

**Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Piltown Municipal District held on
Wednesday, 6th November, 2024 at 1:30pm at Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue.**

Present: Cllr Ger Frisby, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs J. Catt Slattery, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy and T. Breathnach
In attendance: I. Gardner, A/Director of Services, M. Prendiville, Head of Finance, J. Tennyson, Area Engineer, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

At the outset, Cllr Frisby took the opportunity on behalf of the members to welcome Ian Gardner back to the Piltown MD and looked forward to working with him.

1. Budget 2024 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Piltown

Cllr Frisby welcomed all to the Piltown MD Budget Meeting and invited Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance to commence his presentation.

M. Prendiville outlined the budgetary process which is currently underway. He circulated a report and advised that gross expenditure for 2025 is expected to be in excess of €116m, which has increased significantly over the last number of years. He stated that there are a number of funding challenges to be addressed, with the level of demand increasing annually.

During discussion, the following was noted and discussed:-

- No increase to the Local Property tax, it will remain the same as 2024.
- Increased income expected from commercial rates with new additions to the rates listing.
- Further workshop for all members next Monday to discuss priorities and key discretionary items.
- Lack of resources and funding for road maintenance and drainage works was raised by Members.
- Additional allocations provided by the Department in recent years for climate resilience drainage works – funding received in the Piltown MD noted.
- Importance of regular drainage maintenance to prevent floods occurring.

Cllr F. Doherty proposed, Cllr P. Dunphy seconded and all agreed the adoption of the €485k discretionary road budget and €50k discretionary general budget for Piltown MD, noting that the discretionary general budget is subject to funding being available in the Council budget.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____

04/12/2024