

Minutes of May Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown

Venue: Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office

Meeting Date: 3rd May, 2017 at 10:00am

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Ger Frisby

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

In Attendance: Mary J Mulholland, Director of Services, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Ian Gardner, Area Engineer, Denis Malone, Senior Planner, Caitriona O'Sullivan, Executive Planner and Oonagh Bannon, Staff Officer

Ferrybank Belview Local Area Plan

Denis Malone and Caitriona O'Sullivan were in attendance. D. Malone gave detailed presentation to members, outlining the process to date and key points of the Plan. It was noted that the plan takes account of the North Quays SDZ designation and the National Planning Framework and supports growth of the area in a co-ordinated way. Some key issues were also outlined and discussed, including access to Belview Port, possible location of additional river crossing and zoning issues – KCC were liaising with TII and WCC on these matters.

D. Malone advised that presentation would be made at the full Council Meeting on 15th May, following which the Draft Plan will be published and on public display for a period of 8 weeks, during which submissions may be made. Cllr. Frisby thanked Denis and Caitriona for their presentation and they withdrew from the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of monthly meeting held 5th April, 2017, proposed by Cllr. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill and agreed.

Matters Arising

Ullid, water scheme – Cllr. Dunphy asked if reply had been received from Irish Water. Kevin Hanley advised that he would check and follow up this matter.

Recycling at Ferrybank – Cllr. Dunphy asked for update. K. Hanley advised tenders were in and would be evaluated to ensure they meet criteria, correspondence to issue in the next few weeks.

Flood investigations, Fanningstown & Dungooley – Cllr. Dunphy asked when second consultation would be held with locals. Ian Gardner advised that when proposals were back from the Consultants, then further workshop would be arranged for locals, perhaps to be held separately as it covered a very large area.

Speed Surveys at Tullaghought & Piltown – Cllr. Dunphy enquired if any update. I. Gardner advised that the software issue had yet to be resolved, but once available members would be informed.

Driver Feedback Signage – Cllr. Doherty asked what the position was for provision of same. I. Gardner outlined the discussion from the last meeting. It was noted that the provision of 16 signs on Regional Roads would cost €63,200, leaving a funding shortfall of €43,200 – this was noted.

Naming of New Ross Bypass Bridge – Cllr. O'Neill again called for presentation to be made to the full Council in this regard and asked for request to be made to Wexford Co Co.

Abbey Road, proposed scheme – Cllr. O'Neill asked if this scheme would go ahead and timeframe for same. I. Gardner advised that there was no design as yet for the proposed scheme. Cllr. Breathnach asked for clarification regarding extent of works. It was noted that works would include footpath improvements, traffic calming and landscaping on the Abbey Road from county bounds with Waterford to roundabout at Abbey Gate.

Active Travel Strategy – Cllr. Breathnach recalled that cycle lanes had been proposed under the strategy at Abbey Road, Rockshire Road and R711 and asked if this opportunity had now passed. It received a lot of support and he felt that an expectation had been created locally. Cllr. Breathnach asked if this was still provided for within the LAP and if the matter could be looked at again. Cllr. Doherty noted lack of consistency regarding cycle lanes leading to safety issues. M. Mulholland agreed to look at this matter and discuss further with members.

Newrath Roundabout – Cllr. O’Neill asked if proposals were in place yet for landscaping works. I. Gardner advised that he had looked at this with Claire Goodwin and stated that this funding was best used along the approach roads rather than the central island. This was agreed.

Cllr. Doherty asked if consideration could be given to seeking sponsorship for the Newrath Roundabout. Cllr. Aylward agreed, asking if KCC carried out works, could ongoing maintenance be the responsibility of the sponsor. It was noted that this had been explored in the area before with no success, in any case I. Gardner advised that sponsorship would not generate sufficient funding for works required at Newrath Roundabout. It was also noted that ongoing maintenance would still be an issue with regard to traffic management.

Tourism Meeting – Cllr. Breathnach asked if Tourism Meeting was confirmed for 17th May at 7pm. M. Mulholland confirmed and reminded members to come back to her or Brian Tyrrell with details of who they wished to invite.

Shopping Centre, Ferrybank – Cllr. O’Neill raised concern about spraying of weeds in the vicinity of the Shopping Centre and surrounding area which was destroying the grass also and causing concern to the local Tidy Towns Committee. It was noted that this was being carried out by the Management Company, I. Gardner agreed to contact them in this regard and also regarding general maintenance, as requested by Cllr. Doherty.

K. Hanley confirmed that the **joint meeting with New Ross MD would take place at 4pm 17th May, Rhu Glenn.**

Roadworks Update

I Gardner circulated an update detailing works carried out over the previous four week period and briefed the members on same.

Cllr. Doherty thanked all involved in carrying out works. She asked where material was disposed of during prep works and sweeping, that some material appeared to be left on roadside and grass verges. I. Gardner confirmed that this may occur with small amounts of material, with larger amounts taken to Council Depot for disposal.

Cllr. O’Neill asked if repairs were going to be carried out to an old pumping station building in Mooncoin. It was noted that this was a matter for Irish Water and should be reported to them.

Cllr. Aylward asked if feedback signage could be funded under CLAR. While this was uncertain, MJM confirmed that potentials had been listed for funding, however the application to back this up must come from the School/Community. Following further discussion on whether to provide all or some signage in the current year, it was agreed to await the outcome of CLAR applications before a final decision was made.

Cllr. Breathnach suggested members hold a workshop to discuss these types of matters, i.e. lighting, landscaping, signage etc. He said that while possibilities have increased, constraints regarding funding remain and it was important to optimise funding. The members agreed to meet in this regard directly after the joint meeting with New Ross MD on 17th May at the Rhu Glenn.

N25 New Ross Bypass Update

K. Hanley circulated progress update report to the members and suggested arranging site visit in June, to be agreed at next meeting.

Declaration of a Public Road – Clonconey Lane, Piltown

Resolution to declare Clonconey Lane, Piltown to be a public road was proposed by Cllr. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Aylward and agreed.

Any Other Business

Request for Deputation from Newrath Road Residents Group – It was noted that no formal application had yet been received, deferred to next meeting.

Public Meetings, LAWCO – MJM advised that a number of public meetings were being facilitated by the Waters and Communities Office in the coming weeks, the aim of which is to encourage local communities to get involved in protecting local waters. Information will also be available on the draft River Basin Management Plan, with opportunities to discuss issues raised. It was noted that a meeting has been arranged for Monday, 8th May 7.30-8.30pm at Mooncoin Community Centre.

National Planning Framework – Members were advised that as well as Kilkenny County Councils submission to the National Planning Framework, a separate joint submission was also made by Kilkenny, Tipperary and Waterford on the proposal to upgrade the N24 – copies available to members.

Ferrybank Park – Claire Goodwin joined the meeting to discuss the Ferrybank Park. She stated that the public consultation process had been very successful and the Park Life event had been a very positive day, with a lot of input from all age groups. She circulated the concept landscape layout plan, which is largely based on the feedback received during the consultation process. It was noted that funding had been secured under the LIHAF and it was hoped that works would be complete in the next 12 to 18 months. A detailed discussion took place on a number of matters including drainage, anti-social behaviour, security and ongoing maintenance, which were noted.

MJM advised that the Part 8 would be advertised in next weeks paper, followed by an 8 week period on public display and further 2 weeks for submissions and observations. Cllr. Frisby thanked Claire and all involved in the process to-date. C. Goodwin withdrew from the meeting.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017 – MJM outlined details of the Scheme to the members, stating it is very different to previous schemes in terms of its focus and criteria. She stated that projects must demonstrate clear economic benefits to the area. The criteria and types of activities which would be supported were discussed and noted. She agreed to circulate full details of the scheme to the members.

It was noted that the closing date for expressions of interest to KCC is Wednesday, 17th May, 2017. Following this, KCC can select a maximum of 15 proposals, which must then be developed into detailed applications for submission to the Department by 30th June.

New Ross Bypass Bridge Naming – Cllr. Doherty asked about submissions made in this regard and expressed the view that these should go through the Naming Committee and the Piltown MD. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and review the process.

N24 Piltown Bypass – Cllr. Dunphy asked if the local Committee would be advised as to what was happening, as they were becoming frustrated at the lack of progress to improve safety at the Tower Road junction. I. Gardner advised that funding had been received from TII for a number of measures to improve safety in the short-term, but the full scheme would be pursued with TII.

Sinnotts Cross Monument – Cllr. O’Neill expressed her extreme disappointment at the decision of KCC not to take this monument in charge and believed it should have been a decision of the MDP and not the naming committee. During discussion, the implications and impact on area funding were noted, given the number of such monuments throughout the County. It was noted that an amenity grant application had been received for maintenance of Sinnotts Cross monument.

Towpath Cycle, Carrick-on-Suir – K. Hanley reminded members of the cycle organised for 7th June at 2pm.

Feile na Gael Competition – Cllr. Doherty mentioned the upcoming Feile na nGael event, which takes place in Kilkenny, Carlow and Wexford from 16th to 18th June, 2017, wishing all participants well.

Next Meeting

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

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____