

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,  
5<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 10.00am in the Community Room, Ferrybank Library.**

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

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

**Outset**

S. McKeown advised the meeting that Brian Tyrrell was shortly due to retire from KCC after 40 years service and Michael Arthurs would be taking over as Meetings Administrator for the Piltown Municipal District.

Cllr. Aylward took the opportunity to thank Brian, who he said had been a great source of help and support to the MD over the years and a fountain of knowledge on all things Kilkenny. He wished Brian well in his retirement.

All the members wished to be associated with Cllr. Aylwards comments, each thanking Brian for all his support and they wished him a very happy retirement.

Cllr. Aylward welcomed Michael Arthurs to the Piltown MD and looked forward to working with him.

**National Protest**

Cllr. Frisby requested an adjournment of the meeting at 10.45am, if not concluded beforehand, so that members could attend the national protest taking place today to highlight the crisis within the childcare sector and in particular, to support the local Ferryfun crèche facility operating in the Hillsfield Community Building. This was agreed.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**MD Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

***Meeting with TII*** – Cllr. Dunphy raised the safety issue at Rathkieran junction and other junctions and asked if there had been progress in arranging a meeting with TII to discuss. Cllr. Aylward advised that no date had yet been confirmed.

***Charity Event, N25 New Ross Bypass*** – Cllr. Breathnach thanked Tim Butler and all involved in ensuring that a second charity event was organised, giving more people the opportunity to take part and to cross the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge, prior to its official opening last week.

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

***(a) Monthly Roadworks Update***

SC circulated a report to the meeting and outlined details in relation to discretionary maintenance and other works progressing in the area since the last meeting, noting that the Piltown MD now comprised of 3 rather than 4 GSS areas since the beginning of 2020. Cllr. Aylward welcomed progress on Poulanassy Waterfall and also Mill Street, Mullinavat.

The following were also noted and discussed:-

**Draft Roadworks Scheme for 2020** – it was agreed that a meeting would take place in committee at the end of the monthly meeting to discuss the Draft Roadworks Scheme for 2020. It was proposed to have the final Draft prepared for agreement at the March meeting.

Cllr. Aylward requested that a map of the new Piltown Engineering Area be circulated to the members. This was agreed.

**N25 New Ross Bypass** – Cllr. Doherty complimented all involved with traffic management for the opening of the N25 New Ross Bypass and congratulated all those involved in helping to successfully deliver the project over the last 4 years. She took the opportunity to also acknowledge the major contribution of Kilkenny County Council staff on the project. All the members echoed Cllr. Doherty's comments, noting the benefits to the local area and to the region from both an infrastructural and tourism point of view. The members also acknowledged the work of Sean Dobbs, TII Project Liaison Officer, who had provided regular updates on progress to the Piltown MD. In this regard, it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Sean Dobbs.

**(b) Greenway Update**

It was noted that Malachy Walsh & Partners would be giving a presentation to the members in committee after the monthly meeting, providing a progress update on the preparation of the detailed design for the construction of the Kilkenny Greenway.

**(c) Inaugural Meeting of the Local Policing Committee**

Cllr. Aylward advised that the first meeting of the Local Policing Committee took place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm in Mullinavat. He outlined attendance and items which were discussed, including crime figures for the area, speeding and Garda resources in the areas of Mullinavat, Kilmacow and Mooncoin. Cllr. Breathnach, who was also in attendance as a Community Alert representative, acknowledged the great potential of this new policing model with the local community at the centre of that model. Also discussed was representation on the committee and the importance of encouraging community participation and the distribution of minutes from meetings to local groups to keep them informed. SC stated that the Local Policing Committee meetings were a good forum for technical staff to liaise with the Gardai to resolve any roads related issues which may arise.

It was noted that the next meeting was due to take place in September, however Cllr. Aylward agreed to request an earlier meeting in order to ensure that the good momentum achieved to date is continued.

**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.

**Correspondence**

None.

**6. AOB: Additional items raised by Members:-**

**Cllr. Frisby**

**General Election** – Cllr. Frisby took the opportunity to wish all candidates running in the upcoming general election the very best of luck on Saturday.

**Cllr. Doherty**

**Hedge Cutting** – Cllr. Doherty noted the importance of landowners carrying out any necessary hedge cutting before the end of February when the closed period will commence.

**Cllr. Dunphy**

**Men's Shed Mooncoin** – Cllr. Dunphy welcomed the setting up of the Mooncoin Men's Shed at the Ashgrove Pitch & Putt premises at Rathkieran. He congratulated them on their determination and wished them well.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:   
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 4-3-2020