

***Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
2nd July, 2025 at 2:00pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room***

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

Vote of Sympathy

The members joined with Cllr Dunphy in extending their condolences to the family of Robert Connolly, who died tragically while working in Kilkenny City on Tuesday.

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 4th June, 2025** – proposed by Cllr Doherty, seconded by Cllr Frisby and agreed.
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 4th June, 2025 – proposed by Cllr Frisby, seconded by Cllr Doherty and agreed.

Matters Arising:

Greenway queries – I. Gardner noted detailed response received from Frank Stafford in relation to queries raised at the last meeting, which has been furnished to members.

Glenmore Bus Stop – J. Tennyson advised Cllr Doherty that there is no further update on this matter since the June meeting, it was noted that decommissioning of the old bus stop and weighbridge site will form part of the current process.

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

(a) *Unfinished Housing Estates*

Apologies were noted from Una Kealy, Planning Department, who was unable to attend the meeting. A report was circulated to members, listing the remaining estates to be taken in charge within the Piltown MD. The current status of each estate was noted and progress on same was welcomed by members.

With regard to Abbeylands estate, J. Tennyson confirmed that a formal application has been received from Waterford City and County Council in April and additional information is awaited from them.

(b) *Ferrybank Plan*

Catriona Bambrick was in attendance to provide an update to members on the Ferrybank-Belview LAP. She outlined changes to legislation coming into effect in Q3 2025 with regard to Local Area Plans and the impact that will have on the LAP process, in that there will be no provision for LAPs under the new Act. Accordingly, the current process will move to a variation of the County Development Plan for the Ferrybank Settlement Strategy, which will be published on 16th July, with public consultation to commence on 18th July. It was noted that given the location and time of year, it is proposed to run the public consultation period through the summer period up until September to include a public consultation event on 30th July in the Abbey School, all of which will be widely publicised. All documentation will be available to view on consult.kilkenny.ie from 18th July.

C. Bambrick advised members that there was engagement with Dunnes Stores as part of the LAP process and she confirmed that a planning application has now been received from them. She outlined details contained in the application, which is due for decision on the 25th August.

C. Bambrick responded to queries from members, including a query from Cllr Breathnach with regard to the need for a committee to oversee MASP. C. Bambrick noted that the need for an implementation group has been identified and she agreed to follow up on this matter.

(c) *Monthly Roadworks Update*

J. Tennyson circulated report outlining details of pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates on N24 Waterford to Cahir, N24 Carrick Road, N25 Glenmore to Waterford Scheme, North-South Link Road, Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade, Piltown RRDF and TII funded Schemes. A temporary road closure granted for the holding of the Ravens Rock Rally 2025 being held on 6th July was also noted.

Cllr Doherty also noted the great turn out at the public meeting, which was very fruitful. She noted the matters discussed and she thanked both Mary Mulholland and Seamus Kavanagh for their efforts and their very helpful contribution to the meeting.

Cllr Breathnach also asked about putting a strategic diversion plan in place for any future accidents that occur on the N25 and for an update to be provided to members and the committee on this matter. J. Tennyson advised that a draft diversion plan has been prepared and is currently with An Garda Síochána, who are liaising with other stakeholders and will revert to KCC on same, an update will be provided to members in September.

J. Tennyson also advised submissions in relation to N25 speed limit review are now open with deadline of 8th July.

Cllr Breathnach asked if, in writing to the Minister, that the urgency of the matter could be expressed and a response requested before the meeting in September.

Cllr Dunphy requested that this item be kept as a separate item on the agenda going forward.

(e) Greenway Update

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

Mainline Works

- Works continue to be finalized since substantial completion was achieved in December 2024.
- At the Abbey Road where the project ties in with the North Quays there are works ongoing to facilitate access from the Greenway onto Abbey Road. The Greenway team are engaging with Waterford City & County Council in relation to a timeline for completion of these works which would allow opening of this section of greenway which is currently predicted to be late July 2025.
- Creative Ireland funding was received for a wall mural on concrete screen fencing in Ferrybank. The design is currently under review by the Council with a view to completion prior to greenway opening.

Remaining Lots

- It is intended that the section of Greenway between Curraghmore and Ballyverneen will be undertaken as a single construction contract which involves a length of approximately 9km.

The Consulting Engineers, Fehily Timoney & Co. Ltd. continue to advance the design.

The landowner liaison team is engaging with affected landowners to agree final design layouts and any accommodation works proposals along this section.

- The acquisition of land from CIE at the Rosbercon Trailhead is progressing. The masterplan for the Rosbercon Trailhead is well progressed and will go to Part 8 shortly.
- A number of surveys have been completed for the Red Bridge-Mountelliott Tunnel section which are informing the detailed design.

Related Schemes

South North Access Road, Ferrybank

Consultant continues to work on the final design drawings for road and trailhead carpark. Preparation of land acquisition / CPO drawings is progressing and once finalised, further engagement will take place with affected landowners.

Greenway Link to Glenmore

- Kilgallen & Partners have commenced work on the detail design including procurement of surveys. As the detailed design progresses, discussions with the relevant parties will recommence regarding the acquisition of lands required to deliver the project.

Greenway Link to Slieverue

- Efforts are continuing to identify potential funding streams to advance this project through detail design, land acquisition and construction stage.

Woodstock to South East Greenway Link

- Currently at Phase 1 – Concept & Feasibility Stage

Additional meetings have also been held in May and June with local stakeholders. Firstly, to discuss sports facilities in the Clover Centre Site, in particular the demand for a sporting amenities/playing pitch. Secondly, a meeting with the Men's Shed to better understand their requirements and the potential to share facilities with a future Women's Shed.

Topographical and ecological surveys have now been completed. These, along with the local community consultation are key elements of the design process. An asbestos survey has also been completed on the derelict community building.

The team in partnership with Kilkenny County Council overseeing the development of the Clover field site are presently reviewing constraints and opportunities based on consultations held to date. The date for the second non-statutory consultation session will be towards the end of July. Following this it is envisaged that the first conceptual proposal will be presented to the Piltown MD members for further discussion/consultation, it is envisaged that this will be presented in quarter 4 of this year.

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:

Treatment of Ragwort – J. Tennyson confirmed to Cllr Doherty that data is kept on invasive species within the District and noted a decline, due to the treatment programme, including Japanese Knotweed.

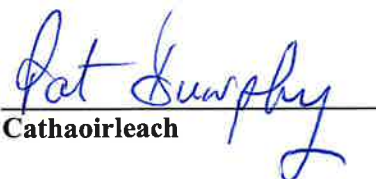
Next Meeting

The next Piltown MD meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3rd September, 2025 at 2:00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach



Dated:

3/9/25