

***Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
4th March, 2026 at 11:30am at The Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue.***

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

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 4th February, 2026** – proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed.

Matters arising

N24 Rathkieran and New AGLISH – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Dunphy that Road Design are liaising with TII on these matters, he agreed to follow up in this regard.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

(a) Monthly Roadworks Update

J. Tennyson circulated report outlining details of discretionary maintenance, paving maintenance scheduled 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, Weather/Flooding, Killonerry Pedestrian Bridge and Ferrybank/Slieverue boundary fencing.

The following was raised and discussed:-

N24/N25 Schemes – J. Tennyson advised that funding has been allocated for both N24 and N25 Schemes of €500k and €700k respectively, to progress through Phase 3 design and environmental evaluation, which is expected to take a minimum of two years. Additional funding will be sought to further progress both schemes through Phase 3 in 2027, updates will be provided in due course.

N25 Safety Improvement Works – J. Tennyson advised that an allocation of €300k has been received for safety improvements and visibility improvement at junctions on the N25.

N25 Glenmore Bus Stop – it was noted that an allocation of €50k has been received to progress this scheme. J. Tennyson advised that a public consultation is expected to take place Q2 2026 followed by the tendering process.

Weather Events – Cllr Dunphy took the opportunity to thank J. Tennyson and staff for their work and efforts during recent weather events, noting a lot of damage caused as a result.

Killonerry Pedestrian Bridge – Cllr Dunphy noted this is part of the South Leinster Way route and the importance of reopening same as soon as possible. J. Tennyson advised that as it is part of the South Leinster Way, the most appropriate funding stream is the ORIS and an application will be submitted in April/May for same, to be followed by the planning process, ahead of any construction works.

Cllrs Dunphy and Frisby welcomed funding allocations for N24 and N25. Cllr Dunphy acknowledged the effort and work put in by all involved in securing this funding. Cllr Frisby also noted the importance of public engagement in helping to secure additional funding for safety and junction visibility improvements on the N25. Cllr Frisby also welcomed the proposed improvement works at Slieverue roundabout and N29.

(b) Roads and Recent Weather

Cllr Dunphy noted the extent of damage caused by recent prolonged poor weather across the area, noting the need for additional funding to address same. J. Tennyson advised that an additional funding submission has been made to the Department to address storm damage, no confirmation of further allocation has been received as yet. It was noted that a new patching unit was in operation across the County, which will address any pothole damage as a schedule for same is up and running, which will operate on a shared rota across all MDs.

(c) Roadworks Programme 2026

J. Tennyson presented the Roadworks Programme for 2026 to members for the Piltown MD and outlined details of proposed works and allocations for same.

The Roadworks Programme 2026, as presented, was proposed by Cllr Dunphy, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed.

(d) Listerlin Village Improvements – Draft Part 8 Documentation

Documentation was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. J. Tennyson advised that the Part 8 public consultation on the Listerlin Village Improvement Scheme is imminent, which follows on from two public meetings held locally in 2025. He noted the issues identified as accessibility, connectivity and speeding through the village and outlined the proposed measures to be provided under the scheme, which will likely be delivered in three phases, subject to funding. It was noted that an allocation of €40k has been provided under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme in 2026, to include installation of raised pedestrian crossings, ramps and footpaths providing connectivity to the shop, pub and church grounds. The Scheme, as presented, was proposed by Cllr Catt Slattery, seconded by Cllr Frisby and agreed.

(e) Killonerry Bridge Update

Cllr Dunphy noted earlier update provided on this item by J. Tennyson. He also brought attention to a safety concern in relation to wooden steps coming down from the Killonerry Road onto the N24, which are very slippery and dangerous for pedestrians using same. J. Tennyson advised that this can be looked at and funding can be sought under B12 scheme.

(f) Greenway Update

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

Mainline Works

As advised previously, the opening date of Phase 2 is dependent on the completion of an area within the North Quay's development. Once available - the southern end of the greenway can be accessed via the North Quay's / Abbey Road intersection, and a small temporary greenway trailhead car park will also be made available 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 mid April 2026.

Remaining Lots

Detailed design of the remaining section of Greenway between Curraghmore and Ballyverneen (approximately 9km) continues to be progressed by consultants.

The landowner liaison team continues to engage with affected landowners along this section to agree final design layouts and accommodation works.

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 now scheduled for late March 2026. Landowner engagement is continuing. Following consultation and landowner engagement, a Preferred Route Corridor Option will be proposed.

(g) North Quays Update

Report was circulated to members, I. Gardner advised as follows:

- The finishing works on the sustainable bridge are ongoing. The temporary steel supports for the sustainable transport bridge are currently being removed from the river, and the pier protection system will be completed in the coming months.
- The South Quays Plaza is well advanced with the area partially open to the public. Works are expected to be complete in March 2026 with the area fully opening to the public shortly afterwards. Public access to the sustainable transport bridge will be closed off and secured until the bridge opens in 2027.

- Finishing works are continuing to the train station building. External works are also being finished out, which includes the Bus Eireann depot, platforms, northern plaza and set-down areas. The western footbridge and access ramp are close to substantial completion.
- Iarnród Éireann are continuing including flood defence works which will facilitate the opening of the train station towards the end of 2027.
- All infrastructural works on Dock Road, Fountain Street and Abbey Road are largely complete. The completion of the greenway ramp at Abbey Road will facilitate the potential opening of the section of greenway from Abbey Road to Curraghmore. Timing will be subject to completion of safety audits, defects check, certification etc.
- Works continue on the railway flood defence scheme with the western flood defence scheme due for completion in Q3 2026. The eastern trackside drainage works are also progressing on site and the western trackside drainage contract to be awarded by Iarnród Éireann shortly.
- The central flood defence works through Plunkett Station will proceed in 2026. The works are complex and logistically challenging and are being planned to ensure safety while minimising disruption to rail services and commuters.
- Harcourt Developments continue to liaise 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 in the second half of 2026, with the public infrastructure integration works being fast-tracked to facilitate the earliest possible opening of the transport hub and sustainable transport bridge in 2027.

(h) Ferrybank Shopping Centre

I Gardner advised that the judicial review is scheduled for 11th June 2026, noting that it is unlikely that there will be any further update before same and stated that KCC will continue to engage with Dunnes Stores.

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:

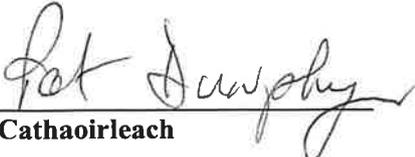
R704 Mullinavat – Cllr Dunphy referred to numerous complaints received by members in relation to the R704 Mullinavat to New Ross road, with regard to the condition of the road edges. He proposed that a deputation be received from a local committee at the next meeting of the Piltown MD, this was seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed. Formal application to be lodged by the group attending the meeting.

Abbeylands/Ferrybank GAA – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Dunphy that the TIC process is ongoing, but that there is no immediate solution to the parking issue, but same will be looked at once the TIC process is complete.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Piltown MD is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1st April at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 1/4/26

