

***Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 6th
September, 2017 at 10.00am in the Community Room, Ferrybank Library***

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

In attendance: Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, I. Gardner, Area Engineer, O. Bannon, Staff Officer, J. Coyne, A/Co. Librarian, S. Coverdale, Broadband Officer, N. Louw, Senior Executive Planner

Apologies: M.J. Mulholland

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(c) Library Service Update

Josephine Coyne, A/County Librarian was in attendance to give presentation to the members on the Kilkenny County Library Service. She stated that the library service is at the heart of the community and is used by a wide variety of groups for many different reasons, with resources being spread to cater accordingly. The library is a vital part of people's social lives and also plays a massive role in education and literacy, with many programmes operating within the library. It was noted that the current allocation was €93k, however J. Coyne advised of the importance of increasing this in order to meet national targets and growing demands. She hoped that this would be increased perhaps on an incremental basis over the next few years.

J. Coyne wished to pay tribute to the Library Staff who were customer driven and dedicated, she thanked them for their hard work and commitment.

Cllr. Doherty thanked J. Coyne for her presentation and also payed tribute to staff at Ferrybank and across the service. Cllr. O'Neill thanked all involved for the fantastic work and commitment at Ferrybank Library, which had brought the community together.

(b) Broadband Update

Steve Coverdale, Broadband Officer and IS Project Leader was in attendance to give members update regarding the National Broadband Plan. He gave a quick review of the process to-date. It was noted that the suppliers shortlisted to tender are Eir, eNet and SIRO (ESB and Vodafone joint venture). It was also noted that part of the roll-out would include Strategic Community Access Hubs (SCAH) to provide service in the interim, as NBP may not be installed for a few years after the start of the roll-out process – proposed locations for these hubs was noted. S. Coverdale advised that the Department were expecting more detailed solutions from the 3 bidders by 29th September, however no award date has been confirmed as yet. He also advised that a web page was being set up with running data and information on same, members to be advised when up and running. Members questions followed, with concerns being raised about ongoing delays. K. Hanley advised that it was one of the most complicated tender the state had ever undertaken and negotiations with competitors was ongoing.

Cllr. O'Neill proposed that letter be written to the Department to ensure timely delivery of the NBP, with no unnecessary delays, this was seconded by Cllr. Dunphy and agreed.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MDP Meeting 5th July – Proposed by Cllr. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Dunphy

Special Meeting of MDP 21st June – confirmation of these minutes had been deferred at the request of Cllr. O'Neill, who sought an amendment to same. Following discussion, minutes as circulated were proposed by Cllr. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Breathnach. Cllr. O'Neill wanted her disagreement noted.

Matters Arising

24/7 Cardiac Service, Waterford – Cllr. Dunphy enquired if any response from Minister. K. Hanley advised that to-date only acknowledgement had been received.

Newrath Recycling – Cllr. Dunphy looked for update. K Hanley advised that preferred bidder had been identified, he agreed to follow up and update the members.

Picnic in the Park 5th July – Cllr. O'Neill complimented all involved, which was a great success.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Roadworks Programme Update

I Gardner circulated report and outlined details of works carried out in the previous 2 month period. He advised that the pavement works on the LP4211 at Newmarket had been deferred due to pending planning permission and sought approval from members to carry out alternative works at 2 locations – LS7429 at Kilcraggan, Mooncoin (350M) and LS7570 at Raheen, Piltown (250m). This was proposed by Cllr. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Breathnach and agreed.

I Gardner responded to questions from members – it was noted that General Operative positions had been filled, 8 new employees had commenced in the area. Cllr. Dunphy asked for current position regarding works at Tower Road – IG to follow up, for discussion at next meeting – also for inclusion on agenda for meeting with TII.

Cllr. O'Neill expressed her thanks for works on Abbey Road, all residents delighted.

Cllr. Aylward asked about legal position regarding muck on roads and responsibility in case of accidents – IG advised that when complaints received farmers were made aware of there responsibilities in this regard.

Cllr. Frisby welcomed the provision of bus shelter at Slieverue and also noted works on provision of the footpath, he thanked I Gardner and senior staff in the Council for their efforts on this matter. Cllr. Dunphy asked if consideration could be given to provision of bus shelter/stop at Fiddown. Cllr. O'Neill asked for repair to speed limit sign at Abbey Road.

(d) Newrath Road

I Gardner advised that he had met with residents after the last meeting and forwarded the preliminary plan, but explained no funding was currently available to complete works. It was noted some minor works would be carried out in the interim. This item to be included on next agenda.

(e) Boundary Update

K Hanley advised there was no update on the matter, but National Planning Framework imminent.

(f) Unfinished Estates – Piltown MD

K Hanley circulated report showing current status, the position was noted. Some issues raised by members, it was agreed to request Annette Fitzpatrick to attend the next Piltown MD meeting in October. Cllr. Breathnach asked for follow up on his previous request that if progress could not be made by residents, that the Local Authority could initiate the taking in charge process, K Hanley to follow up.

(g) Greenway Update

K Hanley advised that 80 submissions had been made, with some issues surrounding two landowners. It was noted that independent consultants had been engaged to look at and try to resolve issues.

(h) Roads Budget

As agreed at the July meeting, I Gardner circulated details setting out budget comparison for the years 2007 to 2017. It was noted that the biggest difference was on National Roads funding. K Hanley suggested the matter could be raised at the Budget Briefing on Monday.

(i) TII – re preparation for meeting with TII

K Hanley advised that Tim Butler had met with the TII last week and a date for the meeting to be finalised for November. It was agreed that members would submit items to I Gardner prior to the October meeting, which could then be prioritised and forwarded to Michael Murphy, Sen. Engineer. This was agreed.

(j) Ferrybank LAP

Nicholaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner was in attendance to discuss this matter. He advised that 40 submissions had been received. The Chief Executives Report was currently being prepared and would be emailed to the members for their consideration on Monday.

(k) Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Programme

I Gardner advised that the Department proposed to reintroduce the LIS scheme in 2017 and had sought a list of eligible schemes from existing applications, which could be completed in 2017. It was noted that submissions must be made to the Department by 14th September.

Cllr. Breathnach proposed that motion be put forward at full Council Meeting asking that the LIS scheme be fully reinstated with funding provided early in the year, seconded by Cllr. Dunphy. IG suggested that we await the outcome of our submission for 2017 as there may be more information on future funding at that time.

- 3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meetings**
- 4. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting**
- 5. Notices of Motion**
- 6. Correspondence**
 - (a) Letter from Minister for Health***

K Hanley advised that an acknowledgement had been received from the Minister 22nd June regarding 24/7 cardiac service for Waterford, no further response. Cllr. Dunphy proposed that further letter be sent to the Minister and also to request a meeting with him, seconded by Cllr. Doherty and agreed.

Cllr. Breathnach felt that consideration should be given to pursuing this matter on a regional basis and suggested that members of Wexford, Waterford and Tipperary County Council's should be contacted in this regard, agreed.

7. AOB

(a) N25/Ringville Road junction (LS7470)

Cllr. Doherty raised this matter and felt that a right turn lane was required at this junction. I Gardner suggested that this was a matter for discussion with TII, however it was noted that creating a right turn lane would move traffic on both sides further out, therefore affecting visibility for traffic coming out onto the N25 at this junction.

Additional items raised as follows:-

Cllr. Doherty

- Town & Village Renewal Scheme – update requested for next meeting

Cllr. Dunphy

- Flood Investigations, Fanningstown & Dungooley – asked if any proposals back from Consultants. IG said that proposals were delayed as further level surveys were required.
- Revenue Offices, The Glen, Waterford – rumour that these offices were closing next July. Cllr. Dunphy proposed members write to Minister for Finance requesting that service be retained, seconded by Cllr. Breathnach.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____