

***Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
14th January, 2026 at 2:00pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room***

Cathaoirleach:

Cllr P. Dunphy

Present:

Cllrs J. Catt Slattery, G. Frisby, T. Breathnach and F. Doherty

In attendance:

I. Gardner, A/Director of Services, J. Tennyson, District Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Apologies:

M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator

1. Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 3rd December, 2026 – proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Breathnach and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) IDA Belveen – Road Realignment Proposal

It was agreed that this item would be deferred for discussion at a future 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 Carrick Road, N24 Rathkieran to Aglish HD28 Scheme, North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade, Piltown RRDF and Glenmore Bus Stop.

The following was raised and discussed:-

Owning Public Lighting – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Catt Slattery that the ESB connection is due to be completed in 10-14 days and will be operational shortly thereafter.

Mill Road Scheme – in response to Cllr Catt Slattery, J. Tennyson advised that preliminary design is still awaited from the Consultant.

Glenmore Bus Stop – in response to Cllr Doherty, J. Tennyson advised that a public consultation will form part of this scheme.

Speed Limit, N25 Glenmore – Cllr Doherty welcomed the introduction of the 80km/hr speed limit and static speed camera, which have proved to be very successful in slowing traffic and improving safety.

N24 Carrick Road, Mooncoin Safety Scheme – Cllr Dunphy noted the delay in progress on this Scheme and noted that accidents are continuing to happen on this road and asked if contact could be made with An Bord Pleanala urging them to progress this scheme as a matter of urgency. I. Gardner advised that the Roads Department will be requested to contact An Bord Pleanala to seek an update on progress.

(c) Killonerry Bridge, Piltown and Carrick-on-Suir

Cllr Dunphy raised this matter, stating that the bridge, which is widely used as part of a walking route and very important to locals, is currently closed and in poor condition and asked for an update on what is proposed for this bridge.

J. Tennyson advised that, having carried out a search of archive stores, records show that the bridge was constructed in the 1930's and a joint application was made by KCC and Tipperary County Council in 1964 to the Department for a new trafficable bridge adjacent the existing pedestrian bridge, but this scheme was not passed at the time and no funding was provided. On that basis, any proposal to carry out remedial works to reopen the pedestrian bridge would likely be a similar joint application. He outlined details of a recent visual survey undertaken on the bridge and confirmed that the bridge is currently not safe for use. Consideration is being given to arranging an independent structural assessment, but it is expected that due to its very poor condition, the bridge may be condemned. It is noted that barriers and temporary signage was put in place to close the bridge at the end of 2025, however it appears that the bridge is still being used, which is a significant health and safety concern and the public are advised to refrain from using the bridge as it is not safe to do so.

J. Tennyson outlined options for the bridge going forward, as follows:-

- Short-term, to secure the bridge to prevent access or remove the structure completely, subject to environmental consents and funding.
- Long-term, to lodge a joint application with Tipperary County Council to rebuild the bridge, by way of either Climate Adaptation grant or other funding stream, ORIS or Active Travel. But it was noted that significant funding will be required.

J. Tennyson noted that the primary concern for both local authorities is public safety.

Cllr Dunphy thanked J. Tennyson for the comprehensive report and stated that he would not be in favour of removing the bridge completely, closing off an important walkway and rural link into Carrick-on-Suir. J. Tennyson again noted safety concerns and that the future of the bridge in the short-term will depend on the structural assessment. In response to Cllr Breathnach, J. Tennyson advised that access to the bridge was via public roads and noted that the Kilkenny side of the bridge is prone to flooding. He noted that options will need to be explored in terms of funding streams and agreed to keep members informed.

(d) Greenway Update

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

Mainline Works

- Works are still ongoing to facilitate access from the Greenway onto the Abbey Road. The Greenway team continues to engage with Waterford City & County Council in relation to a timeline for completion of these works which would allow opening of this section of greenway.

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

- Consultant continues to work on the final design drawings for road and trailhead carpark.

Greenway Link to Glenmore

- Kilgallen & Partners continue to progress the detailed design and discussions with the relevant parties regarding the acquisition of lands.

Greenway Link to Slieverue

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

Woodstock to South East Greenway Link

- Project consultants, RPS, are progressing various deliverables required under TII Project Management Phase 2 - Option Selection.
- A 2nd Public Consultation on Proposed Route Corridors will be held.
- Landowner engagement will continue
- 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.

Cllrs Dunphy and Frisby asked if definite timeframe can be given at the next meeting for the opening of the section from Ferrybank to Curraghmore. I. Gardner agreed to contact the Greenway Team in this regard.

(e) North Quays Update

Update report was circulated to members, I. Gardner outlined the following:-

- The final commissioning of the mechanical and electrical systems is being closed out. In the meantime, the central bascule spans continue to be opened and closed as required for river traffic. The temporary steel supports are due to be removed from the river shortly and the permanent pier protection systems and navigation aids will then be completed. The finishing works for the bridge will progress over the coming months, including the installation of the edge railings, glass panels, pedestrian barriers, surfacing, lighting, street furniture etc.
- The South Quays Plaza is well advanced and will provide a landscaped public realm area with seating, lighting, green area and bicycle facilities. The glass flood defence barrier is currently being installed along the river, and the plaza works are expected to be complete in early 2026 at which point final snagging checks and safety audits will be completed in advance of any opening to the public. Public

access from the South Plaza to the sustainable transport bridge will be closed off and secured until the bridge opens to the public.

- Finishing works are continuing to the train station building, including mechanical & electrical fitout and other internal finishing works. External works are also being completed for platforms, northern plaza, set-down areas, landscaping etc. Works on the station's southern entrance will commence in Q1 2026. The new railway infrastructure is subject to several compliance audits and approvals processes before the train station can open to the public and these processes will progress through 2026.
- All major traffic management has been removed from Dock Road, Fountain Street and Abbey Road. The installation of street furniture and landscaping is ongoing and the public lighting is being commissioned. The completion of the greenway ramp at Abbey Road could enable the opening of the 6km section of greenway from Abbey Road to Curraghmore. Timing will be subject to completion of safety audits, defects check, certification etc. and the implementation of all outstanding items will continue in consultation with Wexford & Kilkenny County Council's.
- Works continue on the railway flood defence scheme; the eastern flood defence scheme is complete and the western flood defence scheme is scheduled for completion in Q2 2026. The eastern trackside drainage works are also progressing on site, while the western trackside drainage contract is at procurement stage, with works scheduled to commence in Q1 2026.
- Details are being finalised for the central flood defence works (at Plunkett Station) and the flood defence pump stations both of which will be completed in 2026. The central flood defence works require the construction of underground trenches, flood walls and demountable barriers within the Plunkett Station car parks, entrance and set-down areas as well as significant diversion of underground services within these areas. The works are complex and the project team is liaising with Iarnród Éireann on the logistics for these works and the best means of reducing impacts on rail commuters.
- Harcourt Developments is in consultation with the Land Development Agency on the roll out of the residential development elements of approved Phase 1 of the SDZ development. Upon close out of this process it is anticipated that works will commence on site within the first half of 2026, where the public infrastructure integration works will be fast-tracked to facilitate the earliest possible opening of the transport hub and bridge in 2027.

Cllr Dunphy raised a query in relation to confusion being experienced by some drivers over signage and access to the funeral home on Abbey Road, to which I. Gardner responded.

Cllr Catt Slattery asked if there was any update in relation to the bridge at Belfield/Fiodh Mór. I. Gardner advised that the outcome of funding applications made under Active Travel is awaited and installation of CCTV is also being looked at.

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**
None
7. **AOB:**
January Piltown MD Meeting – it was proposed by Cllr Breathnach and seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed that the January meeting of the Piltown MD will be held on the second Wednesday of January each year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4th February at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Pat Murphy
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 14/2/2026.