

*Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on
Wednesday, 7th October, 2020 at 10.00am*

Present: Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. P. Dunphy, F. Doherty and T. Breathnach

In attendance: S. McKeown, Director of Services, M. Arthurs, Meetings Administrator, S. Cullen,
Area Engineer and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Ger Frisby

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MD Meeting 2nd September – Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

Matters Arising

City & County Development Plan – SMcK advised that 2 workshops will take place for members on 12th and 16th October next to review the draft Plan before it is brought to members for consideration at the Plenary Council meeting, following which it will go on public display.

Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park – SMcK advised that inspections had been carried out by ROSPA. The park and playground will now be included on the Council's insurance scheme and will be open to the public from Monday, 12th October.

Anti-Dumping Initiatives – SMcK advised that a clean-up of Bishopsmountain area took place recently funded through the ADI, with over two and a half tonnes of waste material being removed.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Monthly Roadworks Update

SC outlined details in relation to pavement and surface dressing works, discretionary maintenance and other works progressing in the area, as set out in his report.

The following items were also raised:-

N25 Waterford to Glenmore Scheme – Cllr. Doherty asked what the current position was in relation to route selection. SC advised that the process was ongoing and it was hoped to identify a preferred route before the end of the year.

Local Discretionary Fund – Cllr. Doherty asked about progress on schemes, in particular public lighting at Listerlin and Glenmore Car Park. SC advised that works under this funding were paused at present, but would progress later in the year if funds are available.

Lining at junctions – Cllr. Aylward highlighted a number of junctions where stop lines have become worn and enquired if same could be addressed. SC advised that our lining Contractor had been notified of the lining requirements in each GSS area and works are to commence on same in the coming weeks.

CIR & LIS – Cllr. Doherty asked if members could be provided with an up-to-date list of CIR Schemes pending, Cllr. Aylward also asked that the LIS list be provided. **Action SC**

(b) South East Greenway (incorporating Kilkenny Greenway) Update

Update report was circulated to members prior to the meeting and SMcK advised as follows:-

- Confirmation received from CIE/Irish Rail in relation to the abandonment order, which came into effect from 2nd September. The 3 local authorities will now begin the process of negotiating the transfer of lands with CIE/Irish Rail.
- The rail and sleeper removal contract is moving well and is on schedule and has progressed as far as Aylwardstown, which is approximately half way along the route.
- Progress on the detailed design is continuing, it is hoped to finalise same in the next couple of weeks

- The consultation period for the 2 Greenway car parks at the Boatyard, Raheen and at Glenmore has now expired. A small number of submissions were received and the issues raised will be addressed as part of the Planning report, which will be brought to the November Plenary Council Meeting. In relation to the Ferrybank car park, it was agreed after the September meeting that a consultant would be appointed to assist with public engagement on the selection of a suitable site to bring to Part 8. A tender brief issued and a consultant will be appointed shortly. It was noted that due to the current restrictions, the process will be challenging.
- Application will be made to Kilkenny Leader Partnership in the coming weeks for funding to assist with the identification of optimal access routes from the Greenway to the villages of Glenmore and Slieverue
- it has been agreed that a Business Development Executive will be recruited in the coming months to assist local communities identify and exploit business opportunities along the Greenway.
- Applications have been made to Kilkenny and Wexford Leader Companies for funding towards the design and installation of the interpretive signage along the Greenway. An application has also been made to Wexford Leader for funding for design and installation of illumination lighting in Mountelliot Tunnel, a major feature on the Greenway.
- It was noted that the project website is now live www.southeastgreenway.net. As content is still being revised and updated, the website is not yet being actively promoted to the public. It will provide updates in relation to construction, along with providing information on the visitor elements of the Greenway.
- Contact details were made available for Eoin Atkinson, Resident Engineer, who is available to answer any queries in relation to the Greenway.

The following questions were raised by members:-

Cllr. Dunphy

Privacy for residents – SMcK advised that a permanent screening solution would be provided following agreement with residents at a section of the Greenway at Ard Glas, as their privacy has been compromised as a result of clearance of foliage associated with the lifting of rail and sleepers. A temporary solution will also be provided at a number of other locations in the Ferrybank area, until such time as a tender for a permanent solution can be arranged following the completion of the main contract.

Cllr. Doherty

Viewing of detailed design – SMcK advised that when accommodation works for landowners were finalised, the full detailed design would be completed and could then be available for viewing.

Rosslare to Waterford Greenway – noted the final date for receipt of submissions was Tuesday 13th Oct. SMcK noted that this project was still in the very early stages of planning and no consideration had yet been given to the provision of public car parks or location of same.

Cllr. Breathnach

Abandonment Order, timeframe for transfer of lands and possible delays to progress of the project – SMcK confirmed the process of transfer of lands will not impact on the delivery of the project. This will take place in parallel with the construction work.

Construction – SMcK confirmed that construction was likely to be procured in a number of lots with for example major accommodation structures such as the Red Bridge tendered separate to the main construction contract.

Those with business ideas – SMcK advised that the Business Development Executive will be in place in the coming months to assist. He also said that the proposed animation programme planned by Kilkenny Leader Partnership is on hold pending lifting of current restrictions.

Ferrybank Car Park – SMcK advised that the consultant should be appointed by the end of October. As part of their brief, they will have to consider the type of engagement to be undertaken with the public given the restrictions currently in place. While the timeframe is tight, SMcK was hopeful that a preferred option would be identified to bring forward to Part 8 planning by the end of January next year.

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

None.

5. Notice of Motion

None.

6. Correspondence

MA confirmed that letters had issued to James Murphy, New Aghlish to Grannagh Action Group to advise them that the delegation would be received once restrictions are lifted.

It was noted that a letter had also issued to NAMA with regard to the Ferrybank District Centre seeking an update on same.

7. AOB:

Additional items raised:-

Cllr. Aylward

Invitation to Gardai – Cllr. Aylward asked if an invitation had been extended to the Gardai and the Road Safety Authority to attend a meeting of the Piltown MD, as requested at the last meeting. MA advised he would follow this matter up. **Action MA**

Cllr. Breathnach

Joint Meetings – Cllr. Breathnach asked if contact had been made with adjoining MDs. MA to follow up. **Action MA**

Cllr. Dunphy

Feedback from OPW – Cllr. Dunphy asked if there had been any feedback from the OPW in relation to the bridge at Ballymountain on the N24. SC advised that this matter had been referred to Road Design, no decision has yet been made. SC to follow up – **Action SC**

Rathkieran Junction – Cllr. Dunphy noted huge improvements to safety following junction works on the N25 and asked that the issues at Rathkieran on the N24 be followed up again with TII. SC confirmed that this had been raised with TII, he agreed to follow up – **Action SC**

Sinnotts Cross – Cllr. Dunphy asked if there was any update with regard to the taking in charge request. SMcK advised that a report and recommendation has been prepared by Tim Butler for consideration by the CPG at their next meeting.

Speed Surveys – Cllr. Dunphy asked if the Council were in a position to undertake surveys on local roads where there were a number of speeding issues. SC confirmed that there is an ongoing programme of work in relation to speed surveys and that members should continue to bring issues to his attention for inclusion in that programme.

Cllr. Doherty

Rosslare to Waterford Greenway – Cllr. Doherty felt it was important that public are aware of closing date for receipt of submissions. SMcK advised that a notice had been published in the local paper last week and a letter drop had been undertaken to all households directly impacted by the proposed route, so they will be aware of the closing date and will have the opportunity to raise any concerns they may have.

Tower Road update – SC advised that the CPO has been confirmed by An Bord Pleannala, the notice of the decision has been advertised and period within which applications for judicial review must be made is currently underway. Once this period elapses, the CPO will become operative and Notices to Treat can issue.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____