

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 16TH OF JULY AT 11.00AM

Chair: Cllr Michael McCarthy

Cllrs: John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Patrick Millea and Maurice Shortall.

Officials: Philippe Beubry, Michael Delahunty, Mary Mulholland and Nancy Byrne

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:-

- (a) The June meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer
The minutes were proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Maurice Shortall and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

None

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

None

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

Items submitted by the members

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

(a) **Bend at Colclough's, Barna.**

Cllr Cavanagh highlighted safety concerns in respect of bend at Colclough's, Barna. Following lengthy discussion by the members it was proposed by Cllr Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Shortall and agreed that one final approach be made by the Council to Mr Colclough to resolve this issue.

(b) **Request for additional ramps, children at play signs and speed limit signs in Chapel Field Estate, Urlingford.**

Philippe Beubry confirmed that he will arrange for a traffic counter to be put in place at the entrance to the estate. He also confirmed that additional road markings will be provided and that 30kph speed limit signs are already in place.

(c) **Potholes on the Bayswell to Rathosheen to Rathpatrick Road and Crosspatrick.**

Philippe Beubry confirmed that potholes at these locations have been dealt with.

(d) **Repairs for Garrydague Road leading to Fitzpatrick's.**

Philippe Beubry advised that he will contact the Overseer in respect of repairs at this location.

(e) **Potholes at Castletown on the main Johnstown to Rathdowney Road.**

Philippe Beubry confirmed that he will consider works identified by Cllr Cavanagh for inclusion in the next 3 Year Road Works Programme.

(f) **Road from Ballinamara to Mount Gale Cross.**

Philippe Beubry confirmed that he will consider this road for inclusion in the next 3 Year Road Works Programme.

(g) Road at Bruckana, Crosspatrick.

Cllr Cavanagh advised that this cul de sac is currently in poor repair but was never dealt with under the Community Involvement in Road Works Scheme. Philippe Beubry is to investigate.

(h) Road from Lumper Lane to back of McCarthy's Bar, Doyle's, Bergin's and Clohessy's
Philippe Beubry confirmed that this is a private roadway.

Cllr Maurice Shortall

(a) Safe pedestrian access to Castlecomer Post Office via the Square / Chatsworth Street.
Members highlighted their concerns for safe pedestrian access to Castlecomer Post Office via The Square / Chatsworth Street. Philippe Beubry is to investigate.

(b) Dowling's Cross, Coon.

Cllr Shortall confirmed that he is happy with the progress made at Dowling's Cross.

Cllr Pat Millea

(a) Request for additional ramps, children at play signs and speed limit signs in Chapel Field Estate, Urlingford.

Item dealt with during Cllr Cavanagh's items.

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick

(a) Damage to the Green in Gowran - area needs repairing as it's very unsightly.

Philippe Beubry confirmed that works to resolve this issue will be completed towards the end of 2018.

(b) Include Main Street Gowran for resurfacing as much of it is in a bad state of repair.

Philippe Beubry confirmed that he will consider this road for inclusion in the next 3 Year Road Works Programme.

(c) Clashwilliam Bridge at Clashwilliam Lane, Gowran is in poor condition and needs attention.

Philippe Beubry is to investigate.

(d) Traffic calming measures and signage at Duninga, Goresbridge and confirmation of the expected start date of the road restoration works.

Philippe Beubry confirmed that traffic calming and signage will be examined during restoration works. He confirmed that these works are scheduled to commence after the summer holiday period.

5. Notices of Motion

(a) Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh received 6th June 2018

"That a suitable site be sought as a matter of urgency in Urlingford for bottle banks and in the meantime that a second white bottle bank be installed in Johnstown and Freshford. It is unacceptable that footpaths are strewn with broken glass because of overflowing white bottle banks".

Cllr Cavanagh highlighted the need for a site for the bottle banks in Urlingford as a matter of urgency. She requested that additional white bottle banks are provided in Freshford and Johnstown in the meantime to prevent broken glass strewn on the adjoining footpaths. A conversation ensued and it was agreed that a representative from the Environment

Section would be invited to the September Municipal meeting to provide an update to the members.

- (b) **Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh received 6th June 2018**
“That the broken bollards are replaced outside the former National School in Urlingford and that the gullies are cleaned and footpaths swept on a regular basis in Urlingford”.

Philippe Beubry confirmed that replacement bollards had been ordered. He also confirmed that a temporary replacement sweeper was in place and the footpaths in Urlingford are swept weekly.

6. **Correspondence**

(a) **Minister Kevin Boxer Moran**

Michael Delahunty highlighted previous correspondence with both Minister Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran and Minister John Paul Phelan which had culminated in Minister Moran’s visit to the Council Chamber tomorrow, the 17th of July.

7. **Matters arising from minutes**

(a) **Crosshill Cemetery**

Michael Delahunty advised that the recently submitted request to have the name of Crosshill Cemetery changed had been withdrawn. Members noted the position. It was agreed that Philippe Beubry would arrange for a name plate similar to that provided in Ballyragget to be erected.

8. **Any other business**

(a) **CLAR funding**

Members welcomed the news of the successful applications for CLAR funding and expressed disappointment that the applications in respect of Muckalee and Crosspatrick were not successful. Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- The enormous benefit of the CLAR funding.
- Members requested that the reason why Corsspatrick’s and Muckalee’s application did not succeed should be examined with the Department. Michael Delahunty added that he is already in discussions with the Department on this matter.
- The assistance provided by Philippe Beubry, Frank Stafford and staff of the Community Department was acknowledged.

(b) **River Goul**

Cllr Millea enquired whether ongoing maintenance is being completed on the River Goul at its intersection with Urlingford. Philippe Beubry advised that the Overseer for the area has been requested to complete regular inspections.

(c) **Irish Water**

Members raised their dissatisfaction with Irish Water’s continued refusal to attend a Council meeting. A conversation ensued and it was agreed that Mary Mulholland would write to Irish Water again on this issue.

(d) **Broadband**

Cllr Fitzpatrick sought clarification whether provision for broadband ducting was included in Castlecomer resurfacing works. A conversation ensued in respect of the cost implications. It was agreed that Mary Mulholland would arrange for Steve Coverdale and broadband providers to attend the September or October meeting for a full discussion on this issue.

(e) **Draft Road Works Programme 2019**

Philippe Beubry advised that notification had been received from the Department that the draft Road Works Programme 2019 is to be submitted to the Department by September. It was agreed that this draft Programme would be presented to the members at the September Municipal meeting.

(f) **Fr George Boran**

Members paid tribute to Fr George Boran who recently celebrated his golden jubilee. His work as a missionary in Brazil and Latin America was acknowledged by the members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____