

***Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 6th
February, 2019 at 10.00am at the Ferrybank Area Office***

Present: Cllr. Ger Frisby, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. P. Dunphy, F. Doherty, M. O’Neill, T. Breathnach and E. Aylward

In attendance: S. McKeown, Director of Services, B. Tyrrell, Meetings Administrator, I. Gardner, Area Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MDP Meeting 16th January – Proposed by Cllr. E. Aylward, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

Matters Arising

Clarification – Ian Gardner referred to a point raised at the last meeting with regard to the Restoration Improvement Scheme and confirmed that this Scheme was agreed last September.

Dumping of Plastics, River Barrow – Cllr. Doherty again noted an amount of plastic waste washing up by the Pink Rock area and asked if arrangements could be put in place for collection and disposal of same. Cllr. Frisby suggested that this issue could be discussed at the next joint meeting with New Ross MD. S. McKeown suggested that a submission could be looked at jointly under the anti-dumping initiative when the call for applications came from the Department.

Abbey Road proposals – Cllr. O’Neill again sought copy of the SDZ assess and road infrastructure proposals from WCCC relating to the Abbey Road. B. Tyrrell advised that same was available on the WCCC website, he agreed to forward a link to the members.

Tower Road Footpath – Cllr. Dunphy asked for update on the Tower Road footpath works. IG advised that works were ongoing to set back boundaries. However, works to one boundary cannot commence until the relocation of an ESB pole and this could take a matter of months. The main footpath works would not commence until all enabling works were completed.

Severe Flooding Sth Kilkenny – Cllr. Dunphy asked for update regarding flood investigations works that had been carried out. IG advised that these works had been completed and public presentations of the findings had been given to the local communities.

Ireland / Newfoundland Festival – Cllr. Breathnach advised that a date had been fixed for the annual gathering, which would take place from 23rd to 31st August, 2019.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(e) Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy & Waterford Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan

The Southern Regional Assembly has prepared the Draft RSES 2019-2031 for the Southern Region, Denis Malone, Senior Planner, was in attendance to make presentation in this regard. He circulated a report on same to the members, outlining the overall structure and content of the RSES, which includes preparation of MASPs for the 3 cities within the region, Cork, Limerick and Waterford. He also outlined details of previous submission items made prior to the draft RSES and references made to these items in the draft. Also noted were issues for County Kilkenny and other items to be considered when preparing submission under the Draft, final date for which is Friday, 8th March, 2019. Discussion followed, with contributions from all members. It was agreed that the Piltown MD members should make a submission under the RSES public consultation. Cllr. Frisby proposed, seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed that the submission should include a reference to the need to masterplan the lands within the N24 ring-road. It was noted that this is an objective of the Ferrybank-Belview LAP.

It was noted that a workshop has been arranged for elected members on Monday next to discuss the Draft RSES in detail, with a view to preparing a submission on behalf of the Council.

(a) *Monthly Roadworks Update*

A report was circulated outlining details in relation to pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works carried out since the last meeting. Details were noted. I. Gardner advised that the roads grant allocations had been announced but there was no details of the area breakdown as yet. He also noted that transferring part of the Restoration Improvement budget to the Discretionary Grant was no longer allowed as had been advised last year. This will reduce the scope for carrying out miscellaneous improvement works in 2019. Also circulated was report showing Discretionary Grant Expenditure Comparison 2016 – 2018. Cllr. Aylward felt this was a poor decision by the department and proposed that the Council write to them in this regard. I. Gardner advised that on the plus side there was greater funding available for resurfacing of road and the drainage improvement allocation introduced in 2018 would continue in the current year.

Cllr. O'Neill raised a number of queries in relation to previous works carried out on the site for the new playground at Ferrybank and the costs of same. S. McKeown agreed to provide a full report on this matter for the next meeting.

Cllr. Doherty welcomed LCSi works at Listerlin and asked if the wall along the old graveyard could be realigned as part of the scheme. I. Gardner advised that there would be difficulties involved with moving this wall and such works were not envisaged at this time.

Cllr. Doherty also asked for update regarding the bus stop and weighbridge at Glenmore and if consideration could be given to removal of bend at Ballyfasy. I. Gardner agreed to have an update regarding bus stop for the next meeting and removal of bend at Ballyfasy would be placed on the list for low cost safety works.

Cllr. Dunphy complimented LIS works completed at both Mooncoin and Piltown GAA grounds, a fantastic amenity for the local community.

Cllr. Aylward asked if additional signage could be erected at the Sweep / Owing Road junction. I. Gardner advised that all statutory signage and additional warning signage was already in place at this junction and felt same should be adequate, however he would meet with local residents.

Cllr. Aylward also raised issue of speeding in Mullinavat village and asked if the list of proposed footpath works could be put on the next meeting agenda for review.

Cllr. O'Neill raised issue with estates not taken in charge being unable to get public lighting repaired. She proposed that efforts be made to assist residents with this issue once an application has been lodged to have the estate taken in charge, this was seconded by Cllr. Dunphy.

(b) *CIR Update*

A report on current CIR applications was circulated to members, showing the approximate cost of each scheme and the year an offer was likely to be made to applicants. It was noted that as the funding allocation had been made over a 2 year period, 2018-2019, offers have recently been made to 7 applicants to complete works in the current year. Details were noted. Cllr. Doherty and Cllr. Dunphy asked that pothole repairs be carried out on lanes where applications were pending. I. Gardner advised that patching will continue to be carried out on all roads based on need as and when resources allowed.

(c) *Update on N25 New Ross Bypass*

A report was circulated and noted.

Cllr. Breathnach wished to communicate thanks to Sean Dobbs, Project Liaison Engineer, for the regular updates which he said made it very easy to monitor progress. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Sean conveying thanks of the Piltown members.

Cllr. Doherty raised concern regarding the underpass on the Cappagh Road into Glenmore and asked that a sign be put in place to indicate height for motorists.

Cllr. Breathnach asked about the signage policy and design for the Bypass and if same would be agreed and implemented in advance of the opening. I. Gardner advised that the signage plan had already been finalised and approved.

(d) North Quays SDZ

S. McKeown circulated an update report to the meeting. It was noted that 3 meetings of the Steering Committee, set up to oversee the development of the North Quays SDZ, had taken place thus far in 2019 and a meeting had also taken place with officials from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to discuss the funding application under the URDF. The following was also noted:-

- CPO lands for the North Quays (NQ) SDZ are now in the ownership of WCCC. An additional small section of land to the east of Frank Cassin Wharf is also being compulsorily purchased, details of which were published by WCCC on 29th January last.
- At the Metropolitan Council meeting held on 21st January last, members resolved to proceed with SDZ Access and Road Infrastructure works and the Rock Face Stabilisation and Railway Protection works.
- Roughan & O'Donovan have been appointed by WCCC to prepare preliminary design on proposed upgrade of the Abbey Road to the Christendom junction.
- Roadplan have been requested by KCC to undertake feasibility study to determine if upgrade works should be continued along the Abbey Road from Christendom junction to the Abbeygate junction. Roadplan have been appointed by KCC to prepare the detailed design of the proposed link road from the Abbeygate junction to the Belmont Road. This proposed link road is one of the 4 projects submitted by KCC and included in the application for funding for the NQ under the URDF.
- WCCC are finalising the design of a new website to communicate regular updates to the public in relation to the NQ development.
- WCCC will provide further update on the NQ SDZ at the next joint meeting with Piltown members.

(f) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meetings

None

(g) Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting

None

(h) Notices of Motion

None

(i) Correspondence

None

(j) AOB

Additional items raised by Members:-

Cllr. Breathnach

Deputation – Cllr. Breathnach advised that a request had been made by Piltown National School for a deputation to attend the next Piltown MD meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed to receive the deputation at the April Meeting

Village Renewal

I Gardner advised that drawings were currently on display regarding the Hugginstown and Kilmacow Village Renewal Schemes at the Ferrybank Area Office, locally and also in Co. Hall. The closing date for submissions was 15th March.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, 6th March, 2019 at 10am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____