Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th October 2026 at 2:00pm at the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue.

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

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 2nd September, 2026** – proposed by Cllr Dunphy, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed.

Matters Arising
Letter Drop, Greenway – I. Gardner outlined response provided at the last MD meeting to Cllr Dunphy in relation to this suggestion, that this it is not in line with KCC sustainability principles, however the potential to complete a guide to greenway access that can be uploaded on social media is being considered.
Timelines re Bus Stop Enhancement Programme – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Dunphy that final sign off is awaited from NTA, the tender process will follow and it is envisaged that works will commence on same in Q1 2027.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**
(a) Monthly Roadworks Update
J. Tennyson circulated report outlining details of paving works, surface dressing, discretionary maintenance and other works progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates on the N25 Safety Improvement Works, N29 Slieverue Roundabout, N24 Carrick Road Safety Scheme, North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade, Piltown RRDF and Urban Speed Limit Review.

The following was raised and discussed:
N24 Carrick Road Scheme – J. Tennyson agreed to revert to Cllr Dunphy regarding date for Oral Hearing and if same has yet been confirmed.
SMA/Macadam – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Breathnach that SMA is used within the urban/50km speed limit area or may be used late in the year, as there is no requirement for surface dressing. Local roads with 60km speed limits are generally surfaced with macadam.
Roads affected during hot weather – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Catt Slattery that roads affected will be looked at with a view to carrying out texturing works and restoring skid resistance.
Public Lighting – Cllr Doherty asked for update in relation to the public lighting programme, J. Tennyson agreed to follow up with the PLEEP team on this matter.
N25 Safety Improvement Works – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Doherty that the feasibility report undertaken in this regard has been submitted to TII for review and response is awaited.
N24 Waterford to Cahir Scheme – Cllr Dunphy noted continuing delays, lack of urgency and accidents continuing to happen and confirmed that members will continue best efforts to progress this scheme.

(b) N25 Glenmore Bus Stop Update
A report in this regard was circulated to members, details outlined by J. Tennyson.
It was noted that application has been submitted for approval to An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the N25 Glenmore Bus Stop Relocation Scheme. The proposed development is the construction of a new offline bus stop to replace the existing bus stop on the N25 at Glenmore. The proposed location is close to the existing location but is off the main N25. The proposed location shall have direct access from the L7539 and exit onto the L7510 local road network. Public lighting, car parking, accessible car parking, electric vehicle charging bays, bus shelter, associated signage and bicycle parking will be incorporated as part of the development including all site development and landscape works. Site enabling works in the form of infilling will also be required on the proposed site. Surface water drainage will be in the form of soakaways within the site boundary.
J. Tennyson advised that a copy of the plans and details of proposed development will be available for inspection from 9th October to 23rd November and submissions/observations can be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála by close of business 23rd November, 2026.
Following request from Cllr Breathnach, J. Tennyson agreed to check if plans for the proposed development can be displayed at Ferrybank Library.

(c) Greenway Update
I Gardner outlined the following update to members:

Kilkenny
- Following opening of Phase 2 from Ferrybank to Curraghmore in June, detailed design of the section of Greenway between Curraghmore and Ballyverneen (approximately 9km) continues to be progressed by consultants.

Wexford
- The tender for the construction of Lot 4 was published on the 2nd September, 2026.
- Lot 4 is a 1.5km section of greenway at Mount Elliott and includes rehabilitation works to the Red Bridge and Mount Elliot Tunnel.

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 shortly.

Greenway Link to Glenmore
- The Design Team are continuing work on the detailed design.
- As the detailed design progresses, discussions with the affected landowners will continue regarding the acquisition of land.
- As part of this project, a Section 38 planning application is currently at public consultation for the Pink Rock Loop, which will offer users a scenic alternative to the Greenway following the banks of the River Barrow and crossing under the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge.
- Photo of view of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge from Pink Rock Road.

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

Woodstock to Southeast Greenway Link
- The Design Team are progressing various deliverables required under the TII Project Management Guidelines - Phase 2 - Option Selection.
- Engagement with affected landowners and their representatives continues.
- Following consultation and landowner engagement, a Preferred Route Corridor Option will be proposed, and a further public consultation will be held on this Preferred Route Corridor Option.

I Gardner responded to members queries and agreed to seek updates and revert in relation to timelines for Woodstock Link public consultation and completion of the final section, Curraghmore to Glenmore.

(d) North Quays SDZ Update
I Gardner outlined the following update to members:
- Significant progress continues to be made across the North Quays Public Infrastructure Project, with the South Quays Plaza now open to the public and the access infrastructure works in Ferrybank also complete and operational.
- The final surfacing of the Sustainable Transport Bridge will proceed in October with the red surfacing from the South Quays Plaza continuing along the centre of the bridge, denoting the cycle space, and the surfacing at the edges denoting pedestrian space.
- Access from the South Plaza to the Sustainable Transport Bridge remains closed by hoarding and this will remain in place until the bridge opens in late 2027.
- Construction of the new Transport Hub and railway station building has progressed to the final fit-out stage. Testing and commissioning of the station's operational systems will continue over the coming months, along with the construction of the southern entrance to the Transport Hub.
- The northern public plaza area is now open to the public and providing a further access point to the opened section of the Southeast Greenway.

- Iarnród Éireann will continue the installation of trackside drainage, signalling, electrical and telecommunications infrastructure throughout 2026 and 2027.
- Subject to the completion of these works, regulatory approvals and the completion of the flood defence schemes, the new station is expected to open towards the end of 2027.
- The installation of sheet piling for the western flood defence scheme is complete with the installation of the western trackside drainage system ongoing.
- The central flood defence works present a particularly complex engineering challenge due to the confined nature of the site and the requirement to maintain railway operations throughout construction. The project team continues to work closely with Iarnród Éireann to develop the safest and most efficient construction approach while minimising impacts on passengers, rail services and station operations.
- Further information has been submitted by Harcourt Developments for the amended planning application for Phase 1 of the SDZ development. Harcourt continues to liaise with the Land Development Agency (LDA) on the rollout of the residential development. Funding has been secured through the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) to deliver enabling infrastructure that will support and accelerate housing development across the site.
- Subject to planning approval, it is anticipated that Harcourt's works will commence on site towards the end 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 towards the end of 2027

(e) Ferrybank Shopping Centre

I Gardner confirmed that KCC had written to Dunnes Stores, following the withdrawal of objections by WCCC at judicial review as previously reported and response to same is awaited. He agreed to follow up with them regarding the 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**
   M. Phelan reminded members of the site visit to North Quays arranged for 10th December and to respond to WCCC regarding same.

   It was noted that the next joint meeting with Waterford Metropolitan District is scheduled for Wednesday, 4th November at 9:30am in the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue and any agenda items for that meeting should be submitted. The November Piltown MD meeting will take place at 2pm in the Ferrybank Library meeting room.

7. **AOB:**
   Speed Limit N25 Glenmore, Google Maps – Cllr Doherty noted that the location where the speed limit has been reduced to 80km/h at Glenmore still registered as 100km/h on Google Maps. I. Gardner agreed to raise the matter with Road Design Section, who will provide the necessary information to facilitate amendment to same.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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