

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,  
3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026 at 2:00pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room**

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

At the outset, Cllr Frisby took the opportunity as Cathaoirleach, to thank Cllrs Catt Slattery and Doherty for their nomination and looked forward to working with his colleagues in the coming year, who all have the same goal, to continue to work together for the betterment of the Piltown District.

He also thanked Dermot Keyes, KCLR, for organising the recent live radio event at The Seantí in Kilmacow, which was a great way to meet and hear stories from the local community. This event was the first in a series of events that will be rolled out in other districts across Kilkenny and Carlow.

- 1. Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026** – proposed by Cllr Doherty, seconded by Cllr Dunphy and agreed.

**Matters Arising**

Deputation R704 Ballynooney & Garrandarragh Residents – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Dunphy that he was awaiting data from completion of surveys. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

Parking, North Quays – I. Gardner provided a response to query regarding parking at the new North Quays Transport Hub, stating that 200 dedicated car parking spaces will be available for the train station, as well as c. 50 set-down spaces for buses, coaches, taxis & private cars, c. 30 bicycle parking spaces and a scheduled bus stop at the train station. There are 145 spaces currently available at Plunkett Station, the future use of Plunkett Station is a matter for CIE; the existing buildings and car parks will remain available for rail operations and potential use by Irish Rail staff. This will free up parking spaces at the new station as staff would be able to park at the old station.

- 2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**(a) Monthly Roadworks Update**

J. Tennyson circulated report outlining details of paving works, 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 Rathkieran to AGLISH HD28 Scheme, N24 Carrick Road Safety Scheme, North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade, Piltown RRDF, Urban Speed Limit Review and Killonerry Pedestrian Bridge.

J. Tennyson advised members that a request has been received from Uisce Eireann to postpone the planned resurfacing works at Mullinavat Village in order to facilitate mains replacement works in 2027 and it is now proposed to bring forward two schemes from the multi-annual programme in its place, the L3407 Airmount Road, Slieverue and L7416 Grange, Mooncoin. This was agreed.

On behalf of Piltown MD, J. Tennyson extended condolences to the family of Oisín Martin, a member of staff with Kilkenny County Council, who died tragically following a recent road traffic accident. All the members joined in extending their deepest sympathies to Oisín's family and friends.

J. Tennyson advised members that Bob Dowling, General Services Supervisor in the Glenmore area, was leaving Kilkenny County Council after 26 years. Bob joined the Piltown District as GSS in 2015 and J. Tennyson took the opportunity to thank him for all his work across the district during that time and wished him well in his new role and for the future. The members all joined in thanking Bob for his hard work and service to Kilkenny County Council over his 26 years and wished him well in his new ventures.

The following was raised and discussed:-

N24 Carrick Road Safety Scheme – Cllr Dunphy again noted the long delay in progressing this scheme and asked that KCC write to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the matter.

**(b) Killonerry Bridge Update**

Cllr Dunphy noted the Killonerry Pedestrian Bridge update provided under the roadworks programme update and noted the impact on the local area. I. Gardner assured Cllr Dunphy that KCC will be ready to lodge application when the call comes for ORIS funding applications.

Cllr Dunphy asked if any opportunity had come to look at alternative bridge crossings in the vicinity, as discussed at the recent joint meeting with Carrick-on-Suir MD. J. Tennyson agreed to follow up this matter, however he noted options would be unlikely due to crossing private lands.

Cllr Doherty asked about the possibility of carrying out an audit on the condition of other bridges in the area. J. Tennyson advised that road trafficable bridges fall under the bridge maintenance programme and there is an agreement in place for same with Tipperary County Council. However, Killonerry is a pedestrian only bridge and does not fall under this maintenance programme and is not covered by Active Travel, but would be suitable for an application under the ORIS funding stream, which will be lodged in the coming months.

***(c) Listerlin Village Improvement Scheme, Part 8***

J. Tennyson advised that the public consultation process in relation to the Listerlin Village Improvement Scheme is now complete. He noted that one submission has been received from Uisce Eireann with regard to their services within the development site, KCC will engage with them at construction stage and it is now proposed to bring the Part 8 proposal forward to the Plenary Meeting of KCC on 15<sup>th</sup> June. J. Tennyson advised that funding has been secured under Low Cost Safety Scheme to complete footpath enhancement works in the current year, with proposed funding application under CLAR Scheme to complete traffic calming works in 2027.

It was proposed by Cllr Doherty, seconded by Cllr Catt Slattery and agreed that the Draft Report be brought to the next plenary meeting of the Council to formally adopt the Part 8 proposal for Listerlin Village Improvement Scheme, as outlined.

***(d) Mill Road, Mullinavat***

J. Tennyson advised that it is intended to undertake a Section 38 public consultation for the Mullinavat Connectivity Loop Walk, as outlined in the report and drawings circulated to members. He outlined details of proposed works, consisting of the following:

- Construction of new footpath link along Mill Rd to complete pedestrian link to both the entrance of the community centre via raised boardwalk and to Mullinavat GAA Club.
- Implementation of “give and take” system across Blackwater Bridge to facilitate construction of footpath across bridge to provide safe passage for pedestrians.
- 2 Nr. new pedestrian crossing facilities at the LP1042 (Mullinavat GAA complex) and the LP1037 (Hugginstown Rd junction with Mill Rd).
- Modifications to the priority of the existing Hugginstown/Mill Rd junction.
- Upgrade and relocation of signage and roadmarkings
- Full public lighting along the extent of the scheme
- Together with all associated ancillary works

J. Tennyson confirmed that the scheme has been advertised today, with consultation going live on <https://consult.kilkenny.ie> from this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June and will be open for submissions for a period of three weeks, to 4pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026. He advised that an information evening will also be held on a suitable date at the Mullinavat Community Centre in the coming weeks. Following the consultation, report will be prepared for formal approval, so that an application can be made for ORIS funding in the autumn.

Following discussion and at the request of Cllr Catt Slattery, it was agreed that the July meeting of the Piltown MD will be rescheduled for Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, in order to allow the report to be presented to Piltown MD in advance of formal approval by the executive of KCC.

Clarification was provided to members in relation to some aspects of the scheme.

Cllr Catt Slattery took the opportunity to thank J. Tennyson and all involved in progressing the scheme and thanked all the members for their support on same.

Cllr Dunphy raised a query in relation to proposed traffic lights being installed as part of the RRDF scheme in Piltown, J. Tennyson agreed to raise the matter with David O’Brien and revert to Cllr Dunphy.

### **(e) Greenway Update**

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

#### **Mainline Works**

- Minor finishing out works continue to be finalised on the 6km section of greenway between Ferrybank & Curraghmore.
- As previously advised, the opening date is dependent on the completion of an area within North Quay's development. In recent weeks, WCCC has asked the contractor to make this section available to facilitate the opening of the greenway. In the absence of a satisfactory response to this request, WCCC will seek to have this area removed from the contract and transferred back to WCCC. WCCC is very aware of the pressure to open this section of greenway and expects the matter to be resolved shortly.
- The remaining area which includes the potential for a temporary car park trailhead is expected to be handed over by the contractor in Aug/Sept.
- This area can be made available as a temporary trailhead car park until the opening of the train station when it will revert to a set down area for the train station.
- The train station is expected to open in late 2027.
- The photo shows an accommodation overpass along the greenway.

#### **Remaining Lots**

##### **Kilkenny**

- 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.

##### **Wexford**

- The acquisition of land from CIE at the Rosbercon Trailhead is progressing.
- The detailed design of Lot 4 is now being finalised and a peer review is ongoing with the intention to progress to tender in the coming months.
- The masterplan for the Rosbercon Trailhead was submitted for Part 8 planning on Wednesday February 18th, 2026.

#### **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**

- Following consultation and landowner engagement, a Preferred Route Corridor Option will be proposed.
- On completion of the above, a further public consultation will be held on the Preferred Route.

Cllr Doherty noted lack of toilet facilities at Glenmore car park being an issue for Greenway users.

All the members welcomed the imminent and long awaited opening of the Ferrybank to Curraghmore section of the Greenway.

**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 advised members that the next joint meeting with Waterford Metropolitan District will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11:30am in City Hall, Waterford.

**7. AOB:**

Cllr Frisby asked that update be provided on the Ferrybank Shopping Centre, following the upcoming Judicial Review scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> June. I. Gardner advised that affidavits had been submitted in advance and hoped that an update will be available for the July MD meeting.

Cllr Doherty raised concern regarding roadside hedgecutting and the presence of hogweed.

Cllr Doherty noted the upcoming temporary closure of the Ferrymountgarrett Bridge and the impact this will have, both in terms of increased traffic and potential for speeding on 60km/h local roads. J. Tennyson acknowledged the impact this may have, stating that enforcement will be a matter for An Garda Siochana.

Cllr Doherty raised an issue with the road surface on the New Ross Bypass Bridge and asked if all concerns raised have been addressed. J. Tennyson agreed to raise the matter with the Contractor.

Cllr Doherty again raised concern over the N25 static speed camera, the volume of fines and penalty points issued since its installation and noted the recent adjustment to signage.

**Next Meeting**

As agreed, the next meeting of the Piltown MD will take place on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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