

Minutes of May Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown

Venue: Community Room, Ferrybank Library, Ferrybank

Meeting Date: 4th May, 2016 at 1.30pm

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Pat Dunphy

Present: Cllrs. Melissa O'Neill, Ger Frisby, Fidelis Doherty, Tomas Breathnach and Eamonn Aylward.

In Attendance: Marie Melia, Director of Services, Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Anne-Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator and Laura Murphy, A/Staff Officer

Welcome: Cllr. Dunphy welcomed M. Melia, S. Walton, AM Walsh and all to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held 6th April 2016, proposed by Cllr. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill and agreed.

Matters Arising

Litter on National Routes - Cllr. Doherty welcomed the South East Region Anti-Litter Initiative launched yesterday and wished the initiative well.

Abbey Road Junction – Cllr. O'Neill clarified that she would like traffic management in the surrounding areas of the Abbey Road Junction to be reviewed. K. Hanley advised that this matter will be raised at joint meeting with Tramore & Waterford City West Electoral Area.

Signage on M9 – Cllr. Frisby asked if there is any update from the TII regarding directional signage for businesses located off the M9.

Footpath at Slieverue Roundabout – Cllr. Frisby asked if there is any update from the TII regarding footpath at Slieverue Roundabout.

Speeding in Fiddown – Cllr. Dunphy said that a lot of complaints are being made and issues raised by the public regarding speeding in Fiddown. S Walton will discuss with I Gardner, Area Engineer.

New Ross Bypass

K Hanley passed on apologies from Sean Dobbs, Senior Executive Engineer, N25 New Ross Bypass PPP Project who was unable to attend today's meeting. S Walton updated members on progress to date - the project is at mobilization stage with the main site office located at Strokestown, New Ross. Ecological surveys are on-going along with surveys monitoring the impact on properties, private wells, water quality and the road network. A number of consultations have taken place over the last few weeks with National Parks & Wildlife Service, Irish Rail and Gardaí. Site clearance works are expected to continue until July, with the boundary fence to be erected by August. A section of the road will be closed, however local access will be provided. One issue raised related to the Pink Rock 10km Run to be held on 10th July next – SW said I Gardner will liaise with the event holders regarding this. Cllr. Frisby asked if there is a map available showing the radius for structural surveys as some residents are concerned about fracture lines affecting their properties. S Walton said that this matter was dealt with under the Environmental Impact Statement through An Bord Pleanála – he will circulate details to all the members. Cllr. Dunphy thanked S Walton for the update.

Housing Developments

AM Walsh circulated a report to members detailing the current status of each housing development in the Piltown Municipal District. Progress since last briefing included:-

- Chapel Gate, Kilmacow & Clonmore Hall, Piltown – process for taking in charge almost complete.
- Developments at Christendom and Farmlea Manor have been sold and KCC have two new bonds in place.
- IRBC Bonds – All local authorities lodged claims in 2015 and are awaiting a response.
- Other bonds claimed – Hunterswood in Newmarket, Cooleigh in Carrigeen & Briars Wood in Slieverue.
- Banagher Court, Piltown – Awaiting report from Consulting Engineer appointed by bondholder.

Members requested updates on the following:

- Taking in Charge of Abbeylands Estate - AM Walsh advised that no request has been made by Waterford City & County Council as yet.
- Aylesbury Estate – KCC are trying to progress matters with the bondholder to deal with the 57 homes at Aylesbury and also trying to negotiate with Brothers of Charity to take road in charge.

- Re-location of pole at Castlehyde, Rosbercon – KCC has spoken to the receiver and are awaiting their response.
- Roseleigh, Mooncoin & Cooleigh, Carrigeen – some issues to be dealt with to progress taking-in-charge.
- Christendom – Financial contribution of 20% still applies under Part V, however the developer can renegotiate this with KCC if they so wish.

Following discussion on taking-in-charge of estates, Cllr. Breathnach asked that a motion to be brought before the full Council that local authorities have the right to initiate the taking-in-charge of developments, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill.

Cllr. Dunphy thanked AM Walsh for the update.

Waterford Boundary Committee Update

K Hanley advised members that has been no further update or new information available since the last meeting.

Greenway Update

S Walton informed members on progress to date; an Ecological Survey was completed in March along 22km of railway line. From this survey three issues have arisen:-

1. Bat roosts have been identified in 19 structures surveyed.
2. A number of badger sets have been identified.
3. Invasive plants have been found at a number of locations along the route.

The above require additional survey works to be carried out before the project can proceed to Public Consultation stage. It is likely to be Quarter 4 of this year before this happens. Members welcomed the depth of the survey and asked that the Council continue to engage with locals regarding any concerns and issues they may have.

Ferrybank Playground Update

S Walton circulated a site map to members and advised that the site, c. 5.3 acres, is considered a suitable location to accommodate a playground and neighbourhood park. Members were told that a small portion of the lands which was acquired in lieu of Part V financial contribution, are currently zoned residential but not precluding open spaces and S Walton asked for member’s agreement to include this section as part of the park. In order to acquire this land for the playground – park project, a payment of €79k will be transferred to Housing. Following discussion and clarification, this was agreed. Cllr. O’Neill proposed that the €79k to be transferred to Housing be used towards housing in the Ferrybank area, seconded by Cllr. Breathnach. M Melia confirmed that Housing Section is agreeable with the proposal and S Walton said that these monies will be assigned to housing in the Ferrybank area. Cllr. Aylward asked how the project is being funded. S Walton said that currently there is in excess of €100k available and the Council intend to apply to the state for additional funding. AM Walsh told members that €120k has been spent on clearing the site and planting the perimeter. S Walton informed members that it is intended to commence local consultations within the next 3-4 months. If planning approval is in place by year end, some elements of the project could be delivered next spring, subject to funding.

TII Update

S Walton reported that KCC have a very positive working relationship with Transport Infrastructure Ireland noting that the Council receives significant funding, including additional funding, from the TII. He advised that it is important to maintain the good working relationship and TII’s support. He is aware of PMDs issues regarding signage, traffic safety at Slieverue, Luffany and Grannagh roundabouts and request for footpath at Slieverue roundabout. Regarding footpath at Slieverue, he said that details and funding of €50k are in place. S Walton said he is making progress advancing these issues. Members thanked S Walton for his work, however expressed their frustration at the lack of engagement and consultation by the TII on these matters.

Notice of Motion

Cllr. O’Neill put forward the motion to rename Fiddown Bridge to James Connolly Memorial Bridge to coincide

with the 1916 Centenary celebrations. This motion was discussed by members. Cllr. Breathnach said that a protocol and procedure should be put in place to have the motion considered. Cllr. O'Neill agreed and proposed that a protocol be put in place, seconded by Cllr. Frisby. Cllr. Dunphy proposed that the name of the bridge be left as Fiddown Bridge, seconded by Cllr. Doherty. It was agreed to hold off on discussing this motion further until a protocol is agreed and put in place.

Correspondence

Members were told the Taoiseach's Office acknowledged receipt of letter issued by the Municipal District of Piltown calling for the caseation of the Waterford Boundary Review.

Any Other Business

N24 – Following meeting with Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District this morning, all members agreed that the up-grading of the N24, Waterford to Carrick-on-Suir, needs to be progressed.

Watermains– K Hanley told members that Irish Water issued an emergency tender for the following watermains:- Owing to The Sweep, Curraghmartin and Beline, Piltown. Members will be informed of progress. Cllr. Breathnach wished to acknowledge the work of Mary Mulholland, Director of Services, PJ Phelan, Sanitary Services Supervisor and all Water Services staff in this matter.

New Ross Municipal District – Cllr. Doherty asked if meeting with New Ross Municipal District has been scheduled. K Hanley to confirm.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1st June, 2016 at 10:00am

It was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 8th June, 2016 at 10:00am

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____