

**MINUTES**

**COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING**

**DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH**

**HELD 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 Civic Offices, Dungarvan.**

**PRESENT:**

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| 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. B. White, Director of Service  
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE Roads, HR and Emergency Services  
Mr. E. Lonergan, District Engineer, Transportation, HR and Emergency Services  
Ms. C. Hartley, AO, Housing and Community Services  
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO Environment and Water Services  
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Meetings Administrator

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was passed to the families of the following:

Nellie Comerford  
Michael O’Shea  
Neddy Daly

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Votes of congratulations were extended to:-

Shauna O’Brien

**1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were proposed by Cllr. Clune seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Planning**

List already circulated noted.

### **4 .Reports**

#### **(a) Planning**

Cllr. O'Leary welcomed the planning permission for the school at Ballyduff, Kilmeaden.

Cllr. Butler enquired about the Cúl Rua entrance. She also said Kilmeaden Inn site needs cleaning. She noted WEB were looking for partners and asked what businesses can apply.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired if there was any funding available to premises with a conservation order

B. White, D.o.S. advised that Cúl Rua snag list was being completed and the schedule of works will be monitored. He also confirmed that Kilmeaden Inn will be made safe and look at a further tidy up. He stated that while grant schemes are available they generally aren't sufficient to cover cost of maintenance and restoration of listed buildings.

#### **b) Water and Environment**

Cllr. M.J. O'Ryan, Cathaoirleach stated he had received a reply from the Director of Services regarding Clonea water problem, including scouring of pipes.

Cllr. Power said he hoped a solution could be found. Cllr. Clune acknowledged the work done by the Council dealing with water problem in Portlaw and agreed with Cllr. Power and said that we need to keep pressure on Irish Water.

Cllr. Butler acknowledged work done on signage for dumping and dog fouling in Portlaw. She also stated a facility should be provided for batteries. She also welcomed the meetings with Irish Water.

Cllr. Brazil enquired if the Comeragh clean up will continue. The Cathaoirleach also asked about the clean up and if the Council could put more bring centres in locations in this district.

Cllr. Clune also raised the issue of fly tipping on the Kilmeaden Road.

R. Moloney, SEO stated with WEB any businesses can apply and details will be sent out if requested. He said that shops must have take back facility for batteries, and that he would look into the issue of ink cartridges. He stated that the Council will support the community in any clean up of the Comeragh. He also advised that there are no proposals for additional bring centres and that signs can be erected warning on fly tipping. Cllr. Butler raised the bottle bank location in Portlaw.

#### **c) Housing**

Cllr. Brazil requested an update on social housing in Kilmacthomas and Glór na Mara Kill.

Cllr. Butler asked if there was any news on housing for Portlaw and funding for the Heritage Centre.

Cllr. O'Leary enquired about Glór na Mara. He stated that the Central Bank decision on 15%-20% deposit requirement will create a greater housing need.

Cllr. M.J. O'Ryan, Cathaoirleach enquired about the Tenant Purchase Scheme and requested pressure be kept on the Department for a new scheme.

C. Hartley, A.O. advised that the list for Glór na Mara was being prepared for consideration by Respond. She stated that the Social Housing Strategy was being prepared. The issue of funding for the Heritage Centre has been referred to

Community Section. She said the Incremental Purchase Scheme was not yet enacted and Council was still reflecting demand to the Department.

#### **d) Roads**

M. J. O'Ryan, Cathaoirleach stated that population should not be the only criteria in deciding budgets, also enquired about a patcher and the G.O. panel. He stated that drainage should be continued.

Cllr. Brazil stated he was looking for fairness in the Budget due to the length of roads in the district and particular problem of location with mountains and coast. He requested an update on Bonmahon car park and enquired when work will commence.

Cllr. O'Leary welcomed work on the footpath in Kill, and said the Pouldrew Road needs work. He stated that from Carroll's Cross to Kilmacthomas junction needs some lighting. Cllr. Butler concurred and said lesser roads need care.

Cllr. Power complimented the good work being done.

Cllr. Clune said the length of road in the District needs to be acknowledged and to be reflected in the budget. The Cathaoirleach stated that there was 1136k of road, consisting of 37 N.P., 58 R.R., making up 47% of County roads.

P. McCarthy, S.E., stated that the Budget for the year is approved and a report will be brought to the next Plenary meeting showing breakdown. He said a new gang were working in West of Comeragh with G.S.S. and that 17% of the County population was in the Comeragh area. P. McCarthy, SE said he would revert back at the February or March meeting with Roadworks Programme. He confirmed that works will be carried out on Bonmahon Car Park. He said that the storm damage allocation assisted with repairs during season and that G.O.'s were being recruited.

P. McCarthy, S.E. said he would look again at additional allocation for Pouldrew and also for Carroll's Cross.

The Cathaoirleach enquired if there is a limit on staff resources. P. McCarthy, S.E. responded that the level of staff will be maintained but that no increase was being sought.

P. McCarthy, S.E. stated that Department allocation for Community Involvement Scheme awaited.

B. White, D.o.S. reiterated commitment to district, and fairness and reasonableness will prevail.

#### **5. Correspondence**

Noted

#### **6. Notice of Motions**

None received.

#### **7. AOB**

Cllr. O'Leary condemned outright arson of St. Saviour's G.A.A. Club and Youth Centre in Ballybeg. He mentioned 2 recent rescues in Comeraghs by the S.E. Mountain Team, Coast Guard and Tramore Sea Rescue.

Cllr. Butler congratulated Portlaw and Kill Red Cross on recent award nomination. Cllr.'s Power, Brazil and the Cathaoirleach concurred with Cllr. O'Leary regarding arson attacks.

P. McCarthy, S.E. informed the meeting that the Council will be proceeding with the CPO on the Clonmel Road junction.

The date of the next meeting will be February 23rd, 2015

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

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