

Minutes of November Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown

Venue: Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office

Meeting Date: 2nd November, 2016 at 10am

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Ger Frisby

Present: Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Eamon Aylward, Melissa O'Neill, Tomas Breathnach and Fidelis Doherty

In Attendance: Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Ian Gardner, Area Engineer, Caitríona O'Sullivan, Executive Planner and Laura Murphy, A/Staff Officer

Welcome: Cllr. Frisby welcomed Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Caitríona O'Sullivan, Executive Planner and all to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held 5th October 2016, proposed by Cllr. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Aylward and agreed.

Matters Arising

Withdrawal of Plastic Bag Collections – Cllr. Dunphy asked for an update with regard to introducing a waiver scheme for households affected by the change to waste collection regulations. S Walton advised that the Council has no role in the establishment of tariffs and thus it is not within the Council's remit to provide a waiver scheme. A discussion followed on the role of the Council under the Household Food Waste Regulations. Some difficulties were identified, including how to maximize public awareness of the upcoming changes. It was also noted that there is a lack of bin size options for households. Members agreed that issues should be brought before next week's SPC (Environmental) meeting.

Dungooley – I Gardner told the meeting confirmation was received from the OPW that funding will be provided under the Minor Works Programme to assess flooding issues at Knockhouse to Portnascully via Dungooley and Fanningstown, Owing. It is intended to have contract documents prepared by year end for the appointment of Consultants to carry out these assessments.

Waterford Boundary Review –K Hanley advised that the report has been finished however, there is no formal update as yet.

Protocol for Naming Infrastructure – Cllr. Doherty requested an update. S Walton replied that draft protocol has been prepared and will be brought before the CPG on Monday. It is expected to go before the full Council thereafter. K Hanley said with regard to the naming of the New Ross Bypass Bridge, it is recommended that a sub-committee of seven members be set up, comprising of two representatives from each Municipal District of Piltown and New Ross respectively and three nominees from local interest groups. The sub-committee will be charged with considering all names proposed. Members agreed in principle to the formation of sub-committee.

New Ross / Waterford Greenway - Cllr. Doherty asked for confirmation on when this proposal will open for public consultation. S Walton replied it is expected to go to Part 8 by end November. Cllr. Breathnach asked if it is intended to have a public information meeting. Cllrs. Frisby and O'Neill concurred and said that a public meeting would be very beneficial. S Walton will arrange for same.

Ferrybank Local Area Plan Update

Caitríona O'Sullivan, Executive Planner gave a presentation on the Ferrybank LAP. Members were briefed on the process to date and informed of the current position. CO'S summarized the content of each chapter of the LAP and outlined the differences/changes from previous plan. It is expected that the draft plan will be published by end-November, following which it will go on public display for 8 weeks and submissions will be invited on same. CO'S advised that the draft plan will be available on the Council's website and that it is intended to run a public information campaign/event to raise awareness of the plan. A discussion followed and contributions were received from all Members. Cllr. Frisby thanked Caitríona O'Sullivan for update.

Roadworks Update

I Gardner circulated an information sheet detailing progress on the Roadworks Programme and briefed Members on same. Members requested clarification on temporary roadworks speed limit currently in place on the N25 at Ballyrahan, Glenmore which is causing delays on this route and raised their concerns that not enough notice was given to the public regarding these works. IG advised that the works being carried out are necessary bridge strengthening works. These works are being administered by Kildare National Roads Authority Design Office on behalf of the TII. IG noted the works are expected to take 4 weeks but said the contractor has been incentivised

to complete the contract early. IG will contact Kildare National Roads Authority Design Office regarding issues with traffic management. However, while he expects that improvements to traffic flow can be made, there may still be delays due to the nature of the works.

N25 New Ross Bypass Update

A report received from Sean Dobbs, Project Liaison Officer, N25 New Ross Bypass Project was circulated to Members detailing the current position.

Suir CFRAM

S Walton briefed the meeting on the contents of the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan for Piltown. He advised that the draft plan is currently on display and submissions from the public can be made up to 13th December 2016. A map showing proposed flood defences and improved channel conveyance was circulated and SW outlined the proposals to Members. It was noted that projected costs for proposed works are €1.57m. A discussion followed, with contributions received from all Members. Members broadly welcomed the plan, however concerns were raised regarding other areas that are prone to flooding. Following further discussion, SW explained that priority is given to residential areas at risk of flooding. SW further informed Members that the Flood Risk Management Plan is a state programme - if the plan for Piltown is approved, it will be put on a prioritized list of works. Cllr. Frisby thanked S Walton for update.

Elected Members Meeting with TII

Following recent meeting with TII, S Walton confirmed that the TII agreed to undertake safety audits at Quarry and Luffany Roundabouts and Grannagh Interchange. SW further advised that the TII agreed to provide funding for footpath between Slieverue Roundabout and Rathpatrick. It was noted that the removal of arrows at junctions along national routes will continue as they are not provided for in the Traffic Signs Manual. Cllr. Frisby thanked S Walton for his assistance with facilitating the meeting and welcomed the progress made. Members agreed and welcomed the meeting with the TII. Cllr. Dunphy asked that issues regarding the N24, Mooncoin to Carrick-on-Suir road, are kept on the agenda. SW said that KCC will submit a preliminary safety review of prioritised junctions on N24 and N25 routes, which he hoped will culminate in a commitment from the TII to reassess same. Cllr. Aylward noted that legacy issues relating to safety and drainage from motorway construction period at Garrandarragh, Mullinavat was not on the agenda and asked if there is any recourse to the TII to address and resolve these issues. I Gardner acknowledged that there are issues, however as the project was signed off by the Council's Consultants at that time, it is likely that any necessary works will have to be carried out by the Council, subject to funding.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th December at 10:00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____