

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
4th January, 2023 at 10.00am in the Meeting Room, Ferrybank Library**

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

In attendance: D. Malone, A/Director of Services, S. Cullen, Area Engineer, M. Arthurs, Meetings Administrator and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 7th December, 2022** – proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed.

Matters Arising

Southern Regional Assembly – in response to Cllr Dunphy, M Arthurs advised that David Kelly, Director, Southern Regional Assembly, has confirmed his availability to attend the February meeting of the Piltown MD.

Ferrybank Shopping Centre – in response to Cllr Frisby, D. Malone advised that NAMA have indicated that due to legal and contractual obligations, they are not in a position to disclose details of the new owners of the centre. Discussion followed, with contributions from all the members who expressed disappointment at the lack of clarity and engagement. It was agreed that contact be made directly with the reputed owners of the centre to seek clarification on the matter. **Action DM**

Staff Contact List – as discussed at the last meeting, D. Malone agreed to follow up and circulate an up-to-date staff contact list to members. **Action DM**

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

- (a) ***Taking in Charge Update***

D. Malone confirmed that there are thirty taking-in-charge applications currently before the Council, five of which are within the Piltown MD area. The following was noted:-

- Two estates have been taken in charge in the Piltown MD during 2022 at Arbourmount, Ferrybank and Filbuckstown, Mooncoin.
- The taking in charge of Abbeygate has been delayed due to some outstanding works, however engagement with the developer is continuing and on completion of works, this estate will be taken in charge in the current year.
- The remaining TIC applications in the Piltown area are Greenoaks/The Fairways, Blackwater Grove, Farmleigh and Fiodh Mór/Leaca Ard.
- It is proposed to take Greenoaks and Blackwater Grove in charge in 2023.

Discussion followed noting the slow nature of the TIC process to ensure that services are of the required standard for residents, the different stages and time it takes to bring applications to a conclusion, particularly where developers are no longer active. It was noted that insurance bonds are in place and can be utilised where necessary in order to complete outstanding works. The efforts and work put in by Council staff, both past and present, in this regard were acknowledged.

D. Malone responded to further queries raised by members in relation to bonds, timelines for same and options for legal action and enforcement.

- (b) ***Monthly Roadworks Update***

S. Cullen circulated report outlining works being progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting under discretionary maintenance and other works. Updates with regard to the N24 Tower Road, N24 Carrick Road and Belmont Link Road were also noted.

The following items were raised and discussed:-

Belmont Link Road – in response to Cllr Doherty, S. Cullen confirmed that once the Consultants have been appointed, they will prepare a design for the scheme which will be followed by the consultation process.

N24 Tower Road – Cllr Dunphy requested that an opening event to mark the commencement of these long-awaited works be arranged, S. Cullen agreed to make enquiries in this regard.

N24 Waterford to Cahir Scheme – Cllr Dunphy referred to the preferred route emerging later in the year, and requested meetings with the consultants on a quarterly basis. S. Cullen to enquire.

Road Lining – Cllr Aylward requested that road markings be renewed at the junction of the R704/R448 at Mullinavat, which is a very busy junction. S. Cullen confirmed that this is on the schedule of works to be completed.

Piltown Mobility Management Plan – S. Cullen confirmed to Cllr Breathnach that this will go to public consultation, once approved by the NTA.

R711 Greyway – Cllr Frisby complemented the great work completed, remarking on the huge difference it has made and the benefits of these works to the community.

R723 Greyway – Cllr Doherty enquired as to the status of the feasibility study for this scheme and asked if an update could be provided at the next meeting.

(c) South East Greenway Update

D. Malone provided update to members as follows:-

- **Design & Construction:** No further significant details available for the meeting due to the Christmas holidays, but it is anticipated there will be further updates at the February meeting.
- **Links to Slieverue and Glenmore:** No further significant details available for the meeting due to the Christmas holidays but it is anticipated there will be further updates at the February meeting.
- **Ferrybank Car Park Option:** The tenders received for consultancy services to develop the design and documentation for this scheme have been assessed by the Council's Road Design Office and a recommendation to appoint consultants for the project has been approved by the Chief Executive.
- **Woodstock Estate and the South East Greenway Recreational Connectivity Link between:** The council continue to engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to determine if the link to Woodstock Estate from the Greenway could be considered within their current Greenway project portfolio as an extension to the SEG.

(d) North Quays Update

D. Malone advised members that BAM have been announced as the main Contractors for the North Quays infrastructure project, with expected to commence by the end of March 2023 and will be completed by the end of 2025.

Works on the Abbey road footpath has commenced on site and are to be completed by the end of February 23. The Rock Stabilization Works adjacent to the railway station are ongoing by Cumnor Construction Ltd and are anticipated to be completed by February 2023.

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

None

7. AOB:

Cllr Doherty referred to the initiative being run by the Environment Department, Team Up to Clean Up. The first event took place in October in the City and a further countywide event is planned for Spring 2023 and she asked that the event be promoted as much as possible to

encourage groups to register. It was noted that no date has yet been confirmed for the event and that weather and health and safety will be a consideration. D. Malone suggested that a presentation on this initiative could be provided to members at the next meeting.

Cllr Aylward remarked on the great work that local communities do in relation to litter picks and clean-ups, however he noted that in some areas it is not safe to carry out litter picks, such as along the R448 between Granny and Mullinavat which is currently in a poor condition with litter. He asked if assistance could be provided by the Council. S. Cullen advised that in previous years, funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative was utilised for cases like this and he agreed to look at options for the R448.

Cllr Breathnach asked if a regime could be agreed for the collection of bags, following the completion of litter picks and if arrangements could be made for a more coordinated approach.

Discretionary Funding

Following discussion, it was agreed that members would forward suggestions to S. Cullen, within the next two weeks, for schemes to be considered under the local discretionary fund.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1st February at 10.00am.

It was proposed by Cllr Breathnach, seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed that meetings will commence at 10.00am and conclude at 11.30am.

Cllr Doherty thanked all for their attendance. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Fidelis Doherty
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 1/2/23

