

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

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

**HELD ON 27TH APRIL, 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. B. White, Director of Services  
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO Environment & Water Services  
Ms. S. Breathnach, AO Housing, Community & Culture  
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE Roads HR & Emergency Services  
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE Roads HR & Emergency Services  
Ms. L. O'Mahony, A/SEO, Housing  
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Meetings Administrator

**1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Brazil, seconded by Cllr. Butler, the Minutes of meeting held on 23rd March, 2015 were agreed.

**2.MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. M. J. O'Ryan, Cathaoirleach raised the road at Kilmacomma. P. McCarthy, SE. advised that land acquisition was progressing and that funding for the entire project was being sought.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

Mary Kirwan.  
Mary Walsh.  
Bernie Hobbs.

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

Agora Publishing, Portlaoigh

New ordained, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, Fr. Alphonsus Cullinan.  
Cllr. Brazil on the Easter Weekend Cycle.  
The Mayors and organisers of the Annual Mayors Ball.

### **3.PLANNING.**

Noted.

### **4. REPORTS.**

#### **a. Roads.**

Cllr. Clune asked about wet recycling at Darrigle, footpaths budget and if the bus shelter in Portlaw was disability proofed.

Cllr. Power welcomed funding for signage for Clonea Strand and Rathgormack Hiking Centre at Clonea Power. Cllr. Butler asked if the €450,000 funding was for Comeragh area and enquired about grass cutting at Cosy Thatch. She also requested public lighting at Woodlands and complimented the Council on work done on the Curraghmore approach.

E. Lonergan, SEE stated that wet recycling is being tested and is more cost effective. Bus shelters are disability proofed. P. McCarthy, SE will revert back on the capital programme for footpaths. E. Lonergan, SEE stated that the €450,000 was countywide, and that he would look at the Cosy Thatch, he will refer the public lighting matter to the appropriate body.

Cllr. Brazil raised Bunmahon Car Park and signage on the Comeragh Drive.

Cllr. O'Leary raised the footpath at Portlaw AFC, work on Carroll's Cross junction and the N25 turn off to Kill. He also said work on the greenway was damaging the road.

P. McCarthy, SE said a contractor was appointed for the car park in Bonmahon and would take up the position of signage with appropriate department. He said the Footpath Programme would be brought to the District and that the footpath at the Portlaw AFC is estimated at €200,000. He said that there was no update on Carroll's Cross and Kill junction and will revert to the next meeting. He will examine the damage on the Greenway and revert.

Cathaoirleach raised the road damage at Dirra, Modeligo and the potholes at the bog road from Nire to Rathgormack needed to be filled. He said that roadmarkings on the potholes at Powers the Pot were needed. He stated that deer on the road in the Nire Valley were causing problems. Parking at Cove Beach, Stradbally was causing problems.

E. Lonergan, SEE. said he would look at Dirra, and that the bog road potholes and road markings will be attended to. He noted the issue with the deer and advised that Cove Beach was in private ownership.

#### **b. Planning**

Noted.

#### **c. Housing.**

Cllr. Clune asked about the radon in Beechwood Grove and enquired about Energy Efficiency and if there was a waiting list for retrofitting, its timescale and cost.

Cllr. Power asked what the position is for privately owned houses at Beechwood Grove. Cllr. Butler asked for a breakdown of the Housing List. Cllr. O'Leary asked if there were house repossessions in the Comeragh area. Cllr. Brazil noted that there was a need for social housing in Kilmacthomas, and asked about Housing Aid for the Elderly Grants. He also asked what the position was with Ceol na Mara, Kill. The Cathaoirleach concurred with Cllr. Brazil on social housing.

L. O'Mahony, A/SEO said radon meters are installed as a result of a campaign by the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland. She said a housing list breakdown will be supplied. She said that there were options for people whose houses were being repossessed. She stated that she will revert with update on Kilmacthomas and that the Housing Aid for the Elderly will be similar to last year. Ceol na Mara fire issue will mean houses will not be available until the end of the year. She presented the housing programme for the Comeragh Area.

**c. Environment**

Cllr. Clune raised litter at Pouldrew, requested an awareness campaign on illegal dumping and stated that there were bins missing in Portlaw.

Cllr. Butler asked about the Better Energy Community Scheme and how houses will be selected. The Cathaoirleach complimented the spring clean at Ballymacarbry/Comeragh. He raised the rubbish at Nire/Rathgormack and what can be done where name of the offender is found. Cllr. O'Leary asked how many cameras were installed and what their cost is. Cllr. Power said there should be more prosecutions and that they needed to be highlighted. The Cathaoirleach said disposable cups are a big problem.

R. Moloney, SEO said he would try to get the community in Pouldrew more involved and would look at social media regarding dumping. He will revert back with details on the Better Energy Scheme and said that the chain of evidence may be a problem with litter fines. R. Moloney, SEO said they were not fixed cameras and that they could be moved from site to site.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**7. A.O.B.**

The Cathaoirleach referred to B. White's retirement and complimented him on his contribution and made a presentation on behalf of the Comeragh District Councillors. B. White, DOS responded and thanked the Councillors. All the Councillors added their thanks and good wishes.

This concluded the meeting.

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

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