

Minutes of July Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown

Venue: Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office

Meeting Date: 6th July, 2016 at 10am

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Ger Frisby

Present: Cllrs. Melissa O'Neill, Pat Dunphy, Eamonn Aylward and Tomas Breathnach

In Attendance: Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ian Gardner, Area Engineer, Caitriona O'Sullivan, Executive Planner and Laura Murphy, A/Staff Officer

Apologies: Maria Melia, Director of Services, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.

Welcome: Cllr. Frisby welcomed all to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held 1st June 2016, proposed by Cllr. Aylward, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill and agreed.

Minutes of the AGM held 8th June 2016, proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Dunphy and agreed.

Matters Arising

Waterford Boundary Review – AM Walsh advised that she has been in contact with the Boundary Review Committee and while there is no update presently, the Committee confirmed that additional resources has been allocated to assist with their report.

Lane at Clonconey – Cllr. Dunphy enquired if there has been any progress regarding declaring this road to be a public road. I Gardner confirmed that a letter issued to the residents advising them that Members had approved their request and we are currently awaiting their response to proceed further.

Taking in Charge of monument and amenity area at Sinnott's Cross, Mooncoin – I Gardner confirmed he has inspected this location and will prepare a report on same.

Ferrybank Playground – Cllr. O'Neill requested update. AM Walsh advised that Parks Section is currently working on options.

Ferrybank Shopping Centre – I Gardner spoke to caretakers who advised there is no budget to clean the exterior of the building however it was suggested that the Council check its maintenance agreement. An update on legal issues in relation to the shopping centre was also requested. Cllr. Frisby asked that these matters be referred to K Hanley.

Traffic Survey at Kilmaganny – Cllr. Aylward requested update. I Gardner advised that required equipment was received recently and that a survey will be carried out when the school re-opens in September.

Recycling Facility at Newrath – AM Walsh will check the position with Mary Mulholland, DoS.

Kilkenny Text Alerts – Cllr. O'Neill complimented the new text alert system but requested that email notifications continue to issue to Public Representatives.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) – Cllr. Frisby asked if meeting with TII had been arranged. AM Walsh advised that Simon Walton A/DoS has written to TII with proposed dates and is awaiting their response. Cllr. Dunphy proposed that Members of the Piltown MD should meet together before scheduled meeting with TII – this was agreed.

Local Fund Allocation – Cllr. Breathnach reminded Members of proposal to have a workshop to discuss the use of discretionary funds and possible sourcing of other additional funding. Cllr. Frisby will keep this on the agenda.

Roadworks Update

I Gardner circulated information sheet detailing progress on the Roadworks Programme since last meeting and briefed Members on same. IG advised Members that an allocation of c. €50k had been set aside as part of the Pavement Maintenance budget for minor road resurfacing works and identified 7 schemes for consideration. Following discussion, it was agreed in principle to proceed with 4 of the listed schemes.

Sallypark Enhancement Sketch Proposal – A handout was given to Members detailing the current situation and listing suggestions for enhancing the approach road to Waterford at Sallypark. Cllr. Breathnach acknowledged the works carried out to date and said that there is a strong case to be made that each Municipal District have its own budget to carry out enhancement works. He put forward that additional funding should be sought and suggested that MD of Piltown should start the process of securing funding in the upcoming budget. Cllr. Breathnach further proposed that improving the approach roads should be set out as an objective in the Ferrybank Local Area Plan. Cllr. Dunphy suggested that sponsorship could be secured for enhancing the

roundabouts. Cllr. Aylward said that MDP needs to consider putting money aside for improvements. Cllr. Frisby agreed. He welcomed the brochure and expressed his thanks to its author, Claire Goodwin, Parks Section.

Ferrybank Local Area Plan Update (LAP) – Caitriona O’Sullivan, Executive Planner briefed Members on the current position including public engagement to date, background work and emerging issues following public consultation. Issues raised by the public included recreational facilities for the area, area identity (signage, approach roads), zoning of port and access to same, use of retail centre, school site, smarter travel and greenway. Integration with proposed North Quays development will also need to be considered. C O’S advised that she will brief the up-coming joint meeting with Waterford on the current position and that it is intended to publish the draft plan later this year. A number of queries were raised by Members, which included clarification regarding proposed school site, possible combination of some elements from the Local Economic and Community Plan which are of relevance to the LAP, provision of Housing and sanitary services and access issues. C O’S will take a look at and investigate these matters.

Knockroe - Members expressed their concerns regarding recent planning application to locate wind turbines at Knockroe close to county boundary with Tipperary. Cllr. O’Neill suggested that Councillors highlight this matter to constituents with a view to promoting submissions against the proposal. Cllr. Breathnach noted that wind turbines should only be considered and confined along boundary locations where both local authorities are in agreement. C O’Sullivan confirmed that KCC are putting together a submission/response to Tipperary County Council, a copy of which will be circulated to Members.

Housing Developments Update – AM Walsh briefed Members on the current position regarding taking in charge of housing estates and advised that Planning Section continue to engage with Bond Holders, Receivers and Engineers to progress matters. AM Walsh noted some developments are subject to IBRC bonds. In these cases monies have to be spent by the local authority on finishing developments before an application can be made to the special liquidator to recoup expenditure – thus the LA becomes an unsecured creditor. Cllr. Dunphy acknowledged AM Walsh’s work. However, he felt that Bond Holders and Financial Institutions were hindering progress to finalise estates to allow them be taken in charge by the Council.

Notice of Motion – 2016(3) – Cllr. Fidelis Doherty – 12th June 2016

“That Kilkenny County Council make provision for funding for a Streetscape Paint Scheme for the Piltown Municipal District at the earliest opportunity.” It was agreed to defer this motion to the next MDP meeting.

Any Other Business

Burial Grounds – An information sheet was circulated to Members showing Burial Grounds in the ownership of KCC and projected costs to carry out minor improvement works. Thirteen graveyards were listed in total, two of which, Mooncoin and Kilmoganny, are located within the Municipal District of Piltown. AM Walsh informed Members that Local Authority Burial Ground Assessment 2016 will be on the agenda of the main Council Meeting in July.

Joint Meeting with New Ross Municipal District – AM Walsh advised that MPD are awaiting a reply from NRMD.

Office of Public Works – Cllr. Dunphy asked if there has been any correspondence from the OPW. I Gardner advised no response has been received to date however he reminded Members that the applications made relate to investigation works. Funding will not be approved by the OPW without firstly carrying out a flood analysis. It was noted that CFRAMS will be holding a meeting in Piltown on 27th July next and it was suggested that Councillors attend this meeting as a group to raise matters of concern. IG advised he will contact the OPW for an update regarding minor works application.

Poulanassy Waterfall – Cllr. Aylward requested update. IG confirmed he has met with landowners and any concerns raised have been discussed and resolved. A survey will be carried out at this location.

Three Sisters Bid for European Capital of Culture 2020 – Cllr. Breathnach formally wished the Three Sisters Bid Team well and acknowledged and complimented their submission for European Capital of Culture. All Members agreed.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th September at 10:00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____