

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON
MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 11AM**

In the chair: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh
Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Michael Delaney, Denis Hynes, Pat Fitzpatrick and Michael McCarthy
In attendance: Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Michael Leahy and Mr Steve Coverdale

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) January Ordinary Meeting held on 16th January 2023

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Broadband – update

Mr Steve Coverdale updated the members on progress of the Broadband project in North Kilkenny.

- Johnstown Active – 1000 premises passed
- Castlecomer CPO complete. Full Council to vote for lease of site to NBI in Feb meeting. NBI due complete site by Aug 23
- There are multiple villages with poor broadband that are outside the NBP. There will be fibre available in these areas by the end of the NBP in 2026/2027.

Members thanked Mr Coverdale for the work completed. It was agreed that the members would receive an update on the Broadband project every 3 months.

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

None

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

(a) Items submitted by members:

- Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

i Report on waste water problem at Council Houses at Canal Road, Johnstown

Mr Philippe Beubry confirmed the blockage has been cleared. Council are liaising with Irish Water in relation to carrying out survey works in the public area.

ii Provision of rumble strips at roundabout on Grangefertagh Lane to prevent doughnuts on the roundabout by joy riders.

Mr. Philippe Beubry acknowledged the issue. However, this is not unique to this road. It is a matter for the An Garda Síochána to police. The provision of rumble strips will not prevent joy riders and will set a precedent to provide rumble strips in other areas.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh felt that there was an increased risk in the area due to its proximity to a busy motorway. She asked that an engineering solution be investigated.

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick agreed to raise issue at next Joint Policing Committee meeting.

5. Notices of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. Matters arising from minutes

None

8. Any other business

(a) Provision of Housing

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick raised the issue of the lack of housing being provided in North Kilkenny. Recent planning applications have been refused due to lack of water and wastewater infrastructure. It was agreed that the Planning and Housing Dept would attend the April meeting of the committee to report on the issue.

(b) Clár Funding

Members raised issue regarding the areas assessed for Clár funding. Cllr Denis Hynes agreed to raise a Notice of Motion at the March Plenary meeting of the council.

Mr. Philippe Beubry gave the following updates:

- Works at car park in Freshford progressing well
- Public lighting works in Muckalee was commencing today

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: May Hedia Savanagli

Date: 20th March 2023