

Minutes of October Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown

Venue: Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office

Meeting Date: 5th October, 2016 at 10am

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Ger Frisby

Present: Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Melissa O'Neill, Eamon Aylward and Pat Dunphy.

In Attendance: Martin Mullally, Senior Executive Officer, Margaret Newport, Senior Social Worker, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Bernadette Maloney, Environmental Awareness Officer and Laura Murphy, A/Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Tomas Breathnach, Denis Malone, A/Director of Services and Ian Gardner, Area Engineer.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held 14th September 2016, proposed by Cllr. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Aylward and agreed.

Matters Arising

Recycling Facility for Newrath – K Hanley advised that this project has gone to tender via E-Tenders website.

Housing Update

Martin Mullally, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section briefed the meeting on the Housing Capital Programme. Housing needs in the Municipal District was reviewed and areas where housing units may potentially become available was noted. Contributions were received from all Members. MM told Members that the Council is currently in the process of completing a Housing Needs Assessment which will provide updated figures and information of housing requirements for all areas.

M Mullally also informed the meeting that KCC will be carrying out a statutory review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme. Margaret Newport, Senior Social Worker said that the programme will be discussed with the local Traveller Consultative Committee before going to the Housing SPC and full Council meeting. Cllr. O'Neill said that the local community are seeking a public meeting regarding Traveller accommodation in the area and asked if Management from KCC would be available to attend. M Mullally will pass on request to Management.

Black Bag Collections

Bernadette Maloney, Environmental Awareness Officer outlined the position regarding the phasing out of black bag collections in towns/villages with a population greater than 500 people by end December 2016. She advised that under Household Food Waste Regulations, waste collectors can no longer collect domestic and recycling waste in plastic bags in these areas and households are legally obliged to separate out food waste from their refuse. She noted that some exemptions will apply and summarized the criteria for same. Households can apply to KCC to register for exemption if they satisfy the qualifying requirements. BM said that the Council is highlighting these changes through KCC's website and advertising. She further advised that KCC are working with waste contractors/companies with a view to identifying customers who are affected and customers who may qualify for an exemption. Members requested clarification on some points and discussed the following:-

- Increased costs on households due to changes from black bag collection to bin / additional bin collection.
- Qualifying criteria for exemptions & closing date for exemption applications.
- How to ensure that all affected households are informed of upcoming changes.
- Alternative methods of waste management and collection.

Cllr. Dunphy asked that a waiver scheme to be put in place for households who may not be in a position to pay any additional waste collection costs due to new requirements; this was seconded by Cllr. Doherty.

Joint Meeting with Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

It was agreed to meet with Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District on 2nd November 2016 at 2pm in Ferrybank.

Draft Budget Plan Meeting

It was agreed to hold Draft Budget Plan Meeting after monthly meeting on 2nd November 2016.

Any Other Business

- a) **Waterford Kilkenny Boundary Review Process** – K Hanley said there is no update available as yet.
- b) **Naming of New Ross By Pass Bridge** – K Hanley told Members that a protocol is being worked on at present. When draft protocol has been formulated, it will be forwarded to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.
- c) **New Ross / Waterford Greenway** – K Hanley informed the meeting that this project is expected to go to Part 8 (public consultation) by end November.
- d) **Kilkenny County Speed Limit Review** – K Hanley advised that the closing date for submissions and observations was 9th September last. Objections and submissions are currently being considered and a report will be prepared for Members. It is expected that Draft Special Speed Limits By Laws will be available in January 2017.

Cllr. O'Neill stated her disappointment that the disposal of land adjacent to the Boys National School in Ferrybank was passed at the full Council meeting in September. She asked Members to support the proposal that a portion of this land be used to provide parking facilities for parents dropping off/collecting children from the school.

Cllr. Dunphy told the meeting that the local community in Dungooley are concerned about the possible effect that planned drainage works on stream in Aglish may have on their area. In particular he said that the community are apprehensive that these works may cause additional flooding in their locality. Cllr. Dunphy asked that works do not proceed until all concerns have been addressed. K Hanley will pass on this matter to Ian Gardner, Area Engineer and Simon Walton, Senior Engineer.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd November at 10:00am.

Meeting with Gardaí representatives is scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd November at 9:30am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____