

**Minutes of the Piltown Municipal District Meeting held on Wednesday,
2nd October, 2024 at 2:00pm at Ferrybank Library Meeting Room.**

Present: Cllrs G. Frisby, J. Catt Slattery, P. Dunphy, F. Doherty, T. Breathnach
In attendance: J. Tennyson, Area Engineer, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator and O. Bannon, Staff Officer
Apologies: Ian Gardner, A/Director of Services

Welcome

Cllr Frisby took the opportunity, on behalf of all the members, to welcome John Tennyson, new Area Engineer to the Piltown District and looked forward to working with him and continuing the programme of work for the area.

It was agreed that the Deputation from Templeorum Environmental Group be taken at the outset.

4. (a) Deputation – Templeorum Environmental Group

Cllr Frisby welcomed the members of the deputation and invited them to commence their presentation. Ms. Catherine Carroll introduced herself and her colleagues, Mr. Mark McGrath and Mr. Brian O'Driscoll, who were attending today to represent the residents of Templeorum Village. She circulated a copy of their presentation, which outlined the main issues of concern, namely lack of footpaths, inadequate street lighting, no safe road crossings and speeding through the village. It was noted there are speed ramps in the village, but are not effective and amber flashing lights are currently not working. Ms. Carroll also outlined the number of residences within the village and the numbers accessing the primary school, village hall, church and the school bus service to Carrick-on-Suir and she stressed the urgent need for the provision of safe pedestrian facilities within the village. Some other issues of concern were also raised including inadequate drainage leading to flooding during heavy rains, amber school lights not working, no cycle paths and markings at school crossing points faded.

Cllr Frisby thanked the group for their presentation, members raised the following:-

- Overall numbers attending the primary school, 46
- Improving facilities may encourage more families in the catchment area to attend Templeorum national school
- Roads through the village busy, with high numbers of HGVs, agricultural vehicles and traffic accessing the motorway
- Possibility of carrying out a speed survey to identify speed and numbers of vehicles
- Safer Routes to School Programme, a possibility for the school to participate and make application

Cllr Frisby thanked the group for attending and raising the issues and assured them that the Council will look at feasibility and costings to try put some measures in place that will improve safety and address the flooding issues within the village.

J. Tennyson advised of upcoming drainage works taking place in Templeorum in the next month, from Ashtown Lane to the village, which will relieve flooding, this was noted.

The deputation thanked members and withdrew from the meeting.

1. **Minutes of Ordinary Statutory Meeting held 4th September, 2024** – proposed by Cllr P. Dunphy, seconded by Cllr J. Catt Slattery and agreed.

Matters Arising

N24/N25 Projects – Cllr Dunphy asked for follow up on his request for an online meeting to discuss the N24 Waterford to Cahir and N25 Waterford to Glenmore Schemes, inviting the relevant TDs and Senators in the South East region and Regional Assembly, to make efforts to progress these schemes to the next phase and keep them on the agenda. M. Phelan confirmed that M. Mullholland intends to arrange this meeting and will revert to members.

MASP – It was also noted that D. Malone has been in contact with the Director of the Regional Assembly re MASP, who will be in contact with the CE of both Kilkenny and Waterford to discuss.

Meeting with TII – Cllr Breathnach also asked that the meeting with TII be followed up.

Glenmore Bus Stop – Cllr Doherty raised the relocation of the N25 bus stop, which has been a long standing issue and asked for proposals to be advanced as soon as possible.

Ramps & Lighting, Mullinavat GAA – in response to Cllr Catt Slattery, J. Tennyson advised that quotation has been sought for installation of lights, after which the ramp can be installed, lining and car park spaces completed adjacent to the hurling field, all to be completed by year end.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) *Kilmacow Masterplan Update*

It was agreed that this item be deferred to allow time for members to consider recommendations. A. O'Connor to circulate report to members.

(b) *Monthly Roadworks Update*

J. Tennyson, Area Engineer, circulated report outlining details of pavement works, discretionary maintenance and other works progressed and completed over the period since the last meeting, including updates on other schemes – Abbey Road/Belmont Road upgrades, N29 Port Road upgrade and Piltown Urban Enhancement Scheme.

J. Tennyson responded to queries from members, as follows:-

- Surface dressing at Drumdowney to be completed next week, road markings to follow.
- Consultants appointed to progress Mill Road footpath design, different proposals to be reviewed, draft report expected early November.
- Contractor expected to be on site to commence the Piltown Enhancement Scheme by March/April 2025 and to be completed later in 2025 – consultation phase on this scheme expected to commence in November.
- Consultant appointed this month in relation to Abbey Road/Belmont Road Upgrades, draft report expected early 2025. It was also noted that the Part 8 Public Consultation is currently taking place in relation to the South-North Access Road, Ferrybank with public meeting being held on Friday next. Submissions can be made on this scheme up to 25th October.

(c) *Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2025-2027*

J. Tennyson referred to the 3 year programme for the Piltown Municipal District, as circulated to members and discussed at the earlier workshop, which has been prepared taking account of the road ratings and he sought members formal approval of the Programme.

The Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2025-2027 for the Piltown Municipal District was proposed by Cllr T. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr P. Dunphy and agreed.

Cllr Doherty asked that consideration be given to moving number 44 listed on the programme for 2027, the LS7484 Tullagher, be brought forward if possible, due to its poor condition and concerns raised locally. J. Tennyson agreed to look at options and revert to members on this.

Winter Service Plan – Priority 3, Piltown MD

J. Tennyson sought approval from members for the Winter Service Plan Priority 3 routes for the Piltown Municipal District, as presented and discussed at an earlier workshop. He noted comments from members and advised that during extreme weather conditions, additional routes can be looked at, taking account of resources available.

The Plan was proposed by Cllr J. Catt Slattery, seconded by Cllr T. Breathnach and agreed.

It was agreed to liaise with the School Transport providers, to inform the next Plan with regard to priority routes, as suggested by Cllr Breathnach.

(d) *Greenway Update*

Report circulated to members, taken as read.

M. Phelan noted public consultations currently taking place in relation to the South-North Access Road and the Greenway Link to Slieverue, submissions on both of which can be made up to 25th October.

Cllr Frisby noted the public meeting which took place on the Greenway Link to Slieverue, which was very well attended.

(e) *North Quays Update*

Report circulated to members, taken as read.

(f) Ferrybank Shopping Centre

M. Phelan advised members that D. Malone continues to be in regular contact with Dunnes Stores through their property Section, with ongoing engagement in relation to the Ferrybank-Belview LAP and Joint Retail Strategy, which will continue into the future.

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

None

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

(a) Deputation – Templeorum Environmental Group

This item was taken at the start of the meeting, in agreement with all elected members.

Cllr Frisby noted good engagement with the group and asked J. Tennyson to revert to members with recommendations and look at funding streams to see how the issues might be addressed.

Cllr Dunphy noted lack of additional public lighting to cater for the number of new houses. J. Tennyson advised that no funding is available for public lighting, however funding may be sourced under Active Travel and he agreed to look at what is required to address the issues raised and will revert to members with a proposal.

Cllr Breathnach proposed that a motion be put forward in the names of the Piltown elected members at the Council meeting to seek funding at national level for public lighting where needed, this was agreed.

5. Notice of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

M. Phelan reminded members that a visit to the Ferrybank Primary Care Centre has been scheduled for Wednesday, 9th October at 11:00am and the next joint meeting with Carrick-on-Suir MD will take place on Wednesday, 6th November at 3:30pm, after the MD meeting.

M. Phelan also advised members that the Budget Meeting for the Piltown MD is required to take place before the 14th November, date to be confirmed.

7. AOB:

N24 Aglish – Cllr Dunphy raised concern at the number of accidents occurring at the same location on the N24 at Aglish. J. Tennyson noted that the Road Design section have been liaising with TII on the matter and from an engineering point of view the road is up to standard and speeding may be the cause. However, Road Design are in contact with TII about the possibility of carrying out a speed survey and another assessment. Cllr Dunphy also raised the possibility of moving the speed limit further out, beyond Aglish. J. Tennyson agreed to raise with Road Design and update members at the next meeting.

Memorial Tower Road – Cllr Dunphy sought update with regard to the memorial plaque. Discussion followed, noting that a suitable location for same is to be considered and could perhaps be included as part of the Piltown Enhancement Scheme, in consultation with the local community and families concerned. J. Tennyson agreed to follow up on this matter.

N24 Ballygriffin/Grannagh Residents – Cllr Dunphy referred to the deputation who attended an MD meeting some time ago to raise safety concerns and the lack of pedestrian facilities on the N24 at Ballygriffin/Grannagh, noting in particular the narrow margin and pinch point at the junction at the former Croke's Shop. J. Tennyson advised that this location will be looked at under a B12 Scheme in terms of it making safer for pedestrians.

Bollards outside School and Comerfords Pub – Cllr Catt Slattery sought update in relation to erection of bollards in the vicinity of the secondary school and Comerford's pub.

Bulky furniture Grannagh Centre – Cllr Doherty noted the bulky furniture drop-off days currently underway at the Grannagh Recycling Centre, from 30th September to 5th October inclusive and encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to drop-off any old items they may have.

It was noted the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6th November at 2:00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: 
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Dated: 06/11/24.