

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
4th February, 2026 at 2:00pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr P. Dunphy
Present: Cllrs T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, G. Frisby and J. Catt Slattery
In attendance: I. Gardner, A/Director of Services, J. Tennyson, District Engineer, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator, P. Byrne, Road Design and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Weather Events

Cllr Dunphy noted the recent bad weather, which has led to flooding and damage to roads in places and took the opportunity to thank staff on the ground for their hard work in dealing with issues as they arose, which is very much appreciated.

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 14th January, 2026** – proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Doherty and agreed.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

(a) Update Urban Speed Limits

Mr. Paul Byrne, Executive Engineer, Road Design, was in attendance to provide update to members. He outlined the background on the Speed Limit Review 2023 as part of the road safety strategy, stating that the default rural speed limit for rural roads has come into effect since February 2025, with the review on urban speed limits currently underway, which will be followed by review on national secondary roads by TII later this year.

It was noted that the urban speed limit will not now be a default speed of 30km/h, but will be implemented under Special Speed Limit Bye-laws. Mr. Byrne outlined this review process to members, which will include consultation with TII, An Garda Síochána and public consultation. It was noted that the Bye-laws must be adopted by the elected members by 30th October 2026 and implemented by 31st March 2027.

Mr. Byrne responded to questions raised by members, as follows;

- Default 30km/h – it was noted that issues arose in relation to legislation in defining urban areas and so it is necessary to introduce Special Speed Limit Bye-laws with areas set by the Council.
- Criteria for setting 30km/h / 50km/h – the urban core will be assessed, 30km/h zone will be established within the core, with a 50km/h zone outside of that.
- Locations included – it was confirmed that all towns and villages are included in the review, with public consultation planned for the summer.
- R723 – it was confirmed that the R723 from Glenmore roundabout to New Ross is included in the review and will be changed to 80km/h in line with national secondary routes.

J. Tennyson noted that not all villages will be reduced to 30km/h zones under the review, P. Byrne confirmed this, stating that each town and village will be assessed on its own merits, with speed limit to be applied depending on what is appropriate and within the guidelines, which will be open for discussion during the public consultation phase.

Cllr Dunphy thanked Paul for his presentation and update and he withdrew from the meeting.

(b) Monthly Roadworks Update

J. Tennyson circulated report outlining details of discretionary maintenance and other works progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates on N24 Rathkieran to Aglish HD28 Scheme, North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade, Piltown RRDF, Active Travel Funding 2026, Safe Route to Schools 2026, CLAR Funding 2026 and Storm Chandra /Flooding.

The following was raised and discussed:-

N24/N25 Schemes – Cllr Dunphy asked that these items be kept on the report for update. J. Tennyson advised that these items will be included in the report as progress updates are received.

Abbey Road – Cllr Dunphy noted the poor condition of the Abbey Road and asked for a timeline for improvements to the Abbey Road to be carried out. J. Tennyson advised that members approved the multi-annual restoration improvement programme last year, noting that the Abbey Road was not included as the

Abbey Road and Belmont Road are subject to URDF schemes, following completion of which the resurfacing works to Abbey Road will be carried out. It was noted that a Section 85 Agreement was required, to be signed off by WCCC to progress the URDF scheme.

N25 Waterford to Glenmore Scheme – Cllr Doherty welcomed the previous indication that funding will be allocated to progress this scheme and enquired when allocations will be notified. J. Tennyson advised that there has been no confirmation of funding as yet.

Speed Limit, Glenmore Hill – Cllr Doherty asked if it would be possible to erect a driver feedback sign at the top of Glenmore Hill. J. Tennyson agreed to arrange for request to TII in this regard.

Pothole, M9 Motorway and Slieverue Roundabout – Cllr Doherty asked for pothole repair to be arranged, near the entrance to M9 at Mullinavat and also for surface repairs to be arranged at Slieverue Roundabout. J. Tennyson advised that a HD28 Scheme will be completed at Slieverue Roundabout in 2026. The pothole on M9 will be referred to Egis Lagan for repair.

CLAR Scheme, Killinaspick – in response to Cllr Catt Slattery, J. Tennyson advised that funding was in place to complete the design and tender process, the scheme is expected to commence in the coming months.

(c) Proposal to Extinguish Public Right of Way – L34242 Ballyquin, Mullinavat

J. Tennyson advised members that an application has been received to extinguish a public right-of-way over laneway at Ballyquin, Mullinavat, under Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993 and he circulated map showing the location of the lane in question. He outlined the statutory process to members and sought formal approval from members to undertake the statutory process to publish notice of intention.

It was proposed by Cllr Catt Slattery, seconded by Cllr Frisby and resolved that the Piltown Municipal District hereby approves of the proposal to publish notice of intention to extinguish the public right of way at Ballyquin, Mullinavat, as outlined.

(d) Killonerry Bridge Update

J. Tennyson advised that there is no update in terms of funding and that the bridge had been due to be secured, however the centre of the bridge has now collapsed and due to health and safety concerns, the bridge will be demolished on the Kilkenny side of the bridge and fenced off on the Tipperary side. He confirmed that both local authorities are engaging to secure funding to reinstate the bridge. Cllr Dunphy asked that this item be kept on the agenda for progress updates.

(e) Greenway Update

Update report was circulated to members, I. Gardner advised as follows:-

Mainline Works

The opening date of Phase 2 is dependent on the completion of an area within the North Quay's development. The Greenway team continue to engage with Waterford City & County Council in relation to a completion date for the above and the most recent advice is the end of March 2026.

Remaining Lots

- Detailed design of the remaining section of Greenway between Curraghmore and Ballyverneen (approximately 9km) continues to be progressed by consultants.
- The acquisition of land from CIE at the Rosbercon Trailhead continues to be progressed and the masterplan will go to Part 8 pending the completion of additional environmental surveys.

Related Schemes

South North Access Road, Ferrybank

- The design team have completed the detail design for both the South – North Link Road and Greenway Trailhead Carpark. Contract documents for construction works are expected to be advertised in the coming weeks.

Greenway Link to Glenmore

- The Design Team have commenced work on the detailed design including procurement of various surveys. As the detailed design progresses, discussions with the affected landowners will continue regarding the acquisition of land.

Greenway Link to Slieverue

- Efforts are continuing to identify potential funding streams to advance this project.

Woodstock to South East Greenway Link

- A 2nd Public Consultation on Proposed Route Corridors is scheduled for late February
- Landowner engagement is continuing

- Following consultation and landowner engagement, a Preferred Route Corridor Option will be proposed, and a 3rd Public Consultation will be held on the proposed Preferred Route Corridor Option.

The following was raised and discussed:-

In response to Cllr Doherty's query in relation to progress of the Mount Elliot/Red Bridge aspect, I. Gardner agreed to refer same to the Greenway Team and forward information to members.

In response to Cllr Frisby, I. Gardner advised that the Ferrybank to Curraghmore section cannot open until such time as the site has been handed over to WCCC by the Contractor and remaining works are completed prior to opening. Cllr Frisby asked if something can be done to facilitate opening as soon as possible, I. Gardner agreed to follow up with the Greenway Team and WCCC.

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 noted invitation received for members to attend the launch of the Waterford Metropolitan Area Walking and Cycling Index 2025 being held on 5th March, details for which have been circulated to members.

M. Phelan advised that WCCC have suggested a joint meeting be held in advance of the next Piltown MD meeting on the morning of Wednesday 4th March. Following discussion, it was agreed that the joint meeting be arranged for 9:30am followed by the MD meeting, to be held at Rhu Glenn hotel. M. Phelan to revert to WCCC and confirm.

7. AOB:

Ferrybank Shopping Centre – Cllr Frisby asked that this item be kept on the agenda for updates as they arise.

N24 Carrick Road Scheme – Cllr Dunphy asked for an update on this matter. I. Gardner said he would liaise with the Roads Department with regard to writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála on this matter.

Hedge cutting – Cllr Doherty took the opportunity to remind landowners that roadside hedges should be cut back before end of February.

N24 junctions at Rathkieran and Aghlish (Roadstone) – Cllr Dunphy raised concerns over safety at these two junctions and asked for this to be raised with TII to seek safety measure and lighting to be installed. J. Tennyson agreed to raise the matter with Road Design, to request that a review be carried out and to seek funding for appropriate safety measures.

Next Meeting

Due to the joint meeting being scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 4th March, it was proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Doherty and agreed, that the next meeting of the Piltown MD be held at the earlier time of 11:30am. The time to be confirmed for the joint meeting with WCCC.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Pat Dunphy
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 4/3/26

