

**MINUTES****COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING  
DÚICHE AN CHOMARAIGH****Item  
No. 1****HELD on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan****PRESENT:**

Cllr. Michael J. O’Ryan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Mary Butler
Cllr. Liam Brazil.
Cllr. Declan Clune
Cllr. John O’Leary
Cllr. Seán Power

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. B. White, Director of Service Planning & Corporate  
 Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Roads HR & Emergency Services  
 Mr. R. Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Water and Environment  
 Ms. L. O’Mahony, A/SEO, Housing Section.  
 Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Meetings Administrator  
 Ms. L. Grant, SSO, Economic Development  
 Mr. K. Moynihan, CSO.

**1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 26th January, 2015 were proposed by Cllr O’Leary, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

Tony Phelan.

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

It was unanimously resolved that this Council extends its congratulations to the following:

St. Declan’s School Kilmacthomas on winning the Munster Colleges “C” Section

**2.MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising

**5. PRESENTATION ON THE LECP**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. J. O’Ryan, Cathaoirleach, seconded by Cllr. Butler and agreed, Standing Orders were suspended for Item No. 5 to be taken.

L. Grant, SSO presented the Local Economic and Community Plan. Cllr. O’Ryan thanked L. Grant for her informative presentation. Cllr. O’Leary welcomed the plan but stated that it should be more broad ranging and should look outside the City, Tramore and Dungarvan for jobs. Cllr Butler concurred and said the community need to be consulted.

L. Grant, SSO stated that the emphasis is on the 3 urban areas and that the rural areas will be consulted under the PPN.

### **3.PLANNING**

Report as circulated.

### **4 .REPORTS**

**Planning** – report already circulated and no discussion.

#### **Environment**

Cllr. Power raised the issue of flooding at Clonea graveyard.  
 Cllr. Butler raised the issue of flytipping around Fiddown Bridge and welcomed National Tree Week. She also enquired about the bring bank in Portlaw.  
 Cllr. O'Leary asked if there were any areas not being reached by private collectors.  
 Cllr. Power and Cathaoirleach concurred with condemnation of fly tipping. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the change in bring centres to accept cash/cards at source. He complimented WEB on their good work.  
 Cllr. O'Leary asked for an update on retrofitting.  
 R. Moloney, SEO said he would examine the Clonea flooding and will monitor the fly tipping problem. He stated that saplings will be provided for National Tree Week. He said that it was difficult to identify a site for the Portlaw Bottle Bank. He had no information on whether previous customers had difficulty getting new collectors. He stated that there will be a second phase of retrofitting coming through the WEB. He confirmed that National Spring Clean will happen in early April and assistance will be given to groups involved.

#### **Housing, Community & Culture**

Cllr. Clune enquired about the radon level in Council houses and asked if there was an awareness campaign.  
 Cllr. Butler asked about refurbishment costs.  
 Cllr. Brazil enquire about Ceol na Mara Housing Estate in Kilbarrymeaden.  
 L. O'Mahony, A/SEO stated that NAMA and Respond will conclude the transfer of this estate.  
 Cllr. O'Leary asked if Waterford's Housing allocation is known.  
 L. O'Mahony, A/SEO stated that there is no indication of the allocation yet.  
 Cathaoirleach asked if there is any update on the Tenant Purchase Scheme.  
 L. O'Mahony, A/SEO stated that there was no update on the Scheme but that an Incremental Purchase Scheme will be introduced.  
 Cllr. Clune asked how is the IPS funded.

Cathaoirleach enquired in relation to the 1916 Commemoration and if something is to be done at Municipal District level.  
 E. Ruane, SEO gave an update on the National Commemoration events. Cllr. Clune complimented Portlaw on their plans for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

#### **Roads and Emergency Services**

Cllr. Butler asked about Community Involvement Schemes, the bus shelter at Portlaw and welcomed the drainage and cleaning of roads.  
 Cllr. Power welcomed the repair of the lights at Crehana. He also raised the danger of trees and people should be aware of the problem and mentioned the Pouldrew Road for instance.  
 Cllr. O'Leary raised the bus shelter at Kilmeaden and asked for an update on Carrolls Cross proposals to the NRA. He also stated that hedge cutting was a problem.  
 Cllr. Clune raised the pedestrian crossing at Kilmeaden, the issue of traffic breaking lights and if anything can be done about this.  
 Cllr. Brazil asked for an update on the car park in Bunmahon and how far the Greenway was going towards Kilmacthomas. He also enquired about the progress on the mountain bike track.  
 Cathaoirleach asked about tree cutting and if there will be a dispensation after March. He raised the potholes in Touraneena, Modeligo and Clonocogaile and the winter gritting schedule. He asked when work on the Wood Road, Kilmaccomma realignment would commence and said that businesses should be consulted. He requested lights at Cregane, Ballymacarbery and an update on the GO panel.

P. McCarthy, SE stated that in the Road Work Programme no additional allocation was made to CIS. The Council may provide for CIS by taking from the allocation of another area. He said there would be a Roads Workshop on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 2.30 p.m. in the Conference Room. He said the issue of bus shelters was being addressed. He stated that hedge cutting was the responsibility of owners unless there were a serious Health and Safety issue dispensation will not be given. He said that he would look at Carroll's Cross and the pedestrian crossing at Kilmeaden and that the first phase of work would commence at Bunmahon Car Park this week. He will revert back with the requested information on the Greenway. He said that the jet patcher will deal with the potholes and that the Road Works Programme will also show some activity. In reply to the query on the Wood Road, Kilmacomma, a CPO will commence to acquire land to carry out works. He said review the public lighting programme in respect of Cregane. In response to the query on the GO panel, he said that due process will deal with applications.

### **Planning**

Cllr. Brazil asked if applications were up on last years and what their nature was.

B. White, DoS said that January figures were down but that February were rising, with activity including Teva, WestPharma. It was hard to see a pattern this early in the year.

Cllr. Butler enquired if the Heritage Plan Funding Application included the Heritage Centre, Portlaw. She also noted that there was an application for 8 turbines in Glenahiery.

B. White, DoS said Heritage Plan funding was sought for specific projects.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **7. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

None

### **8. AOB**

The date of the next meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 5.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cathaoirleach**

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