

Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 6th November, 2019 at 10.30am at Port of Waterford Offices, Belview Port

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

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

Tour of Belview Port

Cllr. Aylward began the meeting by thanking Frank Ronan, Chief Executive at Port of Waterford, for the tour of Belview Port, for his presentation, which took place before the meeting, for facilitating the Piltown Municipal District meeting and for his kind hospitality. The members all agreed that it was a very beneficial visit and were delighted to see developments and the various operations at the Port firsthand.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MD Meeting 2nd October – Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Monthly Roadworks Update

SC circulated a report to the meeting and outlined details in relation to pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works carried out in the area since the last meeting. The following items were raised and discussed:-

Road at Killandrew – Cllr. Aylward raised a problem with skid resistance on the hill, which is more pronounced during frost. SC agreed to look at this road, as the time of year is not conducive to surface dressing. Cllr. Doherty also asked if this could be included on the salting route in the absence of any other measures to improve safety.

Poulanassy Waterfall – Cllr. Aylward asked when Part 8 would proceed, SC advised that consultations with other Departments in the Council and engagement with the landowners was ongoing, but expected the Part 8 would be published before year end. BT noted that a decision was pending with regard to funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

Footpath, Mill Road – SC advised that same should be completed by mid 2020.

Drainage works – Cllr. Aylward complemented all drainage works carried out which have been of huge benefit, particularly at Ballynooney.

Town & Village Renewal – Cllr. Doherty welcomed funding announcements for Slieverue and Mullinavat, however she expressed disappointment that Glenmore was unsuccessful. Cllr. Frisby also welcomed the funding announced, particularly for Slieverue which would continue works already undertaken and he thanked the Community Section and all staff involved.

Cllr. Breathnach was also delighted with funding announcements for Slieverue and Mullinavat. However he was very disappointed that Kilmacow and Hugginstown were awarded no funding, given the huge amount of work put in by the local communities to complete Phase 1 and putting plans in place for the next phase and he queried the rationale behind this decision. SMcK advised that he would be writing to the Department in this regard.

R698 Owing LCSI – Cllrs. Dunphy and Breathnach thanked SC for his attendance at meetings with local residents and for his work in finding a solution.

TII Meeting – Cllr. Frisby asked for an update with regard to meeting with TII. Cllr. Aylward advised that he would be attending a meeting on Monday next to prepare an Agenda in advance of this meeting, which would be arranged thereafter. He asked that all members submit their issues to him before that meeting on Monday.

Meeting re 24/7 Cardiac Care – Cllr. Frisby noted the recent meeting held at UHW with Grace Rothwell and members of the other MDs in the area, which he felt was very informative. Cllr. Aylward thanked BT for arranging same and following discussion it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Grace Rothwell in this regard and to seek a further meeting in 2020.

(b) Update on N25 New Ross Bypass

A report outlining update was circulated with the agenda and noted. The following was raised:-

Safety concerns – Cllr. Doherty raised concerns about safety at the N25 from the Glenmore roundabout towards New Ross, where the climbing lane has been shortened as a result of the bypass works and she asked for measures to address this concern. She also asked for improvements as you enter Glenmore village, where the road is narrow and hedges are overgrown.

Junctions on N25 – Cllr. Frisby asked for an update with regard to proposed improvements to junctions on the N25, in particular the turns for Ringville and Rathinure, which he said were very dangerous with several near misses occurring at these junctions. SC agreed to seek an update from the Road Design Section.

Cllr. Dunphy proposed inviting representatives from Tramore House to attend a meeting of the Municipal District to discuss this and other matters, including the Rathkieran junction. This was seconded by Cllr. Doherty and agreed.

Cllr. Aylward also noted this matter for inclusion on the Agenda for the meeting with TII.

(c) North Quays SDZ

It was noted that there had been 1 meeting of the Steering Group since the last meeting of the Piltown MD. An update report was circulated to the meeting and SMcK advised as follows:-

- Sustainable Transport Bridge – Following planning approval, Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers and Knights Architects are progressing the detailed design for the sustainable transport bridge. Associated approvals (e.g. foreshore licence etc) can now progress and will be issued to the various Departments in the coming weeks.
- Transport Hub & Flood Defences – Detailed design on the new transport hub and preliminary design for the proposed flood defence works are due to commence shortly.
- SDZ Access Infrastructure – Roughan & O'Donovan are well advanced with the detailed design for the SDZ access and public road infrastructure for the North Quays area. Tender documentation for service diversions and demolition works are due to be issued this month.
- SDZ Development – The SDZ Developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland, propose to submit their planning application for the North Quays SDZ shortly.

It was again noted that details of the current status of the SDZ development are available on www.waterfordnorthquays.ie

SMcK responded to queries raised in relation to progress, sequence of works and funding. It was agreed that going forward, updates would be given on the North Quays SDZ on a bi-monthly basis.

(d) Kilkenny Greenway Update

SMcK advised that matters were progressing steadily, site investigation works were due to commence next week, consultation with landowners was ongoing and the detailed design would be completed by year end. It was noted that a meeting of the Steering Group would take place this afternoon, following which a further update on progress would be available. The following was also noted:-

- €8m funding in place under the National Greenway Fund, with a further €2m funding being sought under the RRDF
- KCC representatives will attend Greenway Workshop hosted by Failte Ireland in Waterford, which seeks to optimise tourism benefits.
- KCC engaging with Kilkenny Leader Partnership, who are proposing to run a support programme early in 2020 to help those who are interested in developing a business, more information will be available on this at the next meeting.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meetings**(a) Consideration of Local Policing Committee Strategy (as circulated)**

BT referred to the recent meeting held with the Gardai and the Draft Strategic Plan circulated to members for consideration after that meeting. He advised that this document must be adopted by members prior to the launch of the Local Policing Partnership for Piltown, which was planned for December. A discussion followed, it was noted that the suggested representatives for the Local

Policing Partnership will include a comprehensive and wide range of views and meetings will be held biannually.

Cllr. Aylward proposed that the Draft Strategic Plan as circulated be adopted, this was seconded by Cllr. Doherty and agreed.

It was agreed that BT would seek suitable dates from the Gardai to arrange a further meeting in December.

4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting

None

5. Notice of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. AOB

Additional items raised by Members:-

Cllr. Dunphy

Condition of Tybroughney Road, Piltown – SC advised that this matter would be dealt with under the reps system.

Overgrowth at bends – Cllr. Dunphy noted a number of locations where ditches had been removed by the Council at bad bends and replaced by fencing, which were now severely overgrown and not being maintained. SC advised that reps should be submitted in this regard outlining specific locations.

Southern Regional Assembly Meeting, Draft RSES

SMcK raised item which may arise at Friday's meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly. It was noted that according to media reports, a motion may be tabled by representatives from Cork County Council to remove the objective in the RSES to upgrade the N24 to motorway status. A discussion followed, with all members agreeing that this would be detrimental to the South East Region and must remain as an objective in the RSES. SMcK confirmed that should this arise, he has been in contact with the two elected members who represent Kilkenny County Council on the Regional Assembly with a view to tabling a counter motion in support of this objective remaining in the RSES as a critical infrastructure project to benefit the whole southern region.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____