

MINUTES

**COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING
DÚICHE AN CHOMARAIGH**

HELD on 23rd March, 2015, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Service, Water & Environment.
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE, Roads, HR & Emergency Services
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO, Economic Development
Mr. J. O’Mahony, SP, Planning
Ms. C. Hartley, AO, Housing.
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE.
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Brian White, Director of Services

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

Sonny Whelan
Tony O’Hara
Johnny Doyle
Jim Power
Pat Foran
Johnny Tobin
Ned Murphy
Joe Dee.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

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

Committee of St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Portlawn
Kieran Foley, Journalist on gaining the Local Ireland “Get Involved Award”.

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd February, 2015 were proposed by Cllr O’Leary, seconded by Cllr Brazil and agreed.

2.MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising

3. PLANNING

Circulated list noted.

4. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) **Planning** - Noted.

(b) **Roads**

Cllr. Brazil sought an update on the Bunmahon Car Park. Cllr. O'Leary sought an update on the Carroll's Cross junction and also the N25 turn for Kill filter lane. Cllr. Butler raised the question of the bus shelter Portlaw. The Cathaoirleach raised the question of the Halfway Pub on the Clonmel Road and sought an update on Deer Park Ballymacarbry trees issue, Kilmacomma realignment, and the Beehive Road, Kilmanahan. Cllr. Power commented on the value of having local roads signed and branded.

P. McCarthy, SE stated that approval was awaited on the schedule of works for Bonmahon Car Park. That a report was completed on the N25 Kill turning, that the Kilmacomma CPO was in place and that a funding application will be submitted and contract documents prepared.

E Lonergan, SEE stated that a survey of the Halfway House pub on the Clonmel road indicated it to be low risk and doesn't warrant a barrier. He stated that road definition signs were not a priority for 2015 but will look again for 2016. Horticulturist report and recommendation will be done on the Deerpark trees. Works were ongoing on the Beehive Road. The Cathaoirleach enquired about the GO competition. P. McCarthy, SE said that aptitude tests were underway and interviews will take place in May. E. Lonergan SEE stated that funding application had been made for the bus shelter in Portlaw.

(c) **Housing.**

Cllr. Butler asked how long it would take to re-let a vacancy at Coolfin Woods. Cllr. O'Leary enquired about Housing Adaptation Grants for the Elderly and replacement windows and doors and that consideration should be given to Priority 3 cases.

Cathaoirleach asked for an update on the Tenant Purchase Scheme and 1916 plans. C. Hartley AO responded that times vary in relation to preparation to reletting. No further news on the new Tenant Purchase Scheme and she will revert on details for 1916 plans. Cllr. O'Leary expressed the hope that more central funding would be available for these plans.

(d) **Environment**

Cllr Butler requested an update on the Bottle Bank in Portlaw. Cllr. O'Leary asked if many prosecution letters were issued as litter was a growing problem. Cllr. Brazil said dumping was a problem, with Cllr. Power and Butler concurring. Cllr. Butler asked if Coillte could be requested to assist.

Cathaoirleach stated that the lettering at Knocknamullagh side of road reflectors was broken and requested it to be removed.

F. Galvin, DoS said as all alternatives have been exhausted in relation to the bottle bank at Portlaw, and now will have to revert to the planning process to identify a site. Statistics are available on prosecutions. The Council is working with Coillte to gather evidence and prosecute littering offenders. The Cathaoirleach suggested that extra litter bins be provided for events for the County.

(e) **Economic**

Cllr. Butler praised coverage of the Comeragh by the media. Cllr. Power enquired about grant assistance for small business. B. Duggan, SEO responded that there was assistance for small start up businesses. The Cathaoirleach said that the Comeraghs Wild Committee should engage with community organisers. Cllr. Brazil agreed and also enquired about the mountain bike trail. B. Duggan, SEO will revert.

5. SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL WORKS

- **Housing**

Cllr. Butler welcomed housing proposals for Portlaw. Cllr. Power restated the need for housing in rural areas.

- **Environment.**

Cllr. Butler raised the question on beach cleaning and the opening times of public conveniences. The Cathaoirleach asked for support for tidy towns and it was also agreed to give a Cathaoirleach's Reception to the groups.

- **Roads – noted**

The Schedules were proposed by Cllr. Brazil, seconded by Cllr. Butler and agreed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

9. A.O.B.

Cllr. Brazil made a plea for support for the 50km Cycle on Easter weekend in aid of mental health.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Date:
