

**MINUTES**  
**COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**  
**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH**

**Item**  
**No. 1**

**HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services  
Mr. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning  
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE Roads HR & Emergency Services  
Ms. S. Breathnach, AO Housing, Community & Culture  
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE Roads HR & Emergency Services  
Ms. L. Grant, SSO, Economic Development  
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Meetings Administrator

At the commencement of the meeting the Cathaoirleach welcomed Fergus Galvin as the new District Manager.

**1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Brazil, seconded by Cllr. Clune, and agreed

**2.MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was extended to the families of the following:

Fr. Seán Melody.  
Josephine Flynn.  
Mary Power.  
Sr. Mairead Foley.  
Thomas Carey.  
Con Whelan.

## VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

William Walsh, Ballnafina on the publication of Maths Heroes

## 3.PLANNING.

Cllr. Brazil enquired re level of planning permission applications. J. O'Mahony SP stated that numbers were up on last year.

## 4. REPORTS.

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Leary and seconded by Cllr. Brazil and agreed that Item (d) Roads be taken first.

### d. Roads.

Cllr. Clune enquired about the footpath programme, when the jet patcher would visit Portlaw. He asked that the Portlaw/Coolfin junction be cleaned up and enquired if there was any more permanent solution than hedge cutting at the Kilmeaden junction to improve safety. E. Lonergan, SEE said the Footpath Programme would be presented in quarter 3 or 4. He said that the jetpatcher will be in Portlaw and he will examine the junction at Coolfin and also look at a more permanent solution for the Kilmeaden junction.

Cllr. O'Leary expressed concern about the junction at the school at Kill. E. Lonergan SEE will examine. Cllr. Power noted that deer are still a problem in the Nire/Rathgormack area and suggested that a cull should be considered. E. Lonergan SEE stated that he had no particular answer to the deer problem but will look to improve warning signage. Cllr. Brazil stated that the €50k provided for footpaths for the year was too small. He reported a sinkhole at Bonmahon housing estate and asked that signage for the Ann Valley and Mahon Falls be improved. E. Lonergan SEE stated that subsidence at Bonmahon was being addressed and that he would examine the signage at the Ann Valley and Mahon Falls. Cathaoirleach reiterated the need to deal with locals on the junction marker posts project. He raised the matter of parking at Fourmilewater Church and asked that the Roads Workshop be brought forward to August and also raised the issue of storage at Nire Road Aughnaheera. He also raised the issue of lines of sight at junctions as Glasha and Glenpatrick. E. Lonergan SEE stated that yellow lines were considered for Fourmilewater Church but were not enforceable and said that cones could be considered. He will arrange to have the Roads Programme meeting in early September and he will examine the junctions. Cllr. O'Leary enquired about alternative forms of funding for a footpath from Portlaw to the soccer club. Cllr. Clune enquired also about a footpath from Portlaw to the GAA Club. P. McCarthy, SE stated that the total provision in the Capital Plan was €150k for the entire Council. He suggested that options could be considered in the September Operational meeting. Cllr. Brazil asked if communities and clubs could contribute to such works. P. McCarthy, SE stated that the Council can work with the communities.

### a. Planning

Noted.

### a. Housing.

Cllr. Clune asked for a breakdown of the housing list for the district. S. Breathnach, AO responded with figures from the last housing needs assessment which was 2013. Cllr. O'Leary asked could priority for housing aid for the elderly grants be given to some category 2 and 3 cases. S. Breathnach, AO responded that the 2015 allocation had not been received and the matter would be reviewed when it is to hand. Cllr. Brazil concurred with Cllr. O'Leary and asked could land at Kilmacthomas be acquired for social housing. S. Breathnach, AO will revert on this matter. The Cathaoirleach concurred with the need for social housing in Kilmacthomas and also enquired about the installation of alarms for elderly applicants. S. Breathnach, AO will revert. Cllr. Butler commented on the housing list. S. Breathnach, AO confirmed that the Housing Need Assessment 2013 was the last validated information available.

**b. Environment**

Cllr. Clune referred to the litter at Pouldrew. F. Galvin, DOS will follow up. Cllr. O’Leary asked are litter offenders being detected and prosecuted. F. Galvin, DOS responded that casual dumping was difficult to detect with CCTV but that detected cases were being followed up. Cllr. Butler stated that it was hoped to have news of the site for the bring bank at Portlaw soon.

**a. Planning.**

Cllr. Clune asked for an update on the Cois Cille Dunhill Estate. J. O’Mahony, SP responded that the bond here was being examined and he will revert.

**5. DRAFT LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN**

L. Grant, SSO presented the update.

**6. FIX DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Cllr. Brazil that the annual meeting take place in the Community Hall, Ballymacarbry on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 8.00 p.m.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

**8. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None received.

**9. A.O.B.**

The Cathaoirleach referred to the revitalising of the Comeragh Wild Festival and asked Cllr.’s to support same. He also asked that Councillors be kept informed of Comeragh Wild meetings. Cllr. O’Leary congratulated all those involved with the new Fire Station at Portlaw. All Councillors concurred.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: \_\_\_\_\_