

***Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 7th June,
2017 at 10.00am at Meeting Room, Ferrybank Area Office***

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

In attendance: M.J. Mulholland, Director of Services, K. Hanley, Meetings Administrator,
O. Bannon, Staff officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed: Cllr. M. O’Neill

Seconded: Cllr. P. Dunphy

“That the minutes of meeting dated 3rd May, 2017, as circulated to members, is hereby adopted”

Matters Arising

Tower Road junction – Cllr. O’Neill welcomed measures to be undertaken in the interests of safety.

Meeting with TII – Cllr. Breathnach proposed that a comprehensive list of road safety issues would be prepared for discussion prior to meeting with TII, this was agreed. A detailed discussion on safety matters followed with contributions from all the members relating to specific issues in the area, for inclusion on the list.

Recycling Ferrybank – Cllr. Frisby requested update. MJM advised correspondence had issued, update would be given in due course.

Ferrybank Park Project – Cllr. O’Neill enquired about timelines, MJM advised plan for development currently on display until 23rd June, latest date for submissions 7th July.

Naming of New Ross Bypass Bridge – Cllr. O’Neill asked what steps to be taken next. MJM advised it was proposed to set up group to undertake public consultation, with any submissions/suggestions to be brought before the members – process yet to be finalised.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) N25 New Ross Bypass Update

K. Hanley circulated report to the members, progress noted. He advised that Sean Dobbs, Project Liaison Officer, was available to answer any queries on this project.

(b) N24 Granny Pavement Improvement Scheme

K. Hanley advised tenders were advertised for this work, which would include 1km of pavement reconstruction and safety works at right turning junctions at the Thatch Pub, Croke’s Shop and turn for Roadstone off the N24 – works welcomed by members.

(c) Request for Delegation from Newrath Road Residents Group

K. Hanley advised formal application received from the group – it was agreed to meet with them at 9.30am 5th July, before monthly meeting of the MDP.

(d) National Broadband Plan Update

It was noted that Steve Coverdale had been appointed Broadband Officer, but was unable

to attend this meeting due to other commitments. K. Hanley circulated map showing areas already covered by commercial operators, areas where coverage will be provided by end of 2018 by EIR or other operators and the remaining areas to be covered under the National Broadband Plan. Discussion followed, Cllr. O'Neill asked about funding, Cllr. Aylward expressed concern in relation to economic viability, Cllr. Dunphy raised concern about length of time people in rural areas would continue to wait.

It was agreed to write to the Department to outline concerns raised on this matter. Cllr. Breathnach requested follow up meeting on this matter with S. Coverdale in September.

(e) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1 of 2017 – Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.

K. Hanley advised that CPO had issued to facilitate extension to the playground and amenity area at Main Street, Mullinavat – copy of order and map on display until 30th June. Cllr. Aylward expressed thanks to the Council for progressing the matter. Members praised Mullinavat Playground Group for their hard work, energy and commitment.

(f) Town & Village Renewal

MJM advised that 25 expressions of interest had been received, 15 of which were selected for development and submission to the Department by 30th June – noted, 5 of these projects were in the MDP area, however 1 in Mooncoin have since opted not to proceed. A discussion followed with contributions from all the members, regarding timelines, funding and support available to local groups. It was noted that the Enterprise Office and staff in the Community Development office would be working closely with groups to develop their projects and this engagement would continue with these and other groups for future years.

(g) LEO Incentives

MJM advised the members it was proposed to schedule some training courses in the County – Social Media and Start Your Own Business – it will be necessary to gauge the level of interest to support these courses – members to revert to MJM or Fiona Deegan in this regard.

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

2017(1) – Cllr Fidelis Doherty – 26th May 2017

“That consideration, and seeking of, an application re Discretionary Funding by made available for realignment roadworks, for a distance of 500m east of Listerlin village, Tullogher at the location of Listerlin, Tullogher on the R704 to be carried out”.

Motion seconded by Cllr. Aylward. Agreed to prepare plan and assess funding required.

6. AOB

Cllr. Doherty raised the following:-

Vote of Sympathy – to extend sympathy to the family of former Council employee, Michael Murphy, who recently passed away.

Crayfish plague – Cllr. Doherty asked that submission be made to the draft River Basin Mgt Plan in this regard. MJM advised SPC currently compiling submission for the draft Plan, this issue to be included.

Ferrybank-Belview Local Area Plan – MJM confirmed Draft Plan on display from 9th June to 4th August inclusive – it was proposed to have an information day at Ferrybank for public to drop in and look at the plan and ask any questions they may have. It was agreed to hold this session from 2-8pm on Wednesday, 21st June at the Library meeting room – MJM to confirm relevant Planning staff available.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy raised the following:-

Road through Fiddown – raised concern at poor condition of this busy road.

Junction at Rathkieran – called for safety survey at this right turn junction, request that I Gardner follow up.

Special Meeting re Discretionary Fund

It was agreed to hold meeting at 3pm, Wednesday 21st June, 2017.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____