

***Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
6th November, 2024 at 2:00pm at Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue.***

Present: Cllrs G. Frisby, J. Catt Slattery, P. Dunphy, F. Doherty and T. Breathnach
In attendance: I. Gardner, A/Director of Services, J. Tennyson, District Engineer, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator, A. O'Connor, Senior Executive Planner and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Welcome

Cllr Frisby took the opportunity on behalf of all the members to welcome Ian Gardner back to the Piltown MD, he wished him well in his role as acting Director of Services and looked forward to working with him.

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 2nd October, 2024** – proposed by Cllr P. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr G. Frisby and agreed.

Matters Arising

Deputation Temploorum – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Dunphy that speed survey results were awaited, following which he will revert to the group.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

- (a) ***Kilmacow Masterplan Update***

A. O'Connor circulated updated DOS report on submissions to the Draft Kilmacow Masterplan. She outlined the process to date, stating that the draft plan was placed on public display from 12th July for a seven week period and a public information session was held 3rd August in the Kilmacow Community Hall, which was very well attended. It was noted that 49 submissions were received, which are all outlined in the document and amendments have been made to the draft as a result of these submissions. The main themes throughout the submissions were noted, including traffic flow in the village, need for traffic calming, need for one-way system, potential for greenway and amenities along the river, growing population and lack of services and lots of support for a looped walk around upper and lower village. It was also noted that the Sports Complex made a submission requesting that their facilities be acknowledged as an all-inclusive facility to cater for sporting and non-sporting events.

Ms O'Connor advised that she was seeking the Adoption of the Kilmacow Masterplan from draft to final stage, subject to the recommendations in the DOS Report.

Cllr Breathnach advised that a number of meetings have been held in the local community and outlined some of the headings under which slight amendments will be made, including settlement strategy, disability inclusion, flooding areas and deficits in public lighting. He hoped that the Draft Masterplan would be Adopted by members, subject to the proposed amendments outlined.

Following further discussion, Ms O'Connor advised that there is an objective included in the plan to look at the feasibility of cycle lanes and confirmed that all submissions have been taken into account in the draft plan. Cllr Breathnach noted that the Masterplan is a framework for collaboration between the Council and local community and the proposed amendments will not change the essence of the plan.

Cllr Breathnach proposed the Adoption of the Kilmacow Masterplan, this was seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed.

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

J. Tennyson, Area Engineer, circulated report outlining details of pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates on other schemes – North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade and Piltown Urban Enhancement Scheme.

The following was raised and discussed:-

LCI Scheme Rossinan – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Catt Slattery that a further section was being looked at to improve forward visibility on the R448 and he is currently liaising with the landowner.

Mill Road Footpath – in response to Cllr Dunphy, J. Tennyson advised that an Ecologist has been procured to carry out screenings, the Consultant will develop different options to bring to planning

subject to those screenings and the timeframe for completion will depend on the planning process, whether Part 8 or Part 10 application to An Bord Pleanála.

Glenmore Bus Stop relocation – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Doherty that this matter is currently with Road Design, who are working to bring this to planning stage.

LIS & CIR – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Doherty that allocations for these schemes will not be known until early 2025.

Listerlin Village Improvement Scheme - Cllr Doherty welcomed proposed improvements at Listerlin Village. J. Tennyson advised that consultants have been appointed to carry out preliminary design, develop conceptual options and progress to Part 8 planning stage.

(c) Greenway Update

It was agreed that this item would be deferred. It was noted that a Workshop on the South East Greenway has been arranged for members on Friday, 8th November at 2pm.

(d) Ferrybank Shopping Centre

I. Gardner advised that there is no further update since the last meeting and that Denis Malone, Senior Planner, is in regular contact with Dunnes Stores on the matter. Cllr Frisby urged that the Council continue to liaise with Dunnes Stores regarding their intentions for the Centre and seek commitment from them.

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. Phelan advised that WCCC have suggested 18th February, 2025 for the next joint meeting, this was agreed. Arrangement of a site visit to North Quays to be requested on the same day.

Cllr Dunphy asked if clarification could be sought from WCCC with regard to the Sustainable Transport Bridge and the provision of a shuttle bus service. During discussion, members expressed disappointment at the decision by WCCC not to include a shuttle bus service on the bridge, as initially proposed, but to limit access to pedestrians and cyclists only in the initial stage and to only provide for a bus service if required in the future. It was agreed that clarification be sought on this matter from WCCC, to relay their concerns the impact this will have on traffic congestion and to seek that the shuttle bus service be provided from the outset as originally planned.

Cllr Breathnach asked that the strategic overview be followed up for the joint meeting with WCCC, as agreed at the last joint meeting. M. Phelan confirmed that she has written to WCCC in this regard and will revert to members.

7. AOB:

Memorial Plaque, Piltown – Cllr Dunphy asked for update on the proposed memorial plaque for The Tower Road junction. J. Tennyson advised that Consultants will be appointed in the coming weeks for the Piltown RRDF and it is proposed to include the provision of a memorial plaque as part of that project consultation process. It was noted that the location for the plaque will likely be near the playground and the local committee will be encouraged to engage in the process, to submit proposals and to agree the most appropriate location.

Traffic Congestion, Ferrybank GAA Club – J. Tennyson advised that the road leading to Abbeylands and football club has not yet been taken in charge, therefore KCC have no jurisdiction to provide any measures to resolve this issue. J. Tennyson agreed to follow up and clarify the status of the TIC application.

Hedgecutting – Cllr Doherty took the opportunity to remind landowners of their obligations with regard to hedgecutting along the public road. J. Tennyson noted good cooperation in general and confirmed that notices are issued each year to landowners where issues are identified.

LIS clarification – Cllr Doherty asked if clarification had been received with regard to the new qualifying criteria for Local Improvement Scheme applications. J. Tennyson agreed to circulate the up to date criteria to members. It was noted that a query has been raised with the Department, J. Tennyson agreed to follow up and advise members further on same.

Pride of Place – Cllr Frisby took the opportunity to congratulate Ferrybank on their great achievement in the recent Pride of Place Awards, who were runners up in the Community Wellbeing Initiative category and he praised them for their hard work and commitment. Cllr Breathnach acknowledged the initial input from Lianne Kelly and Catherine Byrne Murphy, Community Section, assisting groups with preparations in this regard and praised the hard work of the local community.

It was noted the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4th December at 2:00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: 
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Dated: 01/12/2024

