

Minutes of February Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown

Venue: Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office

Meeting Date: 1st February, 2017 at 10:00am

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Ger Frisby

Present: Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy, Eamon Aylward and Tomas Breathnach

In Attendance: Mary J Mulholland, Director of Services, Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Ian Gardner, Area Engineer and Laura Murphy, A/Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

Welcome: Cllr. Frisby welcomed Mary Mulholland, Director of Services and all to the meeting.

Outset: Cllr. Aylward expressed condolences on his own behalf and on behalf of all present to Ger Frisby and family on the recent passing of his father Michael Frisby and proposed that the meeting be temporarily adjourned as a mark of respect; seconded by Cllr. Dunphy. Cllr. Frisby thanked everyone for their expressions of sympathy, support and attendance at the funeral. A minute's silence was observed and the meeting adjourned for 5 minutes.

Cllr. Doherty expressed condolences to the Brophy family, Ballinaraha, Glenmore on the passing of Margaret Brophy, mother to Michael Brophy, Council employee.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of monthly meeting held 7th December 2016, proposed by Cllr. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Aylward and agreed.

Housing Developments Update

AM Walsh circulated a handout to Members which detailed the status of taking-in-charge process of housing estates within the Municipal District of Piltown. AMW updated Members on the current position of each estate listed and outlined progress and/or difficulties with each estate since the last housing developments update. Members thanked AMW for the update and acknowledged the progress made. AMW answered queries raised by Members on individual estates within the area. She told the meeting that estates, subject to IRBC Bonds, are being prioritised as there is a time constraint for claiming these bonds however the Council will continue working to progress all estates. Cllr. Breathnach asked if there were any developments whereby local authorities could initiate the taking in charge process. AM Walsh replied that she is unaware of any amendment to the existing legalisation as yet.

Delegation from Owing National School

Members discussed the presentation before the monthly meeting of the MDP this morning on traffic management and road markings in Owing Village made by Pat O'Gorman and Brian Farrell, delegation from Owing National School. Members paid compliments to the body of work compiled and its presentation by the delegation. Possible works to assist with traffic management and road safety were discussed, in particular any works that could be facilitated in the short-term. Funding for works was also considered. IG said that he will look at the possibility of applying to the Department for funding under a Low Cost Safety Scheme. He also said that a speed survey is currently being carried out at Owing, the results of which will be available shortly. It was agreed to look at the issues raised and revert back to the delegation with a response.

Roadworks Update

I Gardner circulated an information sheet detailing progress on the Roadworks Programme to date and updated Members on same. IG informed the meeting that temporary remedial works have been carried out at Dunkitt to assist with flooding until permanent works can be done. IG also informed Members that consultants have been appointed to carry out flood investigation works at Dungooley and Fanningstown and said that a workshop would be organised for local residents to contribute to the process. Members thanked IG for his report, requested clarification on some items and raised the following:-

- Ramp at Newmarket – IG replied that this is to be installed later this year.
- Road safety at Kilmaganny National School – design of CLAR scheme is in progress.
- Improved road surfacing at Ballyfasy – IG will consider this.

- Surface water effecting property at Dunkitt – Outlet for water to escape requires maintenance - IG said he had already looked at this matter and that there was no issue with the drainage system. However, he will look at this matter to see if any issue have arisen in the meantime.
- Visibility at Fahee junction – IG to consider improvements under a Low Cost Safety Scheme

N25 New Ross Bypass Update

K Hanley circulated a report to Members detailing current progress on the N25 New Ross Bypass Bridge project. Cllr. Doherty noted that the works are progressing very well and however she said there is some confusion locally regarding the possible closing of a number of local roads and requested clarification on same. K Hanley will refer this matter to Sean Dobbs, Public Liaison Officer, N25 New Ross Bypass. Cllr. Doherty also acknowledged and welcomed the improvement to traffic flow entering New Ross from the N25 since changes were made to allowable turning manoeuvres at the roundabout adjacent O’Hanrahan Bridge, New Ross.

Taking in Charge of O’Connor’s Lane, Milepost

K Hanley told Members under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the declaration of a road to be a public road can be passed at Municipal District level and asked for a proposer and seconder for the Resolution to declare road at O’Connor’s Lane, Milepost to be a public road. This was proposed by Cllr. Frisby and seconded by Cllrs. Doherty and Breathnach and agreed by all.

Taking in Charge of Clonconey Lane, Piltown – I Gardner circulated a map of Clonconey Lane, Piltown and asked Members if they were satisfied to proceed with the taking in charge of this road with length of 103m. This was proposed by Cllr. Dunphy and seconded by Cllr. Breathnach and agreed.

Any Other Business

- a) **Taking in charge of Sinnotts Cross Monument** – The taking in charge of Sinnotts Cross Monument was discussed. K Hanley said that this matter should be referred to the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Assessment Committee for deliberation. MJ Mulholland noted that this issue should be considered in the broader context to include financial and insurance implications for the Council. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Assessment Committee and await their report.
- b) **Main Routes into Waterford City** – Cllr Dunphy asked if there are any suggestions for improving the approach roads to Waterford. I Gardner noted that while some improvement works have already been carried out, he will look into where allocation of €30k for maintenance and amenities can be best spend. Cllr. Breathnach suggested that a workshop be held to identify best locations for enhancement and also noted that as the Local Area Plan will be going to public consultation shortly, improvement measures could be included in the plan. MJ Mulholland recommended that the overall plan for Ferrybank be looked at with local interest groups, e.g. Tidy Towns Committee to identify objectives.
- c) **Update re Glenmore bus stop (on N25)** – Cllr. Doherty noted progress and said that she received queries regarding the location of the bus stop. IG explained that in the interest of public safety, buses travelling from New Ross will stop on the right hand side of the N25 to pick up passengers thus avoiding the need for most pedestrians to cross a national road.
- d) **Update on Albatross site** – Cllr. Doherty asked that the MDP work with New Ross Municipal District to formulate a plan for site at Albatross. MJ Mulholland said she will contact NRMD regarding this matter.
- e) **Update on water scheme for Newrath** – K Hanley told the meeting that a €2.5m contract is due to go to tender for 4 schemes, one of which is from Grannagh to Rockshire Road, via Newrath Road. MJ Mulholland will request an update from Irish Water re sewerage scheme for Newrath and circulate it to Members.

Cllr. Aylward requested an update on level crossing at Garrandarragh. IG replied that Irish Rail will be carrying out significant works at this location. Cllr. Aylward asked that temporary works be carried out to improve the junction in the interim.

Cllr. Dunphy asked for an update on the water scheme for Ullid, Kilmacow and requested that correspondence issue to Irish Water regarding same.

Cllr. Dunphy commented that road edges at Garryduff/Mullenbeg are in a bad state of repair. IG replied that this issue will be discussed as part of the Roadworks Schedule.

Cllr. Dunphy raised the matter of derelict sites and asked what the Council is doing to deal with these sites - reference was made to a property in Piltown. MJ Mulholland clarified the difference between a derelict site and a vacant site and referred to the new Vacant Site Levy on vacant urban sites. She said that targeting of vacant sites will highlight sites which show the greatest potential for redevelopment. MJM said that a grant scheme to assist persons to bring properties up to a standard whereby they can be leased to persons on the local authority waiting list is currently being piloted by Waterford and Carlow County Councils. KCC has applied to be part of the next roll-out.

Cllr. Dunphy requested an updated list of applications for CIR/LIS schemes. IG will circulate list to Members.

Cllr. Dunphy asked for an update regarding the N24. IG replied a safety review is due to be carried out by the TII for the Tower & Ink Bottle junctions.

Cllr. Doherty requested an update on the Ferrybank Shopping Centre. MJ Mulholland said that a planning application has been received. She will request an update on current legal status and circulate it to Members.

Cllr. Frisby requested an update on recycling facility for Ferrybank. MJ Mulholland will circulate an update to Members.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1st March 2017 at 10:00am.

A meeting with New Ross Municipal District is also scheduled for Wednesday, 1st March 2017 – time and venue to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____