

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

**HELD ON 12th September 2022
at 2.30pm in Civic Offices, Dungarvan.**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Corporate, Planning, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. Ivan Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Mr. Josephine McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads
Mr. Raymond Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Ms. Aisling O'Sullivan, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Richie Walsh, Head of LEO
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its sympathies to the families of the late:
Alice Welsh, John O'Sullivan, Eddie O'Brien, James Buckley, Lar Welsh, Mary O'Shea, Michael Daly,
Tom Kavanagh, Alice Marie O'Connor, Mary Kirwan,

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was unanimously resolved that this council extends its congratulations to:
Colligan club on winning junior hurling final against Ballygunner,
Abbeyside Ballinacourty GAA on winning the Boys U13 Division 4 County final
Ricky Kiely from Tallow on winning a bronze medal at the European Schools Boxing championships in
Turkey.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of District Meeting held on 11th July 2022 proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed by all.
Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 22nd July 2022 proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all.

2. MATTERS ARISING

None

3. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Environment

Cllr. Phelan enquired as to when the code of practice will be finalised that will allow for the use of CCTV, noted illegal dumping issue in Keating Street where one house causing a problem with repeated dumping in the area and can the repeated offence be tackled. Enquired as to why the council cannot put litter bins on the plaza area by shopping centre and highlighted issue with litter and anti-social behaviour in the new skatepark.

Cllr. Geoghegan highlighted issue of condition of building across from the Civic Offices noting need to be cleaned and painted and noted presence of a number of empty units. Concur in relation to issue of litter at skate park and suggested bringing on board Comhairle na nÓg to help with keeping the area cleaned highlighting that the majority of users are keeping it well.

Cllr. Cronin requested two compacter bins for Ardmore and noted issue of current bins in Ardmore where birds are getting into the bins and removing rubbish asking, if possible, to install flap inside the opening. Noted complaints received about illegal dumping at the bottle bank at Kinsalebeg and enquired, if possible, to have electronic unit fitted to send signal when they are nearly full.

Cllr. McGuinness thanked presentation team in addressing illegal dumping issues as reported to them. Looking forward to CCTV being deployed in the future enquiring if we can work towards preparing for the roll out and planning where it will be deployed. Noted issues with linear park and surrounds regarding littering and anti-social behaviour, responsibility lies with parents and users, need to tackle those that are causing a problem, need to engage with young people on the use of the park and need a level of patrolling by community Gardaí. Requested compacter litter bins on Mary Street, at Grattan street end.

Cllr. Nugent supports problems as highlighted at the new skatepark, requested update on the date for the collection of the bulky goods items.

Cllr. Pratt enquired what responsibility the council has regarding illegal dumping by a household, compactor bins are needed in all small towns and would welcome their rollout.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted that need to wait for guidance document from LGMA regarding implementation of CCTV under the new Circular Economy Act, will revert to the members when have details. Outlined that the council previously used CCTV prior to audit by data commissioner, familiar with equipment and once have guidance will roll out and currently planning towards it. Aware of issues at Keating Street, continue to monitor the area, also seeking evidence from all residents in the area as to how they are disposing of their refuse. Confirmed that the area around the shopping centre is in the ownership of the shopping centre and therefore it is their responsibility to provide bins, currently have Byelaws out on consultation which will give more responsibility to private owners. Outlined that the skatepark was developed in consultation with the young people and Comhairle na nÓg, disappointed at the level of litter and reports of anti-social behaviour, have bin and plastic bottle receptors in place. Overall development is a work in progress and when finished will finalise the remainder of the development regarding footpaths and bins and hope some of the issues will be addressed. Engaging with Waterford Walls on artwork on the skatepark and will be engaging with youth on the artwork and rules for use of the area.

K. Kehoe, DoS, complimented team on work at Fairlane Park which is the envy of the town and region, have engaged with youth groups and working with Waterford Walls, will continue to work and asked councillors, users and parents to promote its proper use, BMX pump track will add to the facility and additional works will address some of the issues. We have previously contacted owners in relation to the building on Richard A. Walsh street and will pursue under Derelict Sites Act.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted that installing flaps on opening of bins has been successful in other areas and will look at same for Ardmore, will monitor bottle bank in Kinsalebeg noting that currently piloting an electronic unit to monitor the bottle banks which will send notification when reaching capacity, this is due to be rolled out and is part of an Innovation fund grant received this year. Will look at compactor bin on Mary Street, noting that the compactor bins have proven to be very successful, increased capacity and birds cannot access, they are costly and budget provision for smaller towns would be needed. No date confirmed for bulky goods collection but will revert with date. EPA regulations oversee noise pollution from public houses, council has issued notice to the owners of the premises, anyone affected by noise can make an application to the district court and can install noise monitors, suggested people create a noise log which will assist an application to court.

(b) Roads

Cllr. O'Donnell noted dangerous area in Cappagh on the Ballinameela Road that needs to be reviewed, and suggested need for a 60kph speed limit needed on the road also.

Cllr. Geoghegan asked that condition of jetty at the end of the Quay is looked as it is falling into disrepair, wall at Abbeyside at Stokes field needs to be reviewed also.

Cllr. McGuinness noted that junction at Colligan/Garryduff Cross was very dangerous and acknowledges works done, similar issue exists at Roberts Cross in An Rinn, poor visibility and needs to be reviewed. Footpath at Scoil Náisiúnta in An Rinn is welcomed, delay in contractors and enquired if any recourse to have them complete small snags on a job and put restrictions on them for future contracts. New footpath, while welcome, has created issue for cars to pull in at the area and enquired if the school can be approached regarding offer of some lands to assist. Representation received for new pedestrian crossing in Tallow at West Street and requested review of this. Requested update on when the speed limit review will be undertaken and requested that Irish Water are invited to attend a meeting to answer to the councillors.

Cllr. Nugent complimented works carried out at Carroll's Cross, however there was a lot of traffic disruption due to the works, enquired if for future works on N25 a diversion would be looked at so that traffic can be kept moving, also noted that no reduced speed limit put in place. Requested rumble strip at end of Collins Road outside of Dungarvan College as a number of incidents have occurred at the location, also need rumble strips at end of Bothair na Rú as enter the Bog Road. Enquired how much funding received under the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that Garryduff is a low-cost safety scheme and funded by the Department, 2 schemes this year and are worthwhile schemes. Junction at Cappagh on the N72, issue at the junction that will require land acquisition and is a project that will be planning to work on. Will have a speed limit review earlier next year and public will be invited to make submissions, it is a six-month process that will have considerable consultation. Can consider Roberts Cross under additional funding from the low-cost safety scheme. Outlined that have two macadam contractors, cannot put too many restrictions, contractors may not tender and is down to the availability of contractors. Problem of car parks and schools is an issue throughout the County and have worked with a lot of schools to assist them where there is a viable solution. Department of Education have a role in provision of parking at schools, can also work with Active Travel to come to some solution to these issues. Will look at provision of crossing at West Street and revert. Noted that there was a complexity with number of junctions at Carroll's Cross, agreed that where can provide a viable diversion route it is a good option but wasn't an appropriate diversion route at this site. Currently monitoring the speed at the location and evidence shows that the new engineering measures are reducing the speed by 20%, location will be monitored as part of speed limit review process. Will look at raised table rather than rumble strips under Active Travel at Collins Road along with Bother na Rú. Noted that the CIS grant for 2022 was €538k and have 6 schemes identified, 3 in Dungarvan Lismore district and will be completed by year end.

J. McGrath, SEE, thanked landowners involved in low-cost schemes, will commence works on sea wall at the Look Out and will add other locations to grant applications. Will look at compacter bins in Ardmore. Noted that need to be aware that rumble strips can have noise and may not be suitable for all locations.

Cllr. Cronin supports need for works at Garryduff, new line in Ardmore and complaints about water lodging, requested hedge cutting from Ring Cross and up to school. Issue of speeding at Ferrypoint, requested review of sightlines outside GAA field and requested option of rumble strips to be introduced.

Cllr. Pratt requested update on lights in Shanbally Upper, possibility of lights out to Padre Pio, noted damage to footpath by trees on Main Street in Cappoquin, hedge cutting needed on Cappoquin to Affane. Noted damage to Cappoquin playground requested review and possible monitoring of the location in time by CCTV. Acknowledged works on West Street in Tallow and the work in preparing for Tallow horse fair, diversion route used between Cappoquin, and Lismore was damaged and needs to be reviewed. Noted that flooding reported outside primary school in Lismore and enquired if this can be reviewed.

Cllr. Phelan requested update on streetlights in Grattan Square that are not working, noted that end of Collins Road area needs to be looked at in relation to connectivity, highlighted that addressing dredging at Helvick Pier is still reliant on funding for preparatory work and continues to be an issue. Asked for update on public toilet in Dungarvan, noted underspend of Active Travel funding in media, enquiring if could have a workshop to look at proposed works for the district and if in line to spend allocation.

Cllr. O'Donnell thanked roads on works in An Rinn on footpaths.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted that the executive needs to push the issue in relation to the funding of preparatory works for dredging of Helvick and the scoping exercise.

Cllr. McGuinness supports need to progress issue of the funding for preparatory works for dredging and asked for a letter to be sent to Minister McConalogue and Department of Marine outlining the issues.

Cllr. Pratt raised issue for need of footpath in Woodview Park in Cappoquin.

Cllr. Doocey raised need for pointing of Skehan's bridge by Mary's Cross.

G. Hynes, SE, noted annual allocating of €500k and will include Skehan in next year's programme, noted that will review option for addressing Woodview Park under Active Travel programme. Public lighting will be in place at Shanbally Upper by end year, currently doing design for Padre Pio and dependent on TII funding, will review hedge cutting for Cappoquin to Affane, damage on diversion will cost €20-€50k to repair, equipment to be moved and no budget to replace at the moment. West Street in Tallow under capital programme, diversion routes used on N72 and to carry out additional strengthening works not in current funding. Acknowledged cooperation of landowners in relation to hedge cutting and cooperation of Coillte to undertake on their lands in the district. The Executive have included applications annually for grant, told that the cost of surveying work and preparation work are not eligible. Looking at streetlights in Grattan Square, agrees Collins Road needs to be reviewed, Bushy Park needs to be reviewed also and will look at options to fund under low cost or active travel schemes.

J. McGrath, SEE, noted that hedge cutting on Canal Road is to be carried out, will review Ferrypoint road noting it is a narrow local road.

Cllr. Cronin issue with water ponding by new bridge in Clashmore Village.

G. Hynes, SE, Active Travel capital schemes being delivered, will be drawing down allocation for this year as programmed and funding will roll over into next year. New water line due in Ardmore and completion subject to allocation of funding.

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that reviewing current toilet facilities but need to find alternative location for bikes so that they can be opened up to the public.

(c) Economic

Cllr. Phelan Ballinacourty Greenway projects being planned and requested more details and enquired if on schedule for the installation of new Christmas lights in Dungarvan/

Cllr. Pratt requested update on feasibility study for the Greenway extension study and guide on draw down of funding for Tallow and streetscape enhancement initiative.

Cllr. McGuinness enquired about the prospect of WCCC developing an official mountain track in Glendalligan and if this can be progressed.

Cllr. Cronin noted 3 acre site for sale in Ardmore noting that there are a number of options for the site if council purchased it and need to review, group looking at setting up a hub in Old Court House.

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that will be bringing forward a proposal on replacement of damaged infrastructure for Christmas Lights. Noted that engaged regarding site at Ardmore however offer not accepted to date.

R. Walsh, SEO outlined that there significant ecological issues in relation to the Greenway, TII projects included development to west of city, improvement on viaduct, Durrow station and will bring list to the members when completed and more details on further greenway connections. Connection of Greenway to Blueway and TII have asked about looking at potentiation of connection to Youghal Greenway. The €100k street enhancement scheme in Tallow to be designed and will talk to community groups and businesses and concentrate on West Street and Chapel Street. Delays with Coillte in relation to mountain bike track as they are working on other projects, due to discuss number of issues in coming weeks. Project development plan to be developed for Ardmore to discuss all aspects of what is required.

(d) Housing

Cllr. Cronin outlined that planning granted for affordable / social housing scheme in Ardmore, need funding for the houses thanked all involved in getting this project across the line.

Cllr. McGuinness concurred with Cllr. Cronin regarding the project in Ardmore, hoped the funding will materialise, requested update on the provision of social houses in Sean Phobal, enquired when the

Department will permit progression of the affordable housing programme for the city and county. Raised issue of surface water entering the sewer system in Leacain Beag that needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Phelan commended all involved in relation to housing development in Ardmore enquiring if it is a model for future housing developments. Enquired as to the process if a homeless person from Dungarvan presents at the integrated homeless hub in the city, are they provided with emergency accommodation or advised to get assistance from family or friends. Enquired when walk ability audit will be carried out by the local authority and if it will involve roads.

I.Grimes, DoS, noted Housing Delivery Action Plan circulated, commented that the Ardmore scheme is a number of years in the pipeline and delighted that the developer has received planning permission and will work with them to deliver the scheme, will engage with Department of Housing and will be pressing the Ardmore scheme as a pilot for delivery of an affordable scheme in rural area. Target of 388 affordable units in the Housing Action Plan and on target to exceed this. Need to discuss issue of surface water in Leacain Beag with roads, homeless service for City and County is managed centrally in City, if in immediate risk will source emergency units if available in Dungarvan, preference can be to not take up emergency in city if no alternatives on offer as want to locate close to family and schools. Mobility audit due to take place in Dungarvan in coming weeks.

P. Johnston, RE, hopeful of development of Sean Phobal details and will revert when have more details.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted that amended draft development plan allowed for developers to develop social / affordable housing on lands.

I.Grimes, DoS, noted new scheme, grant for private individuals (owner occupiers) to avail of grant aid for development of derelict sites and will put details up on website.

Extension of Standing Orders for 20 minutes proposed by Cllr. Cronin seconded by Cllr. O'Donnell and agreed by all.

(e) **Planning**

Cllr. Pratt enquired if there is any update on the proposed wind turbines for West Waterford.

Cllr. Nugent enquired if there has been any contact from ESB regarding locations of sub stations for bringing in electricity from proposed offshore wind farm.

Cllr. McGuinness noted recent decision by An Bord Pleanála in Duckspool and comments about over engineered and what this means in context of the application.

K. Kehoe, DoS, noted that will be seeking clarification from An Bord Pleanála regarding comments on decision.

A.O'Sullivan, SEP, noted that no further engagement in relation to the sub stations or notification from An Bord Pleanála about the wind turbines.

(f) **Taking in Charge**

Cllr. Phelan requested definitive details be provided as to when estates will be taken in charge so that assurance can be given to residents.

Cllr. McGuinness noted estates as listed, issue of subsidence into River Colligan and need to come with solution and need to speed up the process. What powers local authority has in relation to developers who haven't completed a development yet commence other developments

Cllr. Pratt requested update on Cúil na Circe in Cappoquin.

A.O'Sullivan, SEP, noted that aware of issues in Waters Edge and Riverside, carried out site inspection report and looking at options to ensure complied with and work with developer as there are a number of deficiencies. Working actively with developers to progress issues.

4. Part V111 Sea Wall improvement works along Clonea Road (R675) in the townland of Duckspool – Completion of the Process

G. Hynes, SE outlined details of the Part V111 as outlined in the report, two submissions received with no objection recommending that proceed as advertised.

Cllr. Nugent proposed the project and questioned if part of the flood plain across the road is to be deepened.

Cllr. Geoghegan seconded the proposal asking if works will address the issue of water seeping through the wall at high tide.

Cllr. Phelan supports the need for the works, noting need to have traffic management plan in place when works are to be done and will be part of the tendering process.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that portion of wall replaced in the past, this section was only risen by half metre but remaining part of the wall will be replaced and stone faced both sides, will reuse old stone, area in wetland will be lowered to provide additional storage and intention to carry this out in the in near future. Traffic management will be significant and will be part of the tendering process and note issues as raised.

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion in the names of Cllr. Declan Doocey and Cllr. John Pratt (Deferred from July Meeting)

“That Waterford City and County Council writes to Minister Helen McEntee to recruit additional Gardaí for the Lismore District.” Reg. No. 18 (dated 13th June, 2022).

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

7. A.O. B

Cllr. O'Donnell noted boil water notice remains in place in Touraneena, clarified that this is an Irish Water issue and will be referred to Water Services.

Cllr. Nugent noted that Friary College is at capacity point and needs to be addressed as part of the works.

Cllr. Phelan passed on thanks to Luke O'Brien for all his work with the members, supported by Cllr. McGuinness.

Cllr. McGuinness supports issues raised regarding lack of communication with Irish Water and a resolution needs to be found as it is unacceptable.

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, Dungarvan Lismore District
12th September 2022
Ref: R2022/21

In accordance with the requirements of Section 179 of the The Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), improvement works to an existing 450m section of sea wall along Clonea Road (R675), townland of Duckspool, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford as presented to the Dungarvan Lismore District on the 12th September 2022 THAT Waterford City & County Council carry out improvement works to the existing sea wall along Clonea Road (R675), Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. The surrounding residential areas of Tournore, Sallybrook and Clonea Road are located within low lying areas and are at risk from coastal flooding. The current sea wall along Clonea Road provides coastal flood protection, however, in recent times overtopping of the sea wall has occurred during storm events.

The proposed development is supported by national, regional and local planning policies and objectives which seek to combat the impacts of climate change on our existing urban areas, build in climate resilience to existing areas, and ensure flood risk management measures are provided to protect same. The proposed development facilitates the achievement of climate resilience for areas within Duckspool which are located in Flood Zone A. The proposed development will provide coastal flood protection (including climate change allowance), against a 1 in 200-year coastal flood event.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Dungarvan Lismore District of Waterford City & County Council that the scheme as presented and after consideration of submissions, proposed by Cllr. Nugent seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed unanimously THAT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED PROCEEDS.

Signed:

Councillor Declan Doocey
Cathaoirleach Dungarvan Lismore District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator