

Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 1st May, 2019 at 10.00am at the Ferrybank Area Office

Present: Cllr. Ger Frisby, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, T. Breathnach, E. Aylward and M. O'Neill

In attendance: S. McKeown, Director of Services, B. Tyrrell, Meetings Administrator, I. Gardner, Area Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Outset

Cllr. Frisby noted that this would be the last meeting of the Piltown Municipal District before the Local Elections take place on 24th May and he took the opportunity to thank all his fellow Councillors, the Executive, Ian Gardner and staff of the Ferrybank Area Office, stating that it had been a very rewarding five years with a huge body of work completed and a lot of progress made in the area and he wished all the members the very best of luck.

S. McKeown, on his own behalf and on behalf of staff, thanked the members for their co-operation over the past five years and wished them all the very best of luck. Cllr. Dunphy wished to be associated with previous comments and also thanked the press for their commitment and attendance at all meetings.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MDP Meeting 3rd April – Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

Matters Arising

Piltown NS – Cllr. Dunphy asked if there was any update since the deputation was received. I. Gardner advised that in the short term some improvements would be made to road markings on both approaches to the school. He also advised that he was awaiting some feedback in relation to the speed signs at the school, with regard to design and timing.

Meeting with TII, Rathkieran Junction – Cllr. Dunphy asked for update and expressed disappointment at the lack of progress with this matter, B. Tyrrell advised that there was no update since the last meeting.

Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park – Cllr. Frisby asked for an update, S. McKeown advised that 2 separate tenders issued for this project. The first was a specialised tender for playground equipment and related elements, for which 3 tenders had been received. The second was for the main contract, which would advertise this week and it was hoped that a contractor would be appointed in the coming weeks with works commencing early July and completion date on track for end September or early October.

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge – B. Tyrrell confirmed that the formal process in relation to the naming of the Bridge had been completed by Wexford County Council and that invitations to the official opening of the Bridge would be dealt with at CPG level.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Monthly Roadworks Update

A report was circulated outlining details in relation to pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works carried out over the past month. Details were noted.

(b) Update on N25 New Ross Bypass

The progress report was circulated and noted.

(c) Hugginstown & Kilmacow Town & Village Renewal Schemes – Update on Section 38 process

I. Gardner advised that following completion of the public consultation process, some site visits were pending and if the report on submissions was completed on time, this will go before the full Council at the May meeting.

(d) North Quays SDZ

S. McKeown advised that no meeting of the steering group had taken place since the last MD meeting and that the next meeting was scheduled for 14th May. It was noted that the Steering Group dealt with matters concerning development of the public realm which is being funded under the URDF. It was noted that the latest press release, issued 9th April, was available on the website, which lists the various elements of work and current status of same. Cllr. O'Neill asked about upgrade of the Abbey Road. S. McKeown advised that the new junction at the top of Abbey Road to Christendom was included under the Part 8, however feasibility of the upgrade from Christendom to Abbeygate was currently being looked at by Roadplan.

(e) Greenway Update

S. McKeown advised that the Project Assessment board had visited last Thursday and outlined the format of the day and the different elements of the presentation made jointly by Waterford, Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils, which strengthens the application. It was noted that only 9 of the 22 applications made for funding were being assessed and these 9 applications all have planning in place. S. McKeown stated that it had been indicated by the Board that a decision with regard to funding would be made before the 24th May.

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. Notices of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

(a) Request for Deputation re Sinnott's Cross

It was noted that a request had been received from the Sinnott's Cross Monument Committee to attend a future meeting of the Piltown Municipal District. Following discussion, it was agreed to receive a deputation from the group at the July meeting.

7. AOB

B. Tyrrell advised that the Plenary AGM would take place on 7th June and the AGM of the Piltown MD must take place within 10 days of that date. Discussion followed and it was noted that the likely date for the Piltown MD AGM would be Wednesday, 12th June.

Additional items raised by Members:-

Cllr. O'Neill

Flowers at Roundabout – Cllr. O'Neill asked when flowers at Belfield Roundabout would be replaced, I. Gardner advised that same were currently in storage and would be upgraded and strengthened before being reinstated on the roundabout.

Cllr. Aylward

Clonassy Waterfall – Cllr. Aylward enquired when further consultation would take place, I. Gardner advised that there had been no further update from the Consultants, however he was meeting with them next week to progress the matter. B. Tyrrell advised that this scheme would be a likely candidate for funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme which was the only potential source of funding for the scheme at present, once the Part 8 process is complete.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____