

***Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 5th July,
2017 at 10.00am at Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office***

Present: Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs. P. Dunphy, M. O’Neill and T. Breathnach

In attendance: M.J. Mulholland, Director of Services, A.M. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, I. Gardner, Area Engineer, O. Bannon, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. G. Frisby and Cllr. E. Aylward

Delegation from Newrath Residents Group

Presentation was made by the Group before the monthly meeting of the MDP this morning and Members discussed the issues raised during same. Presentation was made by Al Butler, Tom Geraghty and Sean Power, during which they circulated photographs and details of issues including unsightly presentation of the area, derelict Vale Oil premises, illegal dumping, security issues/lighting and area to the rear of properties which is not being maintained. I. Gardner to circulate copy of plan/proposals previously sent to the residents. It was agreed to investigate all issues raised for further discussion at the September meeting. In the meantime, an acknowledgement would be issued to the Newrath Residents Group.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MDP Meeting 7th June – Proposed by Cllr. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill

MDP AGM 7th June – Proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Breathnach

“That the minutes of meetings dated 7th June, 2017, as circulated to members, is hereby adopted”

Special Meeting of MDP 21st June – request for amendment from Cllr. O’Neill, to be clarified with K. Hanley, adoption of minutes to be deferred to next meeting.

Matters Arising

MDP Meeting August – It was agreed that no meeting would be held in August, next meeting to take place 6th September.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Delegation from Newrath Road Residents Group

As agreed earlier, issues to be investigated for discussion at September meeting.

(b) Roadworks Programme Update

I Gardner circulated report and outlined details of works carried out since last update. I. Gardner responded to questions from members – Cllr. O’Neill regarding hedge cutting Abbey Road and grass cutting issues in Ferrybank area, Cllr. Breathnach re triple surface dressing and clarification on the proposed interim works at Tower Road, Cllr. Dunphy re current position re funding for overbridge at Tower Road and grass cutting in Mooncoin.

(c) N25 New Ross Bypass Update

Progress noted.

(d) Ferrybank Local Area Plan Update

MJM advised Plan on display until 4th August – information day held 21st June very worthwhile, great engagement with 30 people attending. Noted – 2 submissions to-date.

(e) Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park Update

MJM advised closing date for submissions was Friday, 7th July – 6 received to-date.

(f) Picnic in the Park – 5th July

MJM advised this had been postponed last week and was taking place today, further opportunity for engagement with local community. It was noted Parks Dept staff would be on site with layout plans and to offer help for anyone wishing to make submissions. Cllr. O’Neill complimented consultation undertaken on this project. Cllr. Breathnach agreed and felt this informal process of consultation is a model that could be used again.

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

(a) Declaration of a Public Road – Owing Hill

Resolution to declare road off Owing Hill, Piltown (off LS5103) to be a public road was proposed by Cllr. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill and agreed.

4. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting

5. Notices of Motion

Cllr. Doherty referred to motion submitted for last meeting, asking if I. Gardner had had an opportunity to look at same – “That consideration, and seeking of, an application re Discretionary Funding be made available for realignment roadworks, for a distance of 500m east of Listerlin village, Tullagher at the location of Listerlin, Tullagher on the R704 to be carried out.” I Gardner advised that land had been ceded to facilitate widening of the road, applications to be lodged for low cost safety schemes in September, could include this for funding.

6. Correspondence

Cllr. Doherty enquired if letter had been sent to Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris, seeking immediate provision of 24/7 Cardiac Service in Waterford. Discussion followed, it was agreed that AMW would follow up with K. Hanley and also follow up previous Motion at full Council Meeting and correspondence to Minister in November, 2016.

7. AOB

(a) Identification of issues for meeting with TII

Cllr. Breathnach, who had requested this item, advised that he had asked T Butler to liaise with the TII to arrange next meeting with them, most likely in September. Following discussion on a number of issues, it was agreed that members would submit items for inclusion on Agenda for TII meeting to either I Gardner or MJM. Date for meeting to be followed up with T. Butler.

(b) Poulanassa Waterfall - Mullinavat

I Gardner gave up to date position – it was noted that while agreement had been reached with the landowner, no funding was yet available to proceed.

Cllr. Dunphy raised the following:-

Analysis of funding in the MDP over last number of years – Cllr. Dunphy felt funding received in recent years had significantly reduced for roads and infrastructure in the area. MJM agreed that as part of the budgetary process this year, it would be useful to look at

the different funding streams available. I Gardner pointed out that in the last few years funding had reduced significantly while the size of the area had increased by 30%. Current funding levels are estimated to be about 50% of what they were 10 years ago. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Recycling facility at Newrath – MJM advised that there was a successful tenderer, initial offer had been made and a meeting would be held. It was proposed to provide a full service, identical to that in Dunmore which was welcomed by the members. MJM stated that there appeared to be very poor collection service in the area, whether due to poor take-up by residents or lack of provision by operators and so it was a priority objective of the Council to provide a comprehensive service to offer an alternative to households.

Cllr. Doherty raised the following:-

Multi-annual roadworks programme – what is the current position and if submissions could be made at this stage. I. Gardner advised current programme runs until end 2018.

Retirement of Tommy Maher, GSS – Cllr. Doherty paid tribute to Tommy Maher and noted his upcoming retirement, stating that he would be a huge loss to the area. She said he was a mine of local knowledge and information and would be missed by all.

National Broadband Plan – asked that Steve Coverdale attend next meeting to give update.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____