

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
1st October, 2025 at 2:00pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr P. Dunphy
Present: Cllrs J. Catt Slattery, T. Breathnach and G. Frisby
In attendance: J. Tennyson, District Engineer, 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. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 3rd September, 2025** – proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

(a) N25 Emergency Traffic Management Plan

J. Tennyson advised that this plan was a joint project between An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council to develop a bespoke emergency traffic plan in the event of a road traffic incident that would involve a road closure on the N25. He advised that other stakeholders have been consulted in the process, including Fire Services, Bam Civil Engineering and Southlink, seeking their feedback. He outlined the various proposed diversions which will be put in place on the different access points and how the plan will operate in the event of an emergency closure being required. It is hoped the plan will alleviate the issues arising with HGVs and other traffic diverting onto the local road network during these incidents.

Discussion followed with contributions from all the members, who welcomed the introduction of the plan.

J. Tennyson advised the following:-

- The Plan is effective immediately and is with the Garda Control rooms at Tramore and Ballybricken and can be reviewed and amended as required, based on performance during the next closure.
- A number of junctions on the N25 are being examined by Road Design with the appointed Consultants, with a view to possible safety improvements.
- Direction from An Garda Síochána is that no members of the public should undertake, or intervene with, traffic management.

Cllr Frisby took the opportunity to commend the local committee for their work on this matter and highlighting the issues which has resulted in huge progress and interim safety measures being undertaken. The members thanked all involved and those who contributed in developing the Emergency Traffic Management Plan for N25.

(b) Monthly Roadworks Update

J. Tennyson circulated report outlining details of pavement works, discretionary maintenance, drainage and other works progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates on N24 Waterford to Cahir, N24 Carrick Road, N24 Mooncoin Village EPS, N24 Rathkieran to Aglish HD28 Scheme, N25 Curraghmore to Gaulstown HD28 Scheme, N25 Speed Limit review, North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade, Piltown RRDF, Glenmore Bus Stop and Templeorum Village Improvement Scheme.

J. Tennyson also outlined details of Winter Maintenance Plan 2025-2026 and noted that all junctions onto the N25 will be treated as part of the Priority 3 routes and schools and school transport routes would be prioritised where possible.

The Winter Maintenance Plan 2025-2026 was proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed.

(c) Greenway Update

Update report was circulated to members, J Tennyson advised as follows:-

Mainline Works

- Works are being finalised on this section since substantial completion was achieved in December 2024.
- At the Abbey Road end of the scheme, the project ties in with the North Quays project where works are ongoing to facilitate access from the Greenway onto Abbey Road. The Greenway team are engaging

with Waterford County Council in relation to a timeline for completion of these works which would allow opening of this section of greenway. This is currently predicted to be November 2025.

Remaining Lots

- Fehily Timoney, project consultants, are progressing the detailed design of the section of Greenway between Curraghmore and Balyverneen (approximately 9km) which includes the design of any structures. The landowner liaison team is engaging with affected landowners to agree final design layouts and any accommodation works proposals along this section.
- The acquisition of land from CIE at the Rosbercon Trailhead is progressing.
- The masterplan for the Rosbercon Trailhead is well progressed and will go to Part 8 in October 2025.

Summary Overview

- Of the 24km's of Greenway some 14km's are now completed or substantially completed.

Related Schemes

South – North Access Road, Ferrybank

Appointed consultant working on final design drawings for road and trailhead car park. Preparation of land acquisition / CPO drawings is progressing and once finalised further engagement with landowners will take place.

Greenway Link to Glenmore

Kilgallen & Partners have commenced work on the detail design including procurement of surveys. As the detailed design progresses, discussions with the relevant parties have recommenced regarding the acquisition of lands required to deliver the project.

Greenway Link to Slieverue

Efforts are continuing to identify potential funding streams to advance this project through detail design, land acquisition and construction stage.

Woodstock to South East Greenway Link (Nore Valley Greenway)

This Greenway project has recently received approval from the TII to progress to Phase 2 Option Selection. During this phase:

- A 2nd Public Consultation on Proposed Route Corridors will be held.
- Landowner engagement will continue throughout this phase.
- Following consultation and landowner engagement, a Preferred Route Corridor Option will be proposed.
- A 3rd Public Consultation will be held on the proposed Preferred Route Corridor Option.

(d) Ferrybank Shopping Centre

J. Tennyson outlined details of the recent planning permission made to KCC in relation to the Ferrybank Shopping Centre and details of the subsequent appeal made to An Bord Pleanála by Waterford City & County Council, which was declared invalid by the board due to incomplete documentation submitted. He also outlined the planning report summary, which notes the recognition given to the Ferrybank Shopping Centre as a District Centre, in both the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan and the RSES (Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy) and the importance of same in the Ferrybank Area.

Discussion followed, with contributions from members, all expressing their surprise and disappointment to see such an appeal being lodged, but looked forward to continuing progress towards the eventual opening of the Centre.

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

Cllr Dunphy confirmed that CEO of Waterford Airport, Aidan Power, has agreed to attend the next meeting of the Piltown MD, this was noted and agreed.

J. Tennyson advised that Denis Malone will deliver a report regarding MASP for the next MD meeting.

7. **AOB:**

Vote of Sympathy

The members joined in extending their sympathies to the family of their former colleague and Councillor for the Piltown Municipal District, Melissa O'Neill, who passed away recently. **Action M Phelan**

Congratulations – Cllr Dunphy took the opportunity to extend congratulations to Casey Farrell from Piltown, who recently won gold while competing in the 14/15 year old category of the IFMA Youth Muay Thai World Championships in Abu Dhabi, a huge achievement for her and her club. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to her on behalf of the Piltown MD members. **Action M Phelan**

Cllr Doherty congratulated all the team involved in the great works completed on Abbey Road and the junction with Fountain Street.

It was noted that a joint meeting with Carrick-on-Suir MD is scheduled for 5th November, time to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Pat Dunphy
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 5/11/2025

