

**MINUTES  
COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH  
HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 in Civic Offices Chamber, Dungarvan**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. John O’Leary, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Liam Brazil
Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Ger Barron
Cllr. Declan Clune

Roll call carried out by meetings administrator.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Ivan Grimes, DoS Housing, Community & Emergency Services  
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, SE, Roads  
Ms. Maria Goff, A/SEE Roads  
Mr. Raymond Moloney, SEO, Environment.  
Mr. Hugh O’Brien, SEP, Planning  
Mr. Richie Walsh, Head of LEO  
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its sympathy to the families of the late Ann McGrath, Patricia Rockett, Kitty Walsh.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of District Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 proposed by Cllr. Brazil seconded by Cllr. Clune and agreed by all.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Clune requested update on use of kayaks on Ballyshunnock.  
R. Moloney, SEO, noted that issue has been referred to Irish Water and will revert with response when received.

**3. REPORTS**

**(a) Roads**

Cllr. Clune noted that Active Travel Measures as listed are a mixture of schemes for 2021 and 2022 requesting that in future reports they are listed per year and requested details on the schemes as listed. Requested update on timeline for the Carrick Road scheme, he noted that construction inflation will affect

budgets and if there is a risk of overspend. Enquired when the Low Cost Scheme on the L4026/R680 High Road junction with Carrick Road will be progressing and if the funding of €100k from TII will be adequate. He noted in the report that the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme included funding for upgrades at Boatstrand Pier enquiring if it is new works or repairs to the existing structure. He noted and welcomed the progress on the road works at Carroll's Cross.

Cllr. Brazil acknowledged all the work being currently undertaken in the district, requested updates on commencement of the works at Mahon Falls and Mahon Bridge and the traffic calming scheme in Lemybrien. Outlined issue of container that has been located on waste land in Knockmahon just outside of Bunmahon and need to have container removed, entrance has been erected and ditch removed without any permission.

Cllr. Power enquired about reduced allocation of €90k for LIS and asked about funding received for CIS.

Cllr. O'Leary complimented road engineers on all works, raised issue about roundabout in Kilmeaden off the R680 and issue of reoccurring accidents noting need for improved road markings on all approach roads.

Cllr. Power raised issue of the need to have Clár extended to allow other areas to apply for funding.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that the Kilmeaden road roundabout is managed under a PPE contract with the Celtic Road Group, the council has engaged with Transportation Infrastructure Ireland (TII) outlining the issues as raised by the members. He noted that the TII instructed the PPE company to carry out a detailed design and make changes to the roundabout, he highlighted the importance of having an up-to-date accident history as the TII check with An Garda Síochána on this and requested members to inform him of any accidents where the Gardaí are not called to the scene to ensure that TII have the full history. Many of the accidents are because of driver error, current proposals for changes include reduction of two lanes to one on the Dungarvan approach to the roundabout and reducing forward visibility on the roundabout which will result in lower speeds on the approach to the roundabout. There is currently no timeline on the works and will continue to raise with the TII.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired how addressing the roundabout can be progressed and if the councillors can assist in any way.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that he discusses the members concerns with the TII at their regular meetings and noted that informing roads of any unreported incidents is beneficial. He outlined that Clár areas are set by the Department and is based on population decline, it is a political and government policy issue. He noted that €92k received in LIS funding for 2022 and there was also an advance drawdown in 2021 of €240k so total allocation is €332k for current year, there are 2 schemes selected for the Comeragh district and will request additional funding if it comes available. There is an allocation of €600k for CIS which is subject to the scheme conditions and will be finalising schemes in coming weeks. Knockmahon is an issue for planning. He outlined that it will be a challenging year due to significant inflation issues, workload of contractors and council which may impact on the programme of works, currently in discussion with the Department regarding how to deal with overrun on costs due to these issues. Currently no definite timelines on delivery of the Active Travel Schemes and will keep members informed. Anticipates that Lemybrien project with commence in Q1/Q2 of 2023, Mahon Falls and Mahon Bridge need to be designed and go out to tender and hopeful commencement towards end of the year. Carroll's Cross works are progressing and anticipates works to be completed towards the end of June noting that delays set to increase when paving works are being carried out acknowledging the co-operation of the road users. Agreed to talk directly to councillor in relation to details on the Active Travel projects. He outlined that the Low Cost Safety Scheme for the High Road is currently out on public consultation with intention to be back to June meeting for approval, hopeful that the scheme will commence this year. Outlined that the NTA will approve additional costs in capital projects to cater for inflation costs.

M. Goff, A/SEE, outlined that works at Boatstrand are for a new low level storm wall, currently being designed and works being programmed for this year, works also include new public lighting.

Cathaoirleach welcomed works at the High Road junction which will result in safer motoring on the road.

**(b) Housing**

Cllr. Brazil requested update on the burnt our house in Stradbally, enquired if all the houses in Kilmacthomas are fully allocated and if adaptation grants for private houses and social houses are behind in being allocated. Outlined that the odour issue in Kilmacomma continues to be an issue and needs to be resolved.

Cllr. Barron commented that the new housing scheme in Kilmacthomas has been very successful enquiring if there will be an official opening. Noted that lighting on the link to the river walk in Kilmacthomas needs to be reviewed to make it safer for users.

Cllr. Power supported issue regarding Pinewood estate in Kilmacomma.

Cllr. Clune requested additional table in the housing report to outline the current waiting lists for 1/2 bed units as first choice and enquired as to why the new tenancies figures only reflected 11 units while 16 have been allocated in Kilmacthomas.

I.Grimes, DoS, agreed with proposal for official opening and will revert, still in discussions with insurance company in relation to property in Stradbally and will revert when have details. He outlined that the units in Kilmacthomas are fully allocated, the allocations in reports generally relate to when keys handed out and will check report properly reflects figures. Funding for private grants adequately funded noting never spend the full allocation as it is down to the level of demand. Funding for own stock is inadequate and have stated this at previous meetings and with Department of Housing, encouraged all members to put pressure on national elected members to have this increased. The issue in Pinewood Estate has been raised with engineers and are engaging with IW to determine the resolution. Will engage with appropriate sections to determine solution for lighting of the River Walkway and will review breakdown of allocations with the allocations and applications teams to see what way information can be presented.

Cllr. Power enquired if priority 2 and priority 3 applications will be reached upon.

I.Grimes, DoS, outlined that due to the level of funding received priority 1 are focused on in the first instance.

**(c) Environment**

Cllr. Clune enquired if the councillors CRMs are included in the CRM activity report, requested details on the bulky waste collection and drone purchase.

Cllr. Brazil outlined illegal dumping issue on the Carrick Road and when new CCTV can be purchased in line with new laws to allow their use.

Cllr. Power supported need to use CCTV to address illegal dumping.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired about the climate change adoption measures in the report and the funding for Coolfin in Portlaw.

R. Moloney, SEO, confirmed that the report on CRMs includes councillors CRMs also, the bulky waste days will be similar to the mattress amnesty and will include items such as sofas, currently working on process and mechanisms to carry it out. The council have used drones for several years to assist in identifying areas of illegal dumping, the grant provides for the purchase of a new drone to comply with new regulations. The laws to introduce use of CCTV have not been enacted yet and will install CCTV cameras once it is passed and will make application for funding once approved.

M. Goff, A/SEE, noted that the Climate Adaptation Grants are under the remit of roads, the Coolfin project includes the laying of new drainage pipes to address a flooding spot by the church which will divert overflow into the stream.

Cllr. Clune highlighted issue with continuing illegal dumping at Murphy's boreen in Portlaw requesting contact is made with Coillte to have barrier locked.

R. Moloney, SEO, confirmed that suggestion will be made to Coillte.

#### **(d) Economic Development**

Cllr. Brazil outlined allocation of €80k from Minister Humphries for reinstatement of Crough Wood enquiring who funding is to be allocated to and when works will commence, outlined need to get walkway from Mahon Falls to Mahon Bridge connected.

Cllr. Clune requested more detail on the commencement of the outdoor recreational scheme for Cleary's boreen in Portlaw and if works on the relocation of the Durrow playground can be carried out for use in the summer season.

Cllr. O'Leary welcomed works commencing on the Kilmeaden Village link to the Suir Valley railway station, will provide safe access for residents of Kilmeaden and Ballyduff.

R, Walsh, SEO, noted that the grant in respect of Crough Woods will be issued to Coillte and is part of a special recreational grant programme to upgrade walking trails on Coillte lands around the country, we are sharing responsibility on repairing Crough Woods and meeting with Coillte shortly to address, it will be later in the summer before completion and encouraging Coillte to come into partnership regrading provision of parking and access at Kilclooney Woods. Outlined that connection of Mahon Bridge to Mahon Falls is an ambition and strategic aim for the area. Will revert on timelines for Cleary's Boreen. Noted that need to go through a procurement process for the installation of the playground in Durrow and hopeful that it will be in place for the middle of the summer season. Acknowledged comments in relation to the Kilmeaden Greenway connection which will provide an example of how this can be achieved for other areas.

Cllr. Brazil enquired if there is adequate funding for the Crough Woods works.

R. Walsh, SEO outlined that may need additional capital allocation and will be working with Coillte to provide shortfall considering government grant aid of €80k received.

#### **(e) Planning**

Cllr. O'Leary outlined that a 5G poll has been erected in Dunhill and is unsightly and taking from surroundings and enquired if planning permission was required.

Cllr. Power supported Cllr. O'Leary.

H. O'Brien, SEP, noted that there are exemptions for statutory providers and constraints and limitations down to size and height, there are also Section 254 applications and planning permission applications depending on the nature of the mast. He will revert with details in relation to the mast in Dunhill.

Cllr. Brazil noted issue as raised in relation to the container in Knockmahon and need to have the case reopened, supported by Cllr. Barron. H. O'Brien, SEP will revert with details.

Cllr. Clune enquired about the application and submissions received for the All Together Now concert and asked when the local area plans process will commence once the new Development Plan is approved.

H. O'Brien, SEP, will request detail on All Together Now to be circulated and noted that when the new Development Plan is approved by council, we are obliged to move onto local area plans which will include Tramore, Dungarvan, Portlaw, Dunmore East and parts of the city.

#### **4. SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 – Traffic Calming Kill Village – Completion of Process**

##### **(a) Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended Planning & Development Regulations: Dunhill Village Urban Improvement Scheme, Co. Waterford**

G. Hynes, SE, outlined the scheme was advertised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 with a closing date for submissions of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 with 6 submissions received. As outlined in the circulated report the proposed works will consist of a road alignment to facilitate a new footpath to the South, and an upgrade of existing footpaths, new footpath construction, controlled pedestrian crossing points with a raised table, build outs, road markings and road signage. Following the submissions there are proposed alterations to the scheme as advertised which illustrates the effectiveness of the submission process.

Having considered all the submissions made, the scheme will now include a controlled crossing near GAA/Dunhill Enterprise Centre, and the four controlled Zebra Crossings will be replaced at the village centre crossroads with uncontrolled crossings. The extents of the raised table are reduced along the School Road (L4011) and Church road, the footpath towards the Church will be removed as far as the raised table and additional traffic calming measures to be implemented near Ballynageeragh junction will be in the form of kerbing and build outs. This proposal will benefit the town by providing safe connectivity and a much-needed link from the urban centre with the outskirts of the town and will become a safe route link to the GAA sports grounds. On the basis of the outlined alterations approval of the scheme as presented was recommended.

Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. Brazil and agreed unanimously.

All councillors commented on the benefit of the scheme to the village, the Cathaoirleach noted that the connectivity the scheme provides for is a positive development and welcomed inclusion of controlled crossing at GAA field to the Enterprise Centre

Cllr. Power noted requirement for a controlled crossing in Clonea Power.

G. Hynes, SE, will review noting it may be applicable for inclusion under the Active Travel Scheme.

##### **(b) Taking in Charge – Completion of Process – Pairc an Aoinaigh, Kilmacthomas.**

Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. Clune and approved by all.

Cllr. Barron requested update on the Taking in Charge of Cruachán View.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that dealing with Taking in Charge on a phased basis and hope to bring to meetings on more regular basis.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **6. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Motion in the name of Cllr. Declan Clune “That Irish Water agree to the inclusion of a new waste water treatment plant at Bunmahon, Co. Waterford in the upcoming Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2025-2028 ”

Reg. No. 16 (dated 11th May, 2022)

Motion proposed by Cllr. Clune and seconded by Cllr. Power.

Cllr. Clune outlined that it has been over 50 years since there was significant investment in the Bunmahon area, currently serviced by 3 septic tanks that are sludged annually by the council and there are continuous representatives received from the residents on issues. The next capital investment plan is 2025 – 2028 and need to have Bunmahon included. Requested that motion is also sent to our Oireachtas members and MEP.

Cllr. Power seconded motion and need for the issue to be addressed.

Cllr. Barron welcome motion as the way forward and need to get into national plan, in the interim need to see if there is any way of improving the system in the short term while awaiting the long-term investment.

Cllr. Brazil noted Bunmahon not fit for purpose and need investment and agree with temporary measures.

Cathaoirleach welcomed motion from Cllr. Clune.

Motion was approved unanimously

## 7. AOB

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

**Resolution of the Elected Members**  
**Waterford City and County Council, Comeragh District**  
**18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Ref: R2022/8**

In accordance with The Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 Dunhill Village Urban Improvement Scheme, Co. Waterford as presented to the Comeragh District on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 THAT Waterford City & County Council carry out an urban road and footpath improvement scheme along the Local Primary Roads L4011 and L4007 within Dunhill Village in County Waterford in the townlands of Ballynageeragh and Dunhill. This scheme will link the village centre with Dunhill Wetlands, Anne Valley Walk, Dunhill Enterprise Centre and GAA grounds to the East and Cois Cille Estate to the South. The proposed works will consist of a road alignment in order to facilitate a new footpath to the South, and an upgrade of existing footpaths, new footpath construction, controlled pedestrian crossing points with a raised table, build outs, road markings and road signage.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Comeragh District of Waterford City & County Council that the scheme as presented with the alterations that the scheme will now include a controlled crossing near GAA/Dunhill Enterprise Centre, and the four controlled Zebra Crossings will be replaced at the village centre crossroads with uncontrolled crossings. The extents of the raised table are reduced along the School Road (L4011) and Church road, the footpath towards the Church will be removed as far as the raised table and additional traffic calming measures to be implemented near Ballynageeragh junction will be in the form of kerbing and build outs. Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. Brazil and agreed unanimously THAT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED AND WITH RECOMMENDED REVISIONS PROCEEDS.

**Signed:**

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**Councillor John O'Leary**  
**Cathaoirleach Comeragh District**

**Witnessed:**

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**Honor Dunphy**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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Waterford City & County Council

**Resolution of the Elected Members  
Waterford City and County Council, Comeragh District  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Ref: R2022/9**

In accordance with Section 11 Subsection (1) (b) (iii) of the Roads Act 1993 as presented to the Comeragh District on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 THAT Waterford City & County Council proposes to taking in charge of the listed roads as advertised on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 for Páirc an Aonaigh, Kilmacthomas. Con. Waterford.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Comeragh District of Waterford City & County Council that the roads listed and as advertised be declared to be public roads in accordance with stated legislation. Proposed by Cllr. Barron, seconded by Cllr. Clune and agreed unanimously.

**Signed:**

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**Councillor John O'Leary**  
**Cathaoirleach Comeragh District**

**Witnessed:**

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**Honor Dunphy**  
**Meetings Administrator**