Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Piltown Municipal District held on Wednesday, 7th October, 2026 at 1:30pm at Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue

Present: Cllr Ger Frisby, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, J. Catt Slattery

In attendance: M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator, J. Tennyson, District Engineer, Michael Leahy, Financial Management Accountant and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Apologies: I. Gardner, A/Director of Services, Cllr T. Breathnach

1. Budget 2027 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Piltown

Cllr Frisby 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 9th November. He went through the report as circulated to members, noting there are significant funding challenges to be addressed, outlining the main concerns and the impact of inflation on provision of services and the capital programme. Increased costs were noted in a number of areas including housing, roads, parks and playground maintenance, library book fund, pensions and investment in IT, cyber security and licence costs.

M. Leahy advised that the total estimated budget expenditure for 2027 is €135m, an increase of €5.6m on 2026. For the Piltown MD, the Discretionary General Budget will remain at €50k for 2027, subject to funding being available in the overall Council budget and the Discretionary Roads Budget is expected to be around €508k, to be confirmed early 2027.

Discussion followed, with clarification provided in relation to LPT allocation and income, discretionary fund permitted expenditure, library fund and staffing.

It was proposed by Cllr Dunphy, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed that the Discretionary Road Budget and Discretionary General Budget for Piltown MD, be adopted. It was noted that the Discretionary General Budget is subject to funding being available in the Council budget.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Dated:** 4/11/2026
Cathaoirleach