

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
7th June, 2023 at 10.15am in the Meeting Room, Ferrybank Library**

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

In attendance: D. Malone, A/Director of Services, S. Cullen, Area Engineer, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator. O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Welcome

Cllr Frisby welcomed all to the meeting and took the opportunity to compliment Cllr Doherty on her achievements over the last twelve months, being efficient and fair during her time as Cathaoirleach and he hoped to continue in the same vein. He thanked Cllrs Aylward and Dunphy for their nomination and looked forward to working with his colleagues and officials over the next year for the benefit of all the people across the District.

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 3rd May, 2023** – proposed by Cllr Doherty, seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed.

Matters Arising

Ferrybank Shopping Centre – D. Malone advised Cllr Frisby that the opening of the centre will be a commercial decision for the owners, but agreed to seek an update from them in this regard. S. Cullen advised that matters relating to the car park entrance, security and other matters have been dealt with.

Irish Water – Cllr Dunphy referred to the continuing water outages in the Piltown MD, particularly around the Mooncoin area and proposed that further communication be issued to Irish Water inviting them to attend a meeting of the Piltown MD to discuss and deal with these issues as a matter of urgency. Cllr Aylward seconded this proposal. During further discussion, Cllr Aylward confirmed that discussions are ongoing between Irish Water and AILG, to look at and improve the format for engagement between Irish Water and local authorities and noted progress being made on this. D. Malone acknowledged the urgency of the matter and confirmed that he will liaise with Tim Butler and revert to members. **Action DM/MP**

N24 Road Closure at Tower Road Junction – update to be provided under the Roadworks Update.

N24 Waterford to Cahir Scheme – update to be provided under the Roadworks Update.

Rathkieran Graveyard – S. Cullen advised Cllr Aylward that some maintenance works will be carried out at Rathkieran Graveyard next week.

Primary Care Centre – M. Phelan advised Cllr Doherty that she was awaiting response to letter issued requesting a visit to the new facility and agreed to follow up on same. **Action MP**

TII Meeting Reports – Cllr Breathnach asked if a copy of the report from the last meeting with TII could be provided to members and asked if arrangements could be made to hold the next meeting. Cllr Dunphy requested that the next meeting with TII be held face to face and if the agenda could provide for discussion on more than two items. Cllr Breathnach supported this request.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

(a) Monthly Roadworks Update

S. Cullen circulated a report outlining works being progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting under pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works. He confirmed to Cllr Dunphy that there is no significant change since the last meeting in relation to the N24 Waterford to Cahir Scheme and confirmed that the Preferred Transport Solution is due to be published in Q4 of 2023.

S. Cullen confirmed that the N24 road closure at the Tower Road Junction will proceed on the weekend of 24/25th June to facilitate installation of the bridge beams. He advised that the contractor has applied for a similar closure the following weekend as a contingency in the event that works are not completed on the 24/25th June. He also advised that following detailed discussion and review of possible diversion routes, the route chosen will be via the Ink Bottle junction to The Sweep via the LP1038 and R698 and re-join the N24 at Fiddown. It was noted that in the event of congestion at the junction at Anthony's Inn, traffic may be directed down the Main

Street for a short period, this will be monitored by the Contractor. It was also noted that sensor traffic lights will be in place at The Sweep junction to allow safe two-way movement.

Cllr Aylward asked if a contact number could be provided for the Contractor for that weekend, S. Cullen agreed to arrange and also to provide members with a copy of the diversion route for their information. **Action SC**

The following items were also raised and discussed:-

Killandew Hill – Cllr Aylward raised concern about the road surface at Killandrew Hill, which caused safety issues during recent hot weather. S. Cullen confirmed that there is no significant safety issue at present, however the matter will be addressed ahead of the winter months.

Cllr Dunphy expressed concern regarding an access issue at Creamery Road, Mullinavat for heavy goods vehicles, which is causing some issues locally and he asked if signage could be erected to deter HGVs from using this route via Ballyogreek and Killandrew Hill. S. Cullen acknowledged the difficulties at this location, however erecting such signage will also have an impact on buses and farming activities locally. He advised that erecting information signage pointing out the difficulties that are there for HGVs might be more appropriate. Cllr Breathnach advised that he had contacted the Hauliers Association, who have a regional structure and to suggest a platform for highlighting where difficulties may arise on the road network for HGVs, i.e. location of bridges, hairpins, narrow junctions etc and he agreed to revert with any response received on the matter.

S. Cullen agreed to look at what measures could be taken through the erection of appropriate signage, while still allowing for local access.

(b) South East Greenway Update

D. Malone provided update to members as follows:-

- The closing date for tenders on Lot 5a was Friday 5th May and tenders are currently being assessed, recommendation to TII for final approval will follow. This is a 5 km stretch from Ferrybank to Curraghmore just north of the Rhu Glenn. It is hoped to commence construction in August and the contract duration is expected to be 12 months.
- Confirmation from the Minister's Office is awaited in order to arrange a date for the official opening of the Rosbercon section, which is anticipated to be in July. Snagging issues are being addressed and are due to be completed in advance of the official opening.
- Preliminary design for the links to Glenmore and Slieverue will be completed during the summer. The Part 8 will follow on from the completion of the preliminary design.

D Malone and S. Cullen responded to queries from members.

It was noted that the full opening of the Greenway is projected to be in 2025.

The Belmont Link Road project will incorporate the car park and access for Ferrybank. Design and planning is ongoing, with construction expected to commence late 2024. It anticipated to take 12 to 18 months to complete construction. It is uncertain how the current backlog at An Bord Pleanála will effect the timeframe, but Board and staffing issues there are being addressed.

At the Pink Rock, poor slope stability leads to rock falls there at times. Greenway will have an engineered solution based on the characteristics of the rock.

It was noted Fáilte Ireland will be working on the heritage aspects and working on interpretation of the area to enhance the visitor experience.

It was confirmed that the feasibility study for the proposed link to Woodstock Estate is complete and a positive response has been received from TII. Tenders will now issue for the appointment of Consultants to commence the route selection process.

Cllr Dunphy asked if a written monthly report could be provided to members on the Greenway and North Quays going forward. This was agreed. **Action DM**

(c) North Quays SDZ Update

D. Malone provided the following update to members:-

All four contracts in place and will progress over the summer. The impact on local roads will become more pronounced as works on the public roads commence in June.

The sustainable transport bridge will be completed 2025 and pumping station, public realm and railway station all to be completed by 2025.

Harcourt expected to lodge their own planning application, to include more residential and less retail space to the original application. Cllr Breathnach asked if a presentation could be arranged to give an overview of the development and timelines. D. Malone agreed to arrange this for the July meeting. Action DM

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

M. Phelan asked members to agree potential dates for the next joint meeting with Waterford Metropolitan District. Following discussion, dates between 12th to 14th September were agreed as potential options. M. Phelan to revert to WCCC and confirm date in due course.

7. AOB:

Cllr Frisby advised the meeting of the official opening of the Linear Park at Slieverue due to be held on Wednesday, 14th June at 11.30am. Cllr Dunphy noted that the official opening clashed with the Comhairle na nÓg meeting. M. Phelan agreed to contact A. M. Shortall to enquire if it would be possible to reschedule the Comhairle na nÓg meeting.

Cllr Frisby took the opportunity to thank Dermot Keyes for his attendance and coverage at the Piltown MD meetings and wished him well. He also wished all exam students well in their exams commencing today.

Cllr Frisby thanked all for their attendance. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:

05/07/23

