) Housing

Cllr. Cronin noted ongoing issue at the Burgery that is between Housing and Planning departments, issue with mobile homes on green area without planning permission and need to address and resolve and enquired if fire officer has been involved.

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested update on application to Department for construction of houses in Old Parish, what is proposed as regards access to the estate and possible impact on existing houses. Requested update on deep retrofitting of houses for the district. Enquired as to the number of empty council houses in the district and the state of readiness of the units. Outlined that the provision of emergency accommodation for those experiencing homelessness in Dungarvan is needed.

Cllr. Geoghegan concurs with Cllr. Cronin in relation to the Burgery noting ongoing issues at the location.

Cllr. Pratt enquired as to the process undertaken by housing bodies as to the allocation of houses and requested details on the over 55s on the housing list for the district.

Cllr. Phelan reference to four schemes in monthly report and enquired if more planned for the area, requested update on the footpath on widened road in Ballinroad.

C. Horan, SEO, noted issues raised regarding the Burger suggesting further discussion at upcoming ASB workshop. Will revert with update on houses in An Sean Phobal, deep retrofitted funding this year confirmed for 48 houses noting discussions are ongoing with Department. Aim to get project up and running in the first instance, there will be substantial future funding and will be back to members when confirmed. Will revert with figure of vacant houses noting that the council is in top 5 local authorities for turnaround of vacant houses. Regional homeless office located in the city and provides a high-quality service as it is a centre of excellence, initial assessment happens by skilled local team, and they are emergency units in Dungarvan that are used. Allocation from approved housing bodies come from the social housing list, will revert with details on the over 55s. Any new schemes need to be verified; negotiation ongoing with landowner regarding provision of footpath in Ballinroad.

(d) Planning

Cllr. Nugent noted details in relation to An Taisce's intention to appeal High Court decision for cheese plant factory as proposed by Glanbia. Proposing writing to An Taisce and Minister Ryan in relation to this proposed action.

Cllr. Tobin supported and seconded Cllr. Nugent's proposal.

Unanimous support to Cllr. Nugent's proposal noting their disappointment that An Taisce have decided to bring to the Supreme court, it is an application that has had massive oversight and adjudication and is a strategy to delay a massive investment for the area and cannot see an environmental opposition to the development.

Cllr. Phelan noted issues of no communication from planning enforcement in relation to the Burgery and enquired if the Health and Safety risks and planning regulations have been adhered to.

Cllr. D. McGuinness requested update on taking in charge of Fainne na Farraige and Railway Gardens estates.

Cllr. Nugent thanked members for their support of his proposal regarding An Taisce as there is a risk that company could terminate the joint venture. Road in Ardmore to the coast guard n zoned area, number of houses where road not taken in charge.

Cllr. Pratt requested update on taken in charge of Waters Edge and Cruachán estates.

Cllr. Geoghegan thanked planning for assistance with communication on taking in charge of An Cruachán estate and need to keep progressing the matter.

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that issues raised regarding the Burgery will be dealt with as part of the ASB workshop.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEE, outlined the developer for Fainne na Farraige has engaged a civil engineer and looking to bring to standard as soon as possible. Road's authority undertaking repair works in Railway Gardens and anxious to progress to a conclusion. Road in Ardmore is a matter for roads and residents and needs to go through statutory process for making of a public road and will need to undertake plebiscite process. There have been a number of engagements in relation to An Cruachán and Waters Edge, a residents

association needs to be established to co-ordinate the issues. Working with developer to meet obligations and at a point where can get a positive outcome for the residents.

Cllr. Tobin enquired about byelaws for prohibition for drinking on the streets and the need to control the situation and assist the publicans in coming weeks.

(e) Roads

Cllr. Cronin upgrading of Ballyneety Cross in Ardmore overgrown and needs to be cut back to improve the sightlines, steps in Ardmore closed by council on health and safety grounds and issue needs to be addressed so can re-open.

Cllr. O'Donnell noted a number of potholes on the cycle path on Youghal Road and cars parked on the footpath along with potholes in the Dungarvan North area.

Cllr. D. McGuinness raised issue around St. Mary's regarding the Mitchell Street entrance and Youghal roadside, representations from school and parents outlining that current road markings are not working, requesting plastic bollards to be installed and prevent parking. Noted double yellow lines not replaced at Childers estate entrance, enquired who has responsibility for maintenance of the alleyway from McCarthyville/Murphy's Place to Abbeyside. Noted footpath in An Rinn terminates incorrectly and footpath stones outside art centre in Dungarvan are loose and need addressing.

Cllr. Geoghegan highlighted issue of ponding at Kilnafrehan, noted need to communicate issues of closure of rights of way to the members so that when queries arise members can assist with the communications.

Cllr. Phelan announcement of funding from Minister of Environment and enquired if application can be made for solar compactor bins in Clonea, requested workshop to deal with the Square to deal with outdoor dining and short term parking. Requested two spaces in front of barbers to be left vacant until 7th June.

Cllr. Pratt enquired when work on footpath across from boat house in Cappoquin will commence and when outdoor area in Cappoquin will be ready and if there is more funding available for outdoor dining spaces. Enquired about details on the height restriction proposals for Dromana, acknowledged work carried out in Villierstown that is connecting the village better. Noted need for public to make submissions under Active Travel projects currently out on consultation.

Cllr. Nugent noted potholes at start of Canal Road and need to be addressed in Glenbeigh. Enquired when work will commence at Ballylemon and outlined need for lights in Cappoquin between Richmond House and industrial house.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined the steps in Ardmore closed on Health and safety grounds and will be reopened once issues addressed. Will address overgrowth at Ballyneety Cross, requested members raise issues of potholes with GSS directly. Will review issues raised in relation to Youghal road and Mitchell Street and double yellow lines can be replaced at Childers Estate, footpath outside Parnell Street and Merry's included in Capital programme. Advised that works in Scanlon's yard works due to commence this week, there will be some disruption as areas are closed in stages. No immediate works planned for the boat house in Cappoquin, Barron Street works to be moved on and development of outdoor space. Have applied for funding for Canal Street and in the interim will carry out short term repairs as need arises, awarded contract for Ballylemon Cross and will be 3-4 months in duration. Lights for Cappoquin is funding dependent and not planned for in current year. Currently looking at options for Dromana Bridge and will revert with design solution. Footpath at GAA field An Rinn can make site adjustments to address.

J. McGrath, SEE, will establish correct location with McCarthyville/Murphy's Place, applied for funding to Transportation Infrastructure Ireland for footpaths in Cappoquin and waiting on final approval to commence.

K. Kehoe, DoS will have workshop with members regarding The Square, noted that Main Street currently out for consultation and noted need to be conscious of all users. Reiterated that 2 car spaces do not impact significantly on business but were removed in anticipation of outdoor dining coming back into play. There are other options to support business to change spaces to click and collect and shorter stay areas. Will manage outdoor drinking with An Garda Siochana for outdoor dining for the summer.

Proposed by Cllr. Phelan, Seconded by Cllr. D. McGuinness and agreed by all that the 2 car parking spaces in front of barber shop revert to parking until 7th June. K. Kehoe, DoS stated there is a section 254 licence pending for this area.

4. SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME – Completion of the process

a) Maoil a' Chóirne, An Rinn

G. Hynes, SE, outlined proposal as circulated noting one submission recommending proceed as outlined in report.

Proposed by Cllr. D. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

b) College Road and Tower Hill Road, Ardmore

G. Hynes, SE outlined proposal noting no submissions and recommending proceed as outlined in report.

Proposed by Cllr. Cronin, seconded by Cllr. D. McGuinness and agreed by all.

c) Strandside Junction, Abbeyside, Dungarvan

G. Hynes, SE, outlined details as per report, 8 submissions received and recommending scheme as outlined in the report.

Proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. Phelan and agreed by all.

Cllr. D. McGuinness supported An Rinn development, noting where have entry gateway islands as traffic calming measure need to ensure that the signs are in the 3m carriageway. Commends Strandside proposal as put forward as it is a complex junction.

Cllr. Phelan welcomes proposal for An Rinn in improving safety for users, suggested opportunity to be taken to have additional pedestrian crossing from Strandside.

Cllr. Cronin welcomed Ardmore proposal.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted additional response in relation to the concerns raised required in relation to the Strandside junction, noted need to take cyclists off the footpath.

G. Hynes, SE, responded that minimum width of footpath is 1.8m and need to lose parking spaces, can consider additional pedestrian crossing as part of Active Travel, and will look at taking cyclists off footpath.

5. 2020 FOOTPATH PROGRAMME

Deferred to separate workshop, date to be arranged.

Extension of Standing Orders to conclude the business of the meeting proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

6. CAPPOQUIN REGENERATION

Presentation given by Elaine Brazil of Carron & Walsh and Morris Conway, Executive Architect, outlining the detail of the Cappoquin Regeneration Strategy.

All councillors commended the detail of the presentation and the proposed works for Cappoquin, noting the challenge of a small number of landlords owning majority of properties and how to encourage people to live in the village and need to rejuvenate areas. Enquired about the total quantum of units to be delivered and if properties not acquired will cause delay. Welcome biodiversity and loop walk, welcomed investment in the area and enquired if there will be an element of CPO of properties and noted need to keep members updated on progress. Requested copy of presentation to be circulated.

M. Conway, EA, outlined there has been a process of community engagement early last year with 120 people in attendance at a town meeting. Hope to have similar meetings and engagement with community when restrictions allow and will be back to members with Part 8 in July/August. There are a small amount of people who own majority of property and need to work with these owners about getting properties back into public ownership and use. There are a small number of families living on the Main Street and hope to increase this with the new developments. Quantum of residential anticipated to be 5 units but engaging through this process on how to get residences back into town centres and through engagements will result in larger quantum and it is hoped to get purchase by agreement.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion in the names of Cllrs. Thomas Phelan & John Pratt

"We propose that the relevant Council officials or unit, conduct and submit to the June District Meeting a comparative analysis of similar towns to Dungarvan (i.e. key towns in the Southern Regional Assembly catchment area, as defined in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy) to determine which of them do and which of them do not have a Council-provided public toilet facility in or near their town centres; and in relation to those that do, to report on the associated costs (to the extent that this information may be available), so that the Council can decide to resolve whether or not we want to be among the towns that do have public toilets and if so to make well-informed budgetary provision accordingly when the time comes."

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Proposed by Cllr. Phelan, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed by all.

9. A.O. B

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____