

***Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Piltown Municipal District held on
Wednesday, 1st October, 2025 at 3:30pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room***

Present: Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs J. Catt Slattery, T. Breathnach and G. Frisby
In attendance: J. Tennyson, District Engineer, Michael Leahy, Financial Management Accountant
and N. O'Callaghan, Area Technician
In Attendance via teams: Cllr F. Doherty
Apologies: I. Gardner, A/Director of Services, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator, O. Bannon,
Staff Officer

1. Budget 2026 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Piltown

Cllr Dunphy welcomed all to the Piltown MD Budget Meeting and invited Michael Leahy, Financial Management Accountant to commence his presentation.

M. Leahy outlined the budgetary process which is currently underway, with the Council's Statutory Budget Meeting due to take place on 3rd November. He went through the report as circulated to members, noting a number of challenges to be addressed and the level of demand for services increasing annually. It was noted that workshops will be held for members in October, where issues can be discussed in more detail. M. Leahy advised that the GMA will remain at €50k for 2026, subject to funding being available in the overall Council budget and the Discretionary Roads Budget is expected to be around €489k, to be confirmed early 2026.

Discussion followed, M. Leahy provided clarification in relation to housing grants, LPT, development charges and the capital budget. Members requested that consideration be given to increasing the €50k general allocation, given the level of increased costs. This was noted.

Cllr Catt Slattery proposed, Cllr Frisby seconded and all agreed the adoption of the discretionary road budget and 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: Pat Dunphy
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 5/11/2025