

***Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on
Wednesday, 4th May, 2022 at 10.00am in the Meeting Room, Ferrybank Library***

Present: Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. T. Breathnach and G. Frisby

In attendance: S. McKeown, Director of Services, M. Arthurs, Meetings Administrator, S. Cullen,
District Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllrs. E. Aylward and F. Doherty

1. Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 6th April, 2022

Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed.

Matters Arising

Ferrybank Shopping Centre – S. McKeown advised that no further update was available, following initial correspondence issued to NAMA seeking clarification in relation to future security and caretaking services for shared areas within the Centre. Members urged that contact be established with the new owners in this regard as soon as possible. It was noted that correspondence issued to NAMA has been referred to the purchasers of the building for their attention and a response from them is awaited. Cllr. Dunphy requested that the matter be followed up with NAMA.

Motion on setting up of Regional Forum & MASP – following the passing of this motion, S. McKeown confirmed that the Council have written to the Minister with regard to the setting up of a Regional Forum and have also engaged with the Regional Assembly regarding the setting up of the implementation structures for the Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) and response is awaited on both matters. It was also noted that the Department are separately considering the establishment of City Development Boards for each of the 5 Metropolitan Areas nationally.

Joint Meetings – M. Arthurs advised that Carrick-on-Suir MD have suggested a joint meeting take place with Piltown MD on Thursday 26th May, this was agreed. He also advised that it is proposed to hold a joint meeting with Waterford CCC in early June, date to be confirmed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Update Monthly Roadworks

S. Cullen circulated report and outlined works being progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates with regard to the national road schemes.

The following items were raised and discussed:-

Cllr Dunphy thanked Council staff and Consultants for a very successful and well attended public consultation event in relation to the N24 Waterford to Cahir Scheme, which took place in Mooncoin. Cllrs. Breathnach and Frisby also thanked all involved and welcomed the opportunity for the public to engage fully during this consultation period and it was noted that submissions will be accepted until Friday, 20th May.

Cllr. Frisby also raised the N25 Waterford to Glenmore Scheme, noting the number of fatalities and near misses that have occurred on this very busy route and urging that it be raised with TII and kept on the agenda in order to progress to the next phase.

It was noted that a Notice of Motion in this regard had been passed by the Council and S. Cullen confirmed that a letter will issue to the Minister and TII on this matter in the coming days, calling for immediate funding to be provided to progress the Scheme to the next phase.

In response to query from Cllr. Dunphy, S. Cullen confirmed that seven public lights in total were to be provided at Listerlin and two lights at Mooncoin Church Car Park.

(b) Update South East Greenway

S. McKeown circulated report to members and outlined the following:-

- **Detailed Design:** Landowner agreements on the accommodation works for Lots 4 – 7 continue to progress. Lot 5a (Ferrybank to Luffany) is almost ready to go to tender and Lot 5b (Luffany to Aylwardstown South) will go to tender in July.
- **Construction:** of Lots 1 – 3 is progressing well and are approaching substantial completion. The Greenway Project Office are currently exploring the possibility of opening sections of the Greenway as they are completed. In the meantime, the Project Office continues to stress to the public that the Greenway is a construction site at present and as such it is not safe to enter/access the lands until it officially opens. The Project Office would like to thank all landowners for their continued co-operation with the Greenway Project works.
- **Ferrybank Car Park Option:** a Part 10 planning application to An Bord Pleanála will now be progressed for the new Link Road from the Abbey Road to Belmont Road. This will require detailed design to be undertaken. The Ferrybank Car Park will be accessed from the Link Road and a Part 8 planning application will be progressed once planning for the Link Road has been progressed.
- **Railway Abandonment:** Kilkenny CoCo Road Section have now completed the detailed mapping of the Greenway lands. These maps will now be forwarded to CIE to facilitate the transfer of the railway lands from CIE to each Local Authority. The Project Office are in discussions with CIE in relation to obtaining an operating licence to open sections of the Greenway as they are completed.
- **Links to Slieverue and Glenmore:** Following the recent open evenings held and submissions received on the potential linkages to each village, Roadplan are finalising their Route Options Report and will make a recommendation on the preferred option in each case for consideration before progressing to planning. It is expected that the Report will be available in advance of the June MD Meeting.
- **Other Links:** In a joint initiative with KLP and Trail Kilkenny, the Feasibility Study & Route Selection Report for a further Link to Woodstock Estate, Inistioge is also being explored. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to undertake the Report and works will commence shortly.
- **Business Development Officer (BDO):** Alan Fitzhenry is the BDO and continues to be available to advise anyone with a business idea along the Greenway, and he can be contacted at 087 3737951.
- **Project Website:** www.southeastgreenway.net.
- **Resident Engineer:** Eoin Atkinson is the Resident Engineer and he can be contacted at 087 188 4342 with any queries in connection with the Greenway. A Senior Resident Engineer, Patrick O'Connor has also been appointed and he can be contacted at 087 927 2796.
- **Greenway Animation:** The Project Office still awaits the launch of the Fáilte Ireland funding scheme to assist local authorities developing Greenways funded as part of the National Greenway Strategy to develop Interpretation/Animation Plans aimed at enhancing the visitor potential/attraction of their Greenways.

The following was discussed and noted:-

Abbey Road and Belmont Road Improvement Schemes – with regard to Cllr. Frisby's query, S. Cullen stated that the Ferrybank Mobility Management Plan will form the basis of the design for these schemes and will inform the scope of works required for these and other connectivity works in the area. It was noted that the Mobility Management Plan public consultation process is expected to commence during the summer and S. Cullen confirmed to Cllr. Breathnach that the Mobility Management Plan will be approved by the Piltown MD members. Cllr. Breathnach asked if the parking issues at St. Mary's Boys NS Ferrybank could be addressed as part of the Mobility Management Plan process. S. Cullen agreed that these issues can be looked at as part of the detailed design for the Belmont Road upgrade and confirmed that there will be engagement with WCCC on the matter as there will need to be a cohesive streetscape developed.

Other Links – in response to Cllr. Breathnach, S. McKeown confirmed that the proposed link being looked at from the Greenway to Woodstock Estate will be approximately 15km in length and the feasibility study being undertaken will examine a number of potential routes.

Primary Care Centre Ferrybank – Cllr. Frisby asked if it was known when the new Primary Care Centre was due to open and if there were any contact details available for the centre, if interested parties wished to provide services within the new centre. S. McKeown advised that formal enquiries can be made in this regard.

(c) North Quays SDZ Update

S. McKeown circulated report to members and outlined the following:-

SDZ Developer:

- Waterford City & County Council remains in active dialogue with potential developers, the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) and the Land Development Agency in respect of the North Quays SDZ site and intends to progress a proposal to conclusion in the coming months.

Contracts:

- Cumnor Construction Ltd and Suir Plant Ltd have been appointed to undertake the Rock Stabilisation works to the north of Plunkett Station and the South Plaza Enabling works respectively, both contracts are due to commence on 9th May next.
- The main construction infrastructural works is currently being tendered. This includes the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works. The tender period has been extended to 27th May next.
- Tender Assessment and Project Appraisal for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station has been prepared by Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants. These documents and updated costs report have been circulated to Irish Water and the NTA for review and subject to their approval, the contractor will be appointed as recommended in the Tender Assessment Report.
- Tender documents have been issued for footpath widening on the Abbey Road with a return date of 20th May next. It is envisaged these works will commence mid-summer.

The following was discussed and noted:-

S. McKeown confirmed to Cllr. Breathnach that the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works were all included in a single Contract and that it was not unusual for the tender period to be extended, given the scale of the works proposed. It was noted that only prequalified contractors have been invited to tender. He also confirmed that the public realm works are required to facilitate the commercial elements of the project and will proceed as planned.

(d) National Road Schemes Update

Update noted under Monthly Roadworks Update, as provided by S. Cullen.

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.

6. Correspondence

M. Arthurs confirmed that a letter has been issued to Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District on behalf of the Piltown MD in support of the proposed Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan and proposed application for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (2022) by Tipperary County Council and its partners. Details of the Regeneration Plan were outlined to the meeting.

Cllr. Breathnach requested that this item be included on the Agenda for the next joint meeting with Carrick-on-Suir MD.

7. **AOB:**

(a) Update re N24 New Aghlish to Grannagh – Notice of Motion Submitted

S. Cullen confirmed that, following the Notice of Motion being passed by the Council, a letter will issue to TII calling on them to undertake a feasibility assessment and options study for the provision of urgently needed safety improvements and sustainable transport options along the N24, New Aghlish to Grannagh Castle.

June Meeting

Cllr. Dunphy requested that the June MD Meeting be changed to Wednesday, 8th June at 10am. This was agreed.

Cllr. Dunphy thanked all for attending. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Pat Dunphy
Cathaoirleach

Dated:

8/6/2022