

## **Minutes of March Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown**

**Venue:** Area Offices, Ferrybank

**Meeting Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 at 9.30am

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Pat Dunphy

**Present:** Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Ger Frisby, Eamon Aylward and Tomas Breathnach.

**In Attendance:** Marie Melia, Director of Services, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Ian Gardner, Area Engineer and Laura Murphy, A/Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, proposed by Cllr. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Aylward and agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

**Speed Camera off Luffany Roundabout** – K Hanley advised he has written to the company regarding the relocation of this camera.

**Signage at Rhu Glen** – Cllr. Doherty and Cllr. Frisby asked if there was any update. K Hanley advised query is on-going however no formal update is available as yet.

**Footpath at Slieverue Roundabout** – Cllr. Frisby requested update. K. Hanley advised no update to date.

**Flooding Update** – Cllr. Aylward requested up-date and noted watertable still very high. I Gardner told the members that €5m was sought under Emergency Flood Fund and Kilkenny County Council received €3m. PMD requested €1.13m but no breakdown of the distribution of funds is available as yet. He reminded members that a separate request for funding will be made to the OPW regarding the two catchment areas of Fanningstown and Dungooley environs.

**Ferrybank Shopping Centre** – Cllr. Frisby requested update. K Hanley advised no new information available.

**Recycling at Newrath** – Cllr. Frisby requested update. M Melia advised no update as yet.

### **Roadworks Programme Update**

I Gardner reminded members that currently PMD is in-between schemes. He outlined recent works undertaken which included the completion of footpath at Creamery Road, Piltown and confirmed that footpaths at Dangan, Kilmacow and Rockshire Road, Ferrybank are now largely completed; some ancillary works remain outstanding. I Gardner advised he is putting together Roadworks Programme for 2016 and it was agreed by the members to meet in-committee to discuss this plan.

### **Waterford Boundary Committee Update**

Cllr. Dunphy requested update. K Hanley told members that submissions are available to view on-line at [www.waterfordboundaryreview.ie](http://www.waterfordboundaryreview.ie). The number of submissions received totalled just over 19,100. The Executive Committee have been asked to respond to Waterford's submission and to some further queries. The Waterford Boundary Committee are coming to Kilkenny on Friday morning 11<sup>th</sup> March next – schedule to be confirmed. It was agreed that the sub-committee would meet tomorrow, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at County Hall to prepare for the meeting with the Waterford Boundary Committee. Cllr. Breathnach advised it will give the sub-committee an opportunity to do a formal response to the Commission. Cllr. Dunphy expressed his disapproval at some aspects of Waterford's submission. Cllr. Frisby proposed that in light of recent general election results, to formally write again to the government to stop the boundary review, seconded by Cllr. Aylward. Cllr. Dunphy suggested that PMD write to all party leaders on this matter. Cllr. Doherty advised that it is her understanding that the report is non-binding and therefore will have no legal status. Cllr. Breathnach noted that there was never any mandate for this proposal and thus in the interest of efficient administration, that the issue of the boundary review needs to be ended.

### **Schedule of Municipal District Works**

K Hanley informed members that a Schedule of Municipal District Works is required to be adopted by end-March. I Gardner advised he is awaiting the breakdown of funding to complete the schedule. It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at 10am to discuss this matter.

### **Any Other Business**

**Speed Limit Review** – Cllr. Doherty queried if there was any advance on this. I Gardner advised that the speed limit review was at pre-draft consultation stage. Road Design Section are going through all submissions received. Following this, the draft review and recommendations will then go to Municipal District Meetings to discuss and agree any recommended speed limit amendments. Cllr. Aylward asked if anything could be done to speed up the process. I Gardner advised that this is a complete and extensive review of speed limits that is being carried out under a timeframe set by the Department. Cllr. Aylward queried if an area was omitted, can it still be included in the submission. I Gardner advised that the review will take a common sense/practical approach when considering safety.

**Traffic Lights at Abbey Road** – Cllr. Frisby welcomed the commission of traffic lights at the Abbey Road and the improvement to safety at this junction. He acknowledged the joint collaboration of PMD and Waterford on this matter. Cllr. Doherty agreed and noted it is working well for both traffic and pedestrians. Cllr. Breathnach noted that there is a back-up of traffic on the Slieverue side and requested that traffic be monitored.

**Slieverue Roundabout** – Cllr. Doherty said that the height and position of this roundabout is causing difficulty for drivers as they are unable to see cars coming.

**Public Lighting for Mullinabro Road, Ferrybank** – Cllr. Doherty requested that public lighting for Mullinabro Road be considered under a future scheme. I Gardner advised that Mullinabro Road and Golf Links Road were assessed and that it is a very large scheme. It will be reviewed when the next prioritised list of public lighting schemes is being considered. Cllr. Dunphy noted that the number of requests for public lighting has increased and asked if funding will continue for these schemes. K Hanley replied that funding has to be agreed under the Schedule of Municipal District Works. Cllr. Breathnach noted that while the provision of lighting is dependant of finances available, it should still have a strategic approach. Cllr. Aylward noted that PMD should look at providing lights and ramps at schools where there are problems with speeding. I Gardner acknowledged that this approach works well when done in conjunction with safety works. I Gardner will forward a list of areas where public lighting has been installed and where new requests have been received. It was agreed to examine this issue at a later date during the year.

**My Council Day** – K Hanley advised members that 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 was “My Council Day” and a photograph was taken to mark the occasion.

**Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District** – K Hanley advised the next joint meeting with Carrick-on-Suir MD has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Carrick-on-Suir; time to be confirmed.

**New Ross Municipal District** – Cllr. Doherty asked when is the next meeting with NRMD. K Hanley will check the schedule and advise.

**Media Request** – Members were advised that the media have requested to attend joint meetings. Members agreed to advise the other local authorities and consider the request.

### **Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Members from An Garda Síochána will be in attendance on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 9:30am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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