

MINUTES
COMERAGH DISTRICT MEETING
DÚICHE AN CHUMARAIGH

Item
No. 1

HELD ON 27th July, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services.
Mr. J. O'Mahony, SP Planning.
Mr. R. Walsh, SEO Economic Development.
Ms. S. Breathnach, AO, Housing, Community & Culture.
Mr. E. Lonergan, SEE Roads HR & Emergency Services.
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Meeting Administrator.

At the commencement of the meeting the Cathaoirleach asked for the suspension of Standing Orders to take item number 5 on the agenda Presentation on Comeraghs Wild Festival first, proposed by Cathaoirleach seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed.

5. Presentation on Comeraghs Wild Festival

R. Walsh, SEO presented a slide show indicating proposals for the festival. It was agreed that Councillors would be informed of any meetings and events around the festival. The Cathaoirleach appealed to all Councillors to work together for the good of the Comeragh District.

1.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) District Meeting held on June 22nd, 2015 proposed by Cllr Clune seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed.
- (b) Annual Meeting held on June 30th, 2015 proposed by Cllr. O'Ryan seconded by Cllr. O'Leary and agreed.

Votes of Sympathy

Michael Stone, Thomas Power, John Walsh, Peter McNamara, Nicholas Norris.

Votes of Congratulations

Portlaw Red Cross, Waterford Senior Hurlers.

2.MATTERS ARISING

Cllr O’Ryan referred to the issue of Broadband and Bearys Cross.

3.PLANNING.

Circulated lists noted.

4. REPORTS.

a.Planning.

Cllr. Clune asked for a breakdown of unfinished estates and an update on Cois Coille. J. O’Mahoney SP will supply list and confirmed the Council was attempting to contact the Cois Coille director re bond.

b. Roads.

Cllr. Butler asked if road projects could be restored to the Roads Programme and also enquired about Muileann na Coiurce bridge. Cllr. O’Leary raised the junction at Carroll’s Cross and the turnoff at Kill and enquired if Council monitor need for hedgecutting.

Cllr. Clune asked about funding for Portlaw footpaths, the time limit on a landowner in receipt of a hedgecutting notice and coastal and harbour grants. Cllr. O’Ryan asked about lining the L1037 Ballymacarbry to Newcastle road, Delaney’s Bridge safety measures, replacement of the barrier at Poolboy, potholes by the Lodge at Ballymacarbry, a footpath programme for Kilmacthomas and Cois Breo Touraneena housing.

E. Lonergan SEE said that projects were removed where costs exceeded budget but that some schemes may be reinstated if circumstances change. Contractor should be on site at Darrigle by mid August. Bridge work completed. Junctions at Kill and Carrolls Cross have been cut back to improve sight lines. Hedgecutting is subject to the provisions of the Wildlife Act as to when it can be undertaken, surveys are carried out and landowners have one month in which to comply with hedgecutting notice, generally co-operation is good. A footpath at Portlaw is estimated at approx €200,000 and there is no funding.

There is no update on the coastal and harbour grants. Roadmarking will take place on the L1037 when the surface settles. The surface at Delaneys Bridge is not the problem, warning signs may work, prices sought for the barrier at Poolboy, will have a a footpath design for Kilmacthomas in Q3 and will seek funding.

Quotations are being examined for Cois Breo. Cllr. Power asked if a derogation could be got from the Wildlife Act season for hedgecutting. Cllr. O’Leary stated that Tidy Towns Committees needed support.

E. Lonergan SEE said that hedges can be cut out of season if there is a safety risk. The Council supports Tidy Towns Committees.

c. Housing/Community

Cllr O’Ryan enquired about Cois Breo. S. Breathneach AO confirmed that contractor had been appointed and it would take 4-6 weeks to complete. Cllr O’Ryan also enquired about social housing in Kilmacthomas. S. Breathneach AO said that options for purchasing would be examined. Cllr Butler enquired as to how houses were chosen for SEAI grants. Cllr O’Leary enquired about disability and older person grants and amount needed to cater for all applicants. Cllr Clune requested an update on Ceol na Mara, Kill. S. Breathneach AO will revert on SEAI and home improvement grants and stated that there was no update on Ceol na Mara. The Cathaoirleach stated that social housing should be provided in Kilmacthomas.

d. Environment

Cllr Butler stated that reusable bottles should be considered. She stated that the site at Kellys Pub was being littered. Cllr Clune requested a report on water outs. Cllr Power looked for a report on leaks repaired on Darahus, Carrick. F. Galvin, DOS said that a pilot scheme for bottles will be run out with schools and clubs, he will look at the Kelly’s Pub site. The queries on water will be referred to Irish Water. Cllr Clune enquired if monthly programmes could be published.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Motion standing in the name of Cllr O’Leary

“That Waterford City and County Council takes Lisnakill Road Butlerstown in charge”

was amended to, by agreement

“that Waterford City and County Council give consideration to taking in charge Lisnakill Road, Butlerstown.

Proposed by Cllr O’Leary, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed. E. Loneragan, SEE will do costings to assess the impact.

Reg. No. 1 (dated 27th May, 2015) – *deferred from June Meeting*)

The following motion was proposed by Cllr O’Ryan.

“To ask the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources to ensure that the current Eircode system not penalise Waterford people whose postal address is in a neighbouring county and that these people will be free to deal with public service obligations through Waterford City and County Council auspices and not that of a neighbouring county into the future. Furthermore to ask the minister to allow people to rectify the address to proper county addresses.”

Reg. No. 2 (dated 22nd July, 2015)

The motion proposed by Cllr O’Ryan was seconded by Cllr Clune and agreed.

9. A.O.B.

Cllr Clune suggested that consideration should be given to holding District meetings outside Dungarvan, all councillors felt that Dungarvan was the most appropriate location for holding the meetings.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: _____