

*Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,  
3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 at 10.00am in the meeting room, Ferrybank Library.*

**Present:** Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Cathaoirleach  
Cllrs. P. Dunphy, F. Doherty and G. Frisby.  
**In attendance:** S. McKeown, Director of Services, M. Arthurs, Meetings Administrator, S. Cullen,  
Area Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer  
**Apologies:** Cllr. T. Breathnach

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**MD Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

**2. Agree by Resolution to restrict duration of the meeting to maximum of 1hr 55minutes in compliance with Public Health Guidelines**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**(a) Monthly Roadworks Update**

SC circulated a report to the meeting and outlined details in relation to pavement and surface dressing works which have resumed, discretionary maintenance and other works progressing in the area.

The following was raised/discussed:-

- Dunkitt Flood Relief Scheme – Cllr. Doherty asked if measures at Dunkitt have resolved the issue. SC confirmed that the pipework now in place has the capacity to convey flood flows through the site, removing the main constraint on the drainage system that led to previous flooding issues.
- Owing LCSI – In response to a query from PD, SC advised that scheme as agreed with residents would be completed, with signage and ramps to be installed shortly, with pedestrian crossing and lighting to follow.
- CIR at Drumdowney – Cllr. Frisby welcomed resumption of works and the completion of CIR at Drumdowney which was badly needed.
- Poulanassy Waterfall – Cllr. Aylward raised issues at the waterfall, if issues persist, do KCC have powers to close it off to the public... **Action – SC to look into this matter.**
- Speed Limit Review – Cllr. Doherty queried progress on this. SC advised that an update would be provided at the July meeting. **Action SC.**
- N25 Junctions – Cllr. Frisby expressed his appreciation for improvement works completed on N25 junctions, he said this would save lives.
- N25 Waterford to Glenmore Scheme – Cllr. Frisby asked who had distributed brochures, as quite a number of people affected did not get one or any information regarding the 6 route corridors being considered, he had received a large volume of calls from local residents as a result. He noted the very short period given for the public to make contact by phone with their comments up to the 6<sup>th</sup> June. SMcK advised that if people register on consult.ie they will get notifications of all part 8 planning applications. **Action – SMcK to raise this matter with S. Kavanagh.**
- Funding for Local Improvement Schemes – Cllr. Aylward enquired whether LIS funding is affected for 2020. SC advised that no changes to funding have been notified and that the Department recently sought details of a secondary list of schemes should additional funding become available in the current year. SC advised that Carrick on Suir Rugby Club is included on the secondary list.

**(b) Update on North Quays SDZ Scheme**

SMcK circulated update report to the meeting and outlined as follows:-

- **Tender processes:** A Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) for the Main Construction of the North Quays Project has been issued on etenders with a response date of 3rd June 2020. The SAQ is stage 1 of a 2-stage restricted process and the top 5 qualified submissions will be invited to stage 2. Separate tenders have also issued for the design of: (i) the Waterford North

Quays Transport Hub; and (ii) the Sustainable Transport Bridge; and both are expected to be awarded in June 2020.

- **SDZ Development:** On 18th February 2020, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland were requested by Waterford City & County Council (WCCC) to submit further information (FI) in relation to their planning application for the Waterford North Quays Strategic Development Zone. The SDZ developer submitted a response to the FI on 20th May and this is currently being considered by WCCC.

(c) **Update on South East Greenway Scheme**

Sean Breen, Malachy Walsh & Partners, joined the meeting remotely to make presentation to the members and give a brief project status update on the Greenway. He outlined the following:-

- Irish Rail/CIE have gone agreed to the abandonment process, which is largely concluded and should be completed next month. Once this process is complete, it will give more flexibility and control and will help to maintain progress.
- Contact with landowners is ongoing with regard to proposed accommodation works.
- Car Park locations were noted at Ferrybank, Glenmore, the Boatyard at New Ross, Rosbercon and Mount Elliott, New Ross. Ferrybank and Rosbercon would be the main trail heads for the Greenway, providing larger number of spaces, toilet facilities, etc. It was noted that the proposed location at Glenmore was currently in TII ownership, discussions in this regard were at an advanced stage and will conclude shortly.
- The preferred route for the Greenway link at Slieverue was noted. This is not included in the current programme for delivery of the Greenway and needs further development by KCC.
- Business development opportunities – a number of business opportunities are progressing arising from the Greenway development. The LEADER companies in Kilkenny and Wexford are developing an animation programme to further develop same. Public information sessions will be organised as part of this when permitted. Supports are also available through the LEO.
- Contract status – sleeper and track removal contract awarded, to commence shortly with construction contract to commence in September. The programme has not been impacted by Covid restrictions, and the Greenway completion date is still on target for December, 2021.
- Project costs – remain at c€13.3m, with €8m in grant funding and €5.3 to be provided by the 3 local authorities through a funding agreement.

**Questions raised by members:-**

- Construction schedule – SB advised construction is still on schedule to commence in September and will take approximately 15 months to complete. The railway lifting contract is to commence shortly and is to be completed in a couple of months. SMcK noted a number of landowners pay an annual licence fee to CIE/Irish Rail to cross the railway at a number of points along the route. When the abandonment process is complete KCC will be responsible for these. KCC will negotiate with CIE/IR in terms of transfer, no indications of any issues to-date. Noted, each LA will be responsible for the section of railway line within their administrative area.
- Submissions to CIE/IR – Cllr. Doherty asked if it was known how many submissions had been made regarding the abandonment of the railway line. **Action – it was agreed to seek this information.**
- Slieverue connection – Cllr. Frisby asked about funding for this. SB advised that a preliminary study had been completed and recommendation made from a benefit and safety perspective. KCC are to consider further. Part 8 planning would be required. Once specification and requirements are identified, it can be progressed quickly. However, it was noted that there is no funding in place for this proposed connection. SMcK advised that the Part 8 process would be the next step to progress this proposal.
- Cllr. Doherty asked if a similar link could be considered to Glenmore village. SMcK advised that a verbal commitment had been received from TII to consider this as part of the N25 realignment project – **Action – SMcK to follow up with S. Kavanagh.**
- Cllr. Doherty asked if it would be possible to see the detailed design of the Greenway. SB advised that the design comprised of a substantial package with many drawings, which would soon be concluded for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. SMcK

advised that once concluded, consideration could be given to placing the detailed design on display (e.g. in Ferrybank Library) using a number of information panels. SB agreed that a number of drawings could be prepared to illustrate what the Greenway will look like and perhaps an information evening could be arranged in due course.

Cllr. Aylward thanked Sean Breen for his presentation and looked forward to a further update in the coming months. SB withdrew from the meeting.

**4. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meetings**

None.

**5. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting**

None.

**6. Notice of Motion**

None.

**7. Correspondence**

None.

**8. Agree by Resolution Date for Annual General Meeting**

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Aylward, seconded by Cllr. Dunphy and agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Piltown Municipal District would be held on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the Council Chamber, Co. Hall. **Action – MA to confirm venue.**

**9. AOB:**

**(a) Suspension of Standing Order No. 11 (Signing of Attendance Register) for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic**

Proposed by Cllr. Frisby, seconded by Cllr. Dunphy and agreed.

**Additional items raised:-**

**Cllr. Dunphy**

***Sinnotts Cross Monument TIC Request*** – Cllr. Dunphy asked for an update with regard to request received to have the Sinnotts Cross Monument taken in charge. It was noted that a deputation had been received in July 2019 in this regard. **Action – MA to follow up this matter.**

***Water Leaks*** – Cllr. Dunphy noted the huge number of leak repairs, disruption to supply and reduced pressure, particularly in the Polerone and Mooncoin areas, putting a lot of pressure on residents there. He felt a better structure was needed to relay information to the public with regard to the reasons for disruption and information on what was happening. ***Cllr. Dunphy requested that an invitation be extended to Irish Water representatives to attend a meeting of the Piltown MD to discuss matters.***

***Rathkieran Junction*** – Cllr. Dunphy expressed concerns again about safety at this junction. He felt it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs here and asked that the matter be raised with TII. **Action – MA and Director Tim Butler to seek meeting with TII**

***Tybroughney Road, Piltown*** – Cllr. Dunphy asked that the bad section of this road be attended to, **Action – SC agreed to refer this to the GSS for attention.**

**Cllr. Doherty**

***New Ross Bypass*** – Cllr. Doherty asked if all outstanding works have been attended to. SC advised that snags are currently in the process of being completed and is ongoing.

***Visibility at junctions*** – Cllr. Doherty raised concerns over high grass and growth at junctions impeding visibility, she enquired if tenders could be arranged earlier for this work on N24/N25. SC

advised that as only one cut can be carried out under this annual tender for regional and national roads, the most appropriate time for this is in June.

***Piltown Bypass Update – Action SC to seek update from Road Design for next meeting.  
Town & Village Renewal –***

***Ferrybank Playground and Park*** – SMcK advised of delays on the project due to Covid-19, but that all contractors were now back on site with a planned completion date for July.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Cathaoirleach**

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