

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

**HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2022
at 2.30pm with members on MS Teams.**

PRESENT:

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

Apologies: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Roll call carried out by Meetings Administrator.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. Ivan Grimes, Director of Services, Housing
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. Josephine McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. Luke O'Brien, Administrative Officer, Environment
Ms. Lisa Grant, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development
Ms. Aisling O'Sullivan, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer, Active Travel
Ms. Lisa Mulcahy, Executive Engineer, Active Travel
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. Jon Hawkins, IS
Mr. Conan Power, Communications

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its sympathies to the families of the late:

- Donal Ormonde
- Jim Cunningham
- Mary Mannion
- Tom Lineen
- Bridie McGrath
- John Byrne

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to:

- Richard Kiely, Munster all Ireland champion in boxing at 13 years of age, congratulations to him and his parents Aidan and Gillian Kiely.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 14th February 2022 proposed by Cllr. Nugent seconded by Cllr. McGuinness and agreed by all.

Minutes of Special RWP District Meeting held on 21st March 2022 proposed by Cllr. Pratt seconded by Cllr. McGuinness and agreed by all.

Cllr. Phelan noted correction to spelling of Garvan Coyne to Garvan Kyne, agreed.
Cllr. O' Donnell expressed his thanks to everyone for the well wishes on his recovery.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. McGuinness's enquired on follow up to letter to the Road Safety Authority regarding the long waiting lists for driving tests and to the Ministers office. Also requested any update from Department regarding the issue of LA not being able to regulate Airbnb's.

Cllr. Phelan enquired about expected installation date of the Moresby Buoy and when further meeting of special committee to be held.

Cllr. Tobin noted issue with the quality of the wreath laid by the Leas Cathaoirleach of the district at the recent commemoration at Dungarvan Castle.

Cllr. Doocey requested details on follow up with Bank of Ireland regarding property in Lismore.

Cllr. McGuinness thanked all involved in the Commemoration event and the Dungarvan Brass band.

H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator, will follow up on letters as outlined by Cllr McGuinness.

K. Kehoe, DoS, informed members that have completed works on sea wall, contractors working on developing picnic area and bike park and expected completion date is end March, plan to reinstall Moresby Buoy before Easter. Will arrange meeting of committee to finalise remaining details.

I.Grimes, DoS, will follow up on issue on impact of Airbnb and rental market in Dungarvan.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Housing

Cllr. Phelan noted and enquired about reduction in numbers in report since last year, outlined that target time is 15 weeks for turnaround of houses noting one house in the town that is taking substantially longer.

Cllr. McGuinness queried new form in housing department where applicants required to fill in details on health which is causing a problem and putting undue burden on tenants to have details completed. Highlighted flooding in An Leachan Beag in An Rinn, residents concerned and asked for engineer to meet on site to discuss with residents.

Cllr. Pratt noted there is a new contractor in Railway Gardens, Lismore and enquired if intended to proceed with developing the houses new contractor, requested update on keys issuing for Brideview Close in Tallow.

Cllr. O'Donnell enquired if there is any update on rezoning for site in An Sean Phobal.

Cllr. Tobin noted need to be conscious of delays in allocation to when the tenants receive the keys and need to have final inspection carried out before keys issued.

I.Grimes, DoS, stated number of applications being received are reducing, no reason and is beyond control. Requested details regarding vacant property in Dungarvan and will revert with response. Will talk to applications team regarding the medical form as it was to simplify the process and can discuss if creating additional problems. Houses in An Rinn will have a technical assessment carried out and aware of similar issues in other areas and need to determine cause. Not aware of new developer for Railway Gardens and will review, the allocation of houses in Tallow delayed due to technical issues. In discussion with the Department regarding proposed development in Old Parish and submission due to be lodged.

(b) Planning

Cllr. Phelan as chair of SPC welcomed Kieran Kehoe as director of planning, noted changes to other roles in planning and requested that members are informed of changes. All councillors received queries in relation to childcare and creches facilities and enquired if planning permission is required for change of use from creche to other use as a number of them are due to close.

Cllr. Nugent noted issue regarding closure of creches, shortage that will cause a problem and enquired if any void units could be changed to use as a creche.

Supported by Cllr. Doocey who also enquired if working under the new development plan as of yet.

K. Kehoe, DoS, will circulate revised structure to members, provision of childcare facilities are essential and will require a change of use from creche and are supportive of any in the private sector who can provide the service. Informed members that working with Ardmore to assist with development of creche.

A. O'Sullivan, SEP, delighted to work with the members, outlined that planning applications coming in are assessed under the current plan and standards.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if any contact from An Bord Pleanála regarding the Lyrenacarriga wind farm.

A. O'Sullivan, SEP noted no correspondence received to date.

(c) Environment

Cllr. Phelan commended environment section for planting of new trees, in relation to the new development plan enquired if there will there be benefits regarding combining Ballinroad with Dungarvan as a key town and if the green areas will be managed by the council as a result.

Cllr. Pratt noted illegal dumping at the picnic area between Lismore and Tallow and queried if the issue of use of cameras to tackle the problem has been resolved.

Cllr. McGuinness supported Cllr. Phelan regarding the presentation team, in relation to the maintenance of estates enquired if residents carrying out maintenance of their areas such as Kilrush Park could be assisted by the presentation team with areas beyond their reach. Requested update on illegal dumping in Colligan estuary, detecting source of dumping and any associated prosecutions.

L. O'Brien, AO, larger town unit of Ballinroad/Dungarvan, limited in relation to resources and encourage estates to manage their green areas, will review with roads. No legislation passed to allow use of CCTV and currently relying on public to report on illegal dumping and have issued over 200 fines last year. Kilrush Park will review to see if can provide additional resources or enable residents to carry out work. Currently working with housing regarding illegal dumping in the Colligan Estuary.

(d) Roads

Cllr. Pratt commended team for work carried out in Tallow under Active Travel funding, enquiring when will be back to do work on West Street, noted lining on roads by Welcome Inn needs to be redone.

Cllr. Phelan acknowledged patching work carried out in Ballinroad and reviewing of flooding areas during recent bad weather, outlined complaints by users of various pedestrian crossings due to short length of time for green man for safe crossing and suggested review of timings. Noted need for footpath from church to Ballinroad enquiring when can expect progress of this. Outlined that Roadbridge in receivership and if any exposure for any council works.

Cllr. Nugent enquired if any progress with land acquisition for progress of the works at Cushcam junction, noted that flooding occurring at Ballygeoghegan and needs to be reviewed and requested update on LIS/CIS from Department for 2022.

Cllr. McGuinness spot flooding due to heavy rainfall assisted by works carried out on keeping drains cleared. Small road sweeper good for footpaths and greenway and asked if still in district. In Ceann Helvic surface on path greatly improved and asked if steps to beach can be improved and seating replaced. Minister in Agriculture announced bundle of EU funding as part of Brexit and enquired if any of the funds could be used for dredging.

Cllr. Tobin enquired when new signs are due to be erected in Tallow, welcomed work carried out by the jet patcher and hopes there will be an additional one in the district. Highlighted that the cleaning of inlets is essential in the prevention of flooding.

Cllr. Cronin raised issue of potholes by Piltown church and need for lighting for the area.

Cllr. Doocey supported the works carried out by the jet patcher and cleaning of the inlets.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that Tallow Active Travel work complete and will be going back to West Street in the summer, lining on regional road to Mill Street and policy to do this when surface dressing and do have programmed works for this area and will review. Pedestrian crossings can be reviewed in problem areas requesting notification of exact ones of concern, Active Travel scheme in Ballinroad from Clonea Church to roundabout need to acquire some land before progressing. Council not affected by Roadbridge

receivership as no contracts with them at present. Outlined that issue with An Rinn and need to revise, currently speaking to landowners at Cushcam to reach agreement. No allocation from Department for 2022 LIS and €600k for CIS and finalising details. In relation to Brexit funding for piers and harbours have made with applications for 11 schemes and confirmed included dredging funding for Helvic and Dungarvan. Outlined there is a jet patcher per district which is managed by the district engineer. Will commit to carrying out temporary repair works at church when jet patcher is in the area.

J. McGrath, SEE, noted that following recent weather event have noted problem areas that will assist in addressing problems and will review solutions. Continue to clean gullies after heavy events, will talk to landowners and can meet to get input to solutions. Sweeper not full time in area but tend to bring in for summer months and will be due to bring in again soon. Will revert regarding signs in Tallow, jet patcher circulating and will bring to areas as highlighted and noted that cleaning of inlets has a positive impact.

Cllr. Pratt noted work being carried out on playground in Lismore outlining that seems to be an issue with centre piece when wet.

Cllr. McGuinness noted benches at Cove in Helvic and if can be addressed and welcomed application for dredging.

J. McGrath, SEE, will look at benches and if require replacement and will review location. Notes commented on playground outlining that all playgrounds inspected in accordance with legislation.

Cllr. Cronin outlined that steps by Ardmore hotel still closed.

J. McGrath, SEE, noted that due to have meeting and hope to have resolution on them soon.

Cllr. O'Donnell requested update on Murphy's Place walkway.

G. Hynes, SE, stated that this will be reviewed as part of the Active Travel review for Dungarvan.

(e) Economic Development

Cllr. Doocey outlined issue with post service and delay with delivery of parcels. Agreed to have letter issued to An Post, Cllr. Doocey will provide details.

R. Walsh, Head of LEO, outlined that recent public meeting held in Cappoquin regarding the rural regeneration for the area which was very engaging and will be giving timeline on Ballinacourty spur works when available.

Cllr. Pratt noted positive meeting held in Cappoquin and residents happy with work outlining that issue of parking needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Tobin enquired if any update on the financing of hubs.

R. Walsh, Head of LEO, outlined that funding call for Connectivity hubs last year which gave funding for capital works and another call out currently, there are a lot of community groups getting funding for capital works but there are issues with running of the facilities and committed to look at infrastructure and to develop programme of supports.

Cllr. Phelan outlined need to look at the use of systems in practice in rural areas.

4. SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 – Traffic Calming Villierstown – Completion of Process

G. Hynes, SE, outlined the proposal as detailed in the supporting documentation noting that 10 submissions received. Outlined that research shows that when carriageway narrowed it acts as a traffic calming and reduces speed and provides safer environment for vulnerable users. Discussed with NTA who support position as outlined, making recommendation as set out in the report to proceed with scheme as advertised.

Cllr. McGuinness noted residents in favour of footpath, key issue is concern about access to parking when events on in the area.

Cllrs. Tobin, Phelan, Nugent outlined that clear only option that is feasible and cannot risk losing the funding.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that putting safety of pedestrians and vulnerable users ahead of vehicles and size of carriageways allows for parking and passing of agriculture vehicles through the village

Proposed by Cllr. Pratt and seconded by Cllr. O'Donnell and agreed by all.

5. CAPITAL FOOTPATH PROGRAMME

Noted as discussed at previous workshop

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. MOTIONS

Motion in the name of Cllr. Phelan

“That in order to supplement the signage advising of the prohibition against overnight parking of campervans and caravans in the Council car park beside Dungarvan Pitch & Putt Club, I propose that appropriate steps be taken by the Council at the earliest opportunity to implement effective barriers for the purpose of ensuring that campervans and caravans will be physically prevented from accessing the car park via the entrance to the car park and also via the green area beside it.”

Reg. No. 15 (dated 7th March, 2022)

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

8. A.O. B

Cllr. McGuinness noted issue regarding notice of motion that wasn't listed, it was agreed to raise the issue under AOB.

Is féile cultúrtha é Oireachtas na Samhna a chuirtear ar siúl gach bhliain ar mhaithe leis na halaíona dúchasacha na Éireann a chur chun cinn agus a cheiliúradh trí mheán na Gaeilge—idir amhránaíocht, cheol, rince, scéalaíocht agus drámaíocht. Reáchtálar an tOireachtas i suíomhanna eagsúla gach bhliain, agus tagann na mílte daoine chuige ó gach cearn den tír agus níos faide i gcéin. Reáchtáladh an féile i nDún Garbhán roimhe seo i 1994 agus arís i 1999. Iarrtar ar an gComhairle teagmháil a dhéanamh le heagraí an Oireachtais mar gheall ar an bhféile a chur air siúl arís i nDún Garbhán.

Oireachtas na Samhna is a cultural festival held annually to promote and celebrate Ireland's indigenous arts through the medium of Irish — from song, music, dance, storytelling and drama. The Oireachtas is held in various locations each year, and is attended by thousands of people from all over the country and beyond. The festival was previously held in Dungarvan in 1994 and again in 1999. This motion asks the Council to contact the organisers of the Oireachtas about holding the festival in Dungarvan once again.

Cllr. McGuinness requested a resolution is passed to write to the organisers of the festival in the name of the Cathaoirleach. Agreed unanimously.

Cllr. Phelan noted vote of sympathy for family of Barry Hayes to be included.

Cllr. Tobin raised disappointment that St. Patrick Day parades in Dungarvan and Cappoquin not going ahead, municipal district needs to get involved in supporting these parades.

Cllr. Nugent noted vote of sympathy for family of Eileen O'Brien.

K. Kehoe, DoS, share disappointment of members with cancellation of parades, committee needed more support and best if driven by community and businesses locally. Encouraged all members to come to city parade, first parade since start of the pandemic and will showcase Waterford as best place to live.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Resolution of the Elected Members R2022/4
Waterford City and County Council, Dungarvan Lismore District
14th March 2022

Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Scheme –
Footpath Construction and Junction Improvement Works in Villierstown.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Dungarvan Lismore District of Waterford City & County Council that the scheme as presented and after consideration of all the submissions the scheme will now incorporate the following amendments:

- Works will include the construction of a 1.8m wide paving brick footpath extending from the existing footpath along the L-6061 at 'Woodview Close' to the existing paving brick footpath along Main Street.
- The 1.8m wide footpath to be constructed with a 1.0m wide section extending into the green space & 0.8m wide section constructed within the road space.
- Brick paving will also be incorporated within the four existing seating areas located along Main Street. One additional public light will be erected along Main Street within the green area across from the proposed footpath.
- The existing junction linking Dromana Drive and Ballingowan East will be reconstructed to allow for safe turning movements with improved road markings.

The new pedestrian links along Main Street and junction improvement works in addition to the recently completed footpath at Woodview Close and on approach to the National School will provide a safe environment for all road users.

Proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. O'Donnell and agreed unanimously THAT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED PROCEEDS.

Signed:

Councillor Tom Cronin
Cathaoirleach Dungarvan Lismore District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator