

***Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
3rd November, 2021 at 10.00am at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room***

Present: Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. G. Frisby, F. Doherty, T. Breathnach
Cllr. E. Aylward.in attendance via MS Teams

In attendance: S. McKeown, Director of Services, M. Murphy, Senior Engineer, S. Cullen, District Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Apologies: M. Arthurs, Meetings Administrator

1. Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 6th October, 2021

Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed.

Matters Arising

Greyway proposal R723 Glenmore Roundabout to New Ross – in response to Cllr. Doherty, S. Cullen agreed that this should be looked at potentially under an Active Travel measure or other appropriate funding source, noting that this route runs almost directly parallel with the South East Greenway. He advised that prior to any potential development, a feasibility study would be required to ensure that any investment would be worthwhile.

Update on National Road Schemes – Cllr. Dunphy requested an update in relation to all national road schemes, in particular the N24 Waterford to Cahir Scheme and upcoming consultation with regard to route options. **Action SC/SK**

Sign on R704 – Cllr. Doherty welcomed the replacement of the sign which had been cut down on the R704.

Drainage Scheme at Ballymountain – in response to Cllr. Dunphy, S. Cullen confirmed that once drainage works under the current allocation have been completed, works at Ballymountain will be scheduled for completion at a later date. **Action SC**

Access to Granny Castle – Cllr. Dunphy enquired to know if any contact had been received from OPW regarding access, S. Cullen advised that nothing had been received at the Area Office. **Action SC**

Irish Water – Cllr. Dunphy asked if progress had been made on meeting with Irish Water. S. McKeown agreed to follow up this matter with M. Arthurs. **Action MA**

Meeting with Gardai – S. McKeown advised this matter to be followed up with M. Arthurs. **Action MA**

Letter to Department of Transport – Cllr. Dunphy asked if correspondence had been sent to the Department urging action to be taken at national level in relation to speeding issues. This matter to be followed up with M. Arthurs. **Action MA**

Joint Meetings – S. McKeown confirmed to Cllr. Breathnach that M. Arthurs has tried without success to agree a date for joint meetings with the relevant MDs in both Waterford and Tipperary. He agreed to follow up again with M. Arthurs. Cllr. Breathnach stressed the importance of joint meetings for all three local authorities to discuss matters of mutual concern and interest, in particular MASP and plans for Lingaun Valley etc.

MASP – S. McKeown confirmed that guidance is awaited from the Department in relation to the setting up of the structures to provide oversight of the delivery of the agreed MASP objectives. Cllr. Dunphy asked that update be requested from the Department in this regard. S. McKeown agreed that this should be done through the Regional Assembly, who will relay our concerns to the Department and request update on our behalf. **Action MA**

County School Safety Schemes – S. Cullen advised Cllr. Frisby that there was no update on the review of the School Safety Schemes and agreed to follow up this matter. **Action SC**

Barrow Bridge closure – in response to Cllr. Frisby's query regarding the closure of the bridge, S. Cullen advised there was no update at present and agreed to follow up. **Action MA**

Ferrybank Shopping Centre – S. McKeown stated to Cllr. Frisby that it was his understanding that the High Court case between NAMA and Dunnes Stores is listed for hearing on the 3rd December and he will revert to members with an update thereafter.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Speed Limit Review

Michael Murphy, Senior Engineer was in attendance for this item and circulated a report outlining submissions from elected members and from the Area Engineer for consideration. He went through each of the proposals in detail, outlining his comments and recommendations in each case. Discussion followed with contributions from all members. Some concerns were raised by members regarding the speed limit on the N24 at Filbuckstown and Carrick Road in particular. It was noted that the adoption of the Speed Limit Review is a reserved function of the Council, however any proposed amendment to speed limits on national roads will require the approval of TII.

S. Cullen advised that resurfacing works on the Carrick Road were due to be completed shortly, with signage improvements thereafter which should result in significant improvements to safety there.

M. Murphy outlined the process of the speed limit review, noting that the Guidelines for Setting and Management Speed Limits in Ireland must be adhered to and applied correctly. He advised that the process involves initial consultation with members and An Garda Síochána, following which a list and drawings will be prepared outlining proposed amendments for public display. It is proposed to hold the public consultation in March 2022. Cllr. Dunphy asked that the review be widely publicised on our social media platforms to maximise public engagement. It was noted that further submissions can be raised before next March or at any stage, through the Area Office.

M. Murphy agreed to circulate document outlining the step by step process for the speed limit review to members. Cllr. Dunphy thanked M. Murphy for his report and he withdrew from the meeting.

(b) Update Monthly Roadworks

A report was circulated to the meeting, S. Cullen outlined works being progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting.

The following items were raised and discussed:-

Cllr. Dunphy asked that safety signs at Polerone Quay be cleaned. S. Cullen noted.

Cllr. Doherty asked about Rockshire Road and additional Outdoor Infrastructure funding, what sections are being completed – S. Cullen confirmed that issues are being addressed in areas where there are deficiencies in footpath infrastructure, either across the Rockshire Road itself or across junctions at housing estates, over the course of the next few months.

Cllr. Doherty welcomed improvement works at Mac's Cross, Ballyfasy and thanked all involved.

Cllr. Frisby noted that there is currently no bus service on the Rockshire Road and confirmed that he has been in contact with a local provider in that regard, which might feed into the traffic calming and active travel measures being undertaken. S. Cullen advised that the Mobility Management Plan for Ferrybank will also highlight the needs regarding public transport in that area.

Cllr. Breathnach asked about the timeframe in relation to Part 8 for Mill Road, Mullinavat. S. Cullen advised that if the public consultation coincides with the Christmas period, the period of consultation may be extended if the opportunity arose.

Cllr. Breathnach asked if the Piltown Urban Enhancement Scheme, which went through the public consultation process, would be linked in any way to the Piltown Mobility Management Plan. He also noted the previous Active Travel Strategy for the Ferrybank area and felt that the level of public engagement in the process of the mobility plans would be very important. S. Cullen advised that the mobility plan for Piltown will have broader scope looking at the full village and similarly with Ferrybank the information provided to the Consultants will include the previous work on the Active Travel Strategy.

Cllr. Dunphy stated that the Ballygriffin Residents Group who had requested a deputation previously have asked when they can attend a meeting. S. McKeown agreed to look into the matter for the next meeting. **Action SMcK**

Cllr. Frisby asked for an update in relation to the Greenway and links to Slieverue and Glenmore. S. McKeown advised that Roadplan are now consulting with landowners in relation to each of the route options identified for each village as part of their preliminary assessment with a view to recommending a preferred option to members before proceeding to public consultation.

Cllr. Doherty welcomed the announcement of the Technological University for the South-East, which has huge implications for the educational and economical development of the area.

Cllr. Doherty raised parking issues at the St. Mary's Boys National School, Ferrybank and if KCC could collaborate with Waterford to find a solution.

Cllr. Doherty requested an update for unfinished estates and TIC for the next meeting. **Action SMcK**

Cllr. Doherty extended congratulations to Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park and to the Pil River Park in Piltown on their recent official opening.

Cllr. Breathnach asked for an update regarding the Draft Casual Trading Bye-laws, in light of their importance and relevance to the Greenway development. **Action SMcK**

(c) Update South East Greenway

It was agreed by members that the report as circulated would be taken as read.

(d) Update North Quays SDZ

It was agreed by members that the report as circulated would be taken as read.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meetings

None.

4. Notice of Motion

None.

5. Correspondence

6. AOB:

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____