

October 31st, 2018

## **Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 7th November 2018** at **10:00 am** in **Ferrybank Office**.

# Agenda

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Piltown Municipal Distric October 2018

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## 2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

- (a) Monthly Roadworks Scheme update
- (b) New Ross By Pass N25 - Progress Report
- (c) Luffany Roundabout
- (d) Poulanassey Waterfall - preliminary options ( in Committee)

## 3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting

## 4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting

## 5. Notices of Motion

## 6. Correspondence

## 7. Any Other Business

# Invitees

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*Minutes of Municipal District of Piltown Meeting held Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October, 2018 at 10.00am at Rhu Glenn Hotel*

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

**In attendance:** S. McKeown, Director of Service, B. Tyrrell, Meetings Administrator and O. Bannon, Staff Officer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**MDP Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September** – Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Doherty

**Matters Arising**

***Boys School, Ferrybank*** – Cllr. O'Neill requested update with regard to provision of a pick-up and drop-off point at the school and a review on parking to improve safety and asked that same be included under the urban regeneration plan. B. Tyrrell advised that he would reply directly to Cllr. O'Neill on the matter when a response had been received from Waterford City & County Council.

With regard to the Urban Regeneration Development Fund, S. McKeown advised that Kilkenny County Council were party to the application led by Waterford City & County Council for funding towards the regeneration and redevelopment of the North Quays Strategic Development Zone. He outlined the four projects in this application that are within the administrative area of Kilkenny County Council. He said these projects were prioritised as they are all objectives within the Ferrybank-Belview Local Area Plan. These are 1. The provision of a link road from the Abbey Road to the Belmont Road, namely Objective 10F of the LAP; 2. Improvement works to the N29 Port Road, namely Objective 5D and 5E of the LAP; 3. The provision of additional connection points to the proposed Kilkenny Greenway, to provide for greater access and to facilitate smarter travel options for those living in the suburban residential developments of Ferrybank, namely Objective 8C of the LAP; and 4. Improvement works to the Abbey Road & Belmont Road to enhance these approaches to the North Quays namely, Objective 10C of the LAP.

***Naming of new Bridge on N25 (New Ross By-pass)*** – S. McKeown outlined the process for the naming of the bridge, which would take place at the joint meeting of the Piltown and New Ross Municipal Districts at 12 noon. It was noted that a roll call vote would be taken and the preferred name would be put forward by the joint forum for adoption by Wexford County Council. Discussion followed with concerns raised about the fairness of the process. S. McKeown stated that the process had been agreed at the joint forum meeting held in May, 2017 and had been discussed at most of the Piltown MD meetings subsequently and had not been rushed through. It included considerable public consultation, generating interest and debate which was welcomed and it would be most unusual at this late stage to query the process.

***TII Annual Meeting*** – Cllr. Breathnach asked if response had been received from TII as yet with regard to meeting request. B. Tyrrell advised no response had been received as yet.

***Tower Road Footpath*** – Cllr. Dunphy asked for update on this item for the next meeting.

***Broadband Update*** – Cllr. Breathnach asked if an update could be given at the next Council meeting. S. McKeown advised that a decision was awaited on the tendering process for the National Broadband Plan. This was expected in mid-September but has not yet been announced. It was noted that Steve Coverdale, Broadband Officer, would give a full presentation on the process once the tender has been announced.

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**(a) Unfinished Estates**

Annette Fitzpatrick was in attendance to update members with regard to unfinished housing estates within the Piltown Municipal District, report was circulated to members outlining progress to-date and the current status in relation to each estate. She responded to Members questions and concerns regarding individual estates. Cllr. O'Neill asked if assistance could be provided in cases where no taking in charge application has been received. It was noted that at least fifty percent of residents would be required in order to lodge a taking in charge application. Cllr. Dunphy noted the length of time some of these estates had awaited completion of the TIC process, however he acknowledged the hard work involved in doing so, by both residents and staff. All the members acknowledged the level of work involved and undertaken by the planning staff and in particular praised Annette Fitzpatrick and Anne Maria Walsh for their efforts in this regard. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Breathnach would prepare a revised draft of his previous Notice of Motion on the subject of TIC for the next Council Meeting in the names of the Piltown Municipal District Members, seeking to give local authorities more powers with regard to initiating the taking in charge process, where particular difficulties arose. This was agreed. Cllr. Frisby thanked Annette for her report and attendance.

**(b) Update on N25 New Ross Bypass**

The progress report circulated was noted. Cllr. Doherty asked for an update on her query raised with regard to the alignment of the bridge. S. McKeown confirmed that a response had been received from TII, who had no concerns in this regard. It was noted that a short video would be shown at the joint meeting giving the latest update on progress. Cllrs. Breathnach and Aylward noted the tourism opportunities associated with the new bridge, which when complete will be the longest in Ireland.

**(c) Update on Roadworks**

B. Tyrrell gave a brief update to members, report to be circulated to members at a later date. Cllr. O'Neill asked for review regarding works on Abbey Road and also asked that the poor condition of the bus shelter outside Ard Glas be addressed.

Cllr. Doherty asked for an update regarding the Glenmore Bus Stop and Weigbridge, noting it was not yet in operation.

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None

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

None

**5. Notices of Motion**

None

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. AOB****Additional items raised by Members:-****Cllr. O'Neill**

***Draft Waste Management Bylaws*** – Cllr. O'Neill welcomed the report on the Draft Bylaws and noted the high number of illegal dumping reports in South Kilkenny. She also asked that no

dumping signage be erected without delay and asked for update regarding the provision of dog fouling pavement stencils.

S. McKeown advised that the Bylaws were currently out for public consultation, the Environment SPC would be reviewing submissions received in this regard. S. McKeown said that consideration could be given to including Ferrybank in the pilot programme to introduce dog fouling stencils as part of the Council's Litter Management Plan.

### **Cllr Dunphy**

***Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF)*** – Cllr. Dunphy asked if it would be possible to hold an open day to provide information to the public with regard to works and projects being undertaken in the area. S. McKeown advised that this was premature pending decision on the funding applications. It was noted that €2bn was being made available under the URDF over the next ten years, with €150m available in 2019. Population centres of over 10,000 were eligible for funding, and in addition to the application being led by Waterford City & County Council, which includes 4 projects in the Ferrybank/Belview area, Kilkenny County Council have also submitted an application for funding in respect of project in Kilkenny City. It was also noted that Mary Mulholland in the Community Section had prepared a number of applications under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

### **Cllr. Aylward**

***Bylaws*** – Cllr. Aylward welcomed the fact that under the new Waste Management Bylaws householders would now have to provide evidence of how they were disposing of waste.

***National Fire Safety Week*** – Cllr. Aylward wished to highlight National Fire Safety Week, with open days and training events taking place in Fire Stations around the County.

***Poulanassy Waterfall*** – Cllr. Aylward requested update for next meeting.

***Mullinavat Post Office*** – disappointment was expressed by Cllr. Aylward that the appeal against the closure of the Post Office in Mullinavat had been unsuccessful.

### **Cllr. Doherty**

***N25*** – Cllr. Doherty requested update with regard to assessment of right hand turns at a number of junctions on the N25, which had been raised with TII previously.

***Greenway*** – Cllr. Doherty asked if there was a design available to view. S. McKeown advised that a Section 85 agreement is now in place with Wexford County Council, who will lead the planning, tendering, detailed design and construction of the Greenway. Application for funding is also to be lodged by the end of November, update would be given to members in due course.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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