

**Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 4th
September, 2019 at 10.00am at the Ferrybank Area Office**

Present: Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, T. Breathnach and G. Frisby

In attendance: S. McKeown, Director of Services, S. Cullen, Area Engineer, B. Moloney,
Environment Awareness Officer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MD Meeting 3rd July – Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

Special Meeting 11th July – Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(e) Update on the Litter Management Plan 2018-2020

Bernadette Moloney was in attendance to give an update to members. She advised that under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997-2009 it is a requirement to prepare a Litter Management Plan and this is reviewed every 3 years. It was noted that the current plan was adopted in January 2018 and identified 37 actions under the headings of Enforcement, Education and Awareness, Litter Prevention and Street Cleaning. BM outlined the various activities and initiatives being undertaken in relation to litter management. The following was also discussed and noted:-

- Door to door campaign to begin in October to gather information on what arrangement each household has in place to dispose of their refuse.
- Each service provider in the County has been contacted to establish the areas where there is no refuse service provided and areas where the service is not being availed of.

(a) Monthly Roadworks Update

A report was circulated outlining details in relation to pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works carried out over the past month. Details were noted. Queries were raised in relation to the following:-

Tower Road & Mill Road footpaths – in answer to Cllr. Aylward's query, SC advised that Tower Road would be completed in September and Mill Road would be progressed in October.

Glenmore Pavement Works – Cllr. Doherty queried the removal of filter lanes to the left off the N25 following recent works. SC confirmed that all works completed were in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual.

R704 – Cllr. Doherty acknowledged edge repairs carried out, however she stated that there were still a number of areas needing attention. She also asked if progress had been made regarding speed limit off the Motorway at Ballynooney. SC advised that signage would be increased to reinforce the speed limit at this location.

(b) Update on N25 New Ross Bypass

A report was circulated to members and the current position was outlined by SC and noted.

Cllr. Doherty requested that debris washed up in the Pink Rock area could be cleaned up prior to the opening of the bridge.

(c) North Quays SDZ

An update report was circulated to members, details as outlined by S. McKeown were noted. In relation to funding, it was noted that the €6m granted to WCCC under the URDF was for Phase 1 of the development. The Kilkenny CoCo projects incorporated in the URDF application include the upgrade of the Abbey Road, proposed link road from the Abbeygate junction to the Belmont Road and upgrade of the N29 Port Road.

(d) Kilkenny Greenway Update

S. McKeown confirmed that following the special meeting of the Piltown MD, the Municipal Districts of New Ross, Waterford City and Callan/Thomastown had all since met and unanimously

agreed to write to CIE to seek abandonment of the disused railway line. It was noted that a letter has issued to CIE in this regard and they will now consider this request. S. McKeown advised that if this request is positively received, it would be January 2020 at the earliest before confirmation would be received. He also advised as follows:-

- detailed design of the Greenway would be completed by end of November, following which the procurement process would begin and construction phase to commence in March 2020.
- RRDF Application – an opportunity arose to submit an application for additional funding of €2m for the project under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.
- Proposed parking locations – a number of locations are being considered for parking and access points to the Greenway, discussions to be held with landowners concerned.

Cllr. Doherty asked about possible business initiatives and engagement with the public. Cllr. Breathnach asked if there would be an information meeting to update the public. S. McKeown advised that a number of pre-planning meetings have already been held with the local Planner and a number of planning applications have been lodged. He also said that it has been agreed with KLP that an information evening will be held to stimulate further business opportunities, a date for which is to be confirmed.

(f) Abbey Park Maintenance

This item was submitted by Cllr. Doherty. SC advised that he had held a meeting with residents of the Abbey Park estate on 13th August last and was presented with a report outlining areas of concern for the residents. He noted that this is a large old estate and agreed that there is a need for some works to address the issues raised. While there are currently no works programmed within the estate, SC proposed devising a programme for footpath repairs in the estate, targeting the most significant problems. It was noted that this would be undertaken on a phased basis and within the constraints of the budgets available to the area.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meetings

None

4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting

None

5. Notice of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

(a) Agree arrangements for meeting with University Hospital Waterford

S. McKeown advised that previous correspondence sent to Minister Harris requesting a meeting to discuss 24-7 cardiac services for the South East had been referred by Minister Harris to the HSE. Grace Rothwell, Manager of UHW subsequently offered to meet with elected members. It had been proposed that 2 representatives from each of the Municipal Districts of Piltown, Waterford City, Carrick-on-Suir and New Ross would meet with Ms Rothwell. However, feedback from the other MDs indicated their preference that the meeting should be open to all members who wished to attend. Following discussion, it was agreed to request a meeting with Ms. Rothwell at 12 noon on Wednesday 2nd October next.

7. AOB

Additional items raised by Members:-

Cllr. Dunphy

Meeting with Gardai – Cllr. Dunphy asked for an update with regard to planned meeting with the Gardai to discuss the proposed new local policing structures, which were to be in place by Q3 of 2019. It was agreed that the matter be followed up requesting a meeting with both Chief Superintendents, Dominic Hayes and Pdraig Dunne, on Wednesday 2nd October at 9.00am.

Bog Road – Cllr. Dunphy asked if attention could be given to a location on the Bog Road, on the Tobernabrone/Mooncoin side, it was noted representations had been submitted in this regard.

Speeding – issues on rural roads and in both Fiddown and Mooncoin. SC asked that members submit representations so that speed surveys could be arranged in locations where there are concerns. It was noted that a speed survey was due to be undertaken shortly at Fiddown.

Cllr. Aylward

Bus Stop Fiddown – it was noted that there were constraints with regard to relocating the bus stop in Fiddown, possible solution to be discussed in conjunction with other parties.

Cllr. Frisby

Update on Meeting with TII – the matter to be followed up with a view to holding a meeting before the end of the year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____