

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON FRIDAY 2ND JUNE DIRECTLY AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chair: Cllr J Brennan

Cllrs: M H Cavanagh, P Fitzpatrick. McCarthy, P Millea and M Shortall.

Officials: M Delahunty, N Byrne & P Beuby

Apologies: S Walton

1. Confirmation of Minutes of :-

(a) Meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District held on 15th May 2017

The minutes were proposed by Cllr M H Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr M McCarthy and agreed:- "That the minutes of the May Meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District held on 15th May 2017 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

M Delahunty circulated report prepared by D Ledwidge, Heritage Officer outlining details of some heritage and cultural projects relevant to the Castlecomer Municipal District. He also provided details of closing dates for a number of community grants as well as providing details of a new HSE initiative grant. M Delahunty advised that the LCDC are due to make recommendations to the Municipal District members on small grants available under the Community Facilities Scheme funding, he advised that he would hope to dispense with these grants in advance of summer holidays and therefore it is necessary to bring all three Municipal Districts together in advance of the July Council meeting in order that the allocations can be decided prior to the summer period.

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 members:-

Cllr M H Cavanagh

(a) Roadway outside the Maher residence at Brittas, Tullaroan

P Beuby advised that these works will be considered for inclusion in the 2018 Road Works Programme.

(b) Bottle Banks

Cllr Cavanagh raised the issue of ongoing illegal dumping at the bottle banks in Freshford and the need for the provision of extra clear & green glass recycling banks as well as the urgent requirement to find a suitable site in Urlingford for a bring bank facility. A conversation ensued and members were in agreement that the image of the current bring bank facility in Freshford lends itself to illegal dumping and requires urgent improvement. Works consisting of provision of hard core area and surround plus pole to facilitate the installation of a close circuit tv camera were discussed. Proposed rebranding of bring banks nationally was also discussed.

It was agreed that this item would be listed for the July meeting and in advance of the July meeting Michael Delahunty will consult with both Mary Mulholland, Director of Services & Simon Walton, Acting Director of Services on this matter.

(c) Extension of footpath at Kilkenny Street, Freshford

Cllr Cavanagh asked that P Beubry investigate the possibility of extending the footpath out the Kilkenny Road highlighting the enormous contribution it would provide for health and safety.

P Beubry to investigate.

(d) Safety measures outside Johnstown National School on the Rathdowney Road

Cllr Cavanagh referred to 11 page Engineering report received by members. P Beubry advised that both flashing signs had been replaced in January 2017 and Road Design Section are working on a proposal for a pedestrian crossing under Low Cost Safety Measures. Cllr Cavanagh enquired about the provision of driver feedback signs as well as the other safety measures.

P Beubry to investigate

A review of the 2007 School Safety Programme and digital signage was raised by Cllr M Shortall. M Delahunty advised that M Murphy has already committed to a full review of the Programme which will be undertaken from Q3/4 2017.

5. Notice of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. Matters arising from minutes

Traffic Survey – The Square, Castlecomer

Cllr M Shortall enquired the current status of traffic survey at The Square, Castlecomer. P Beubry advised of meeting scheduled with Road Plan for Wednesday 7th of June. It was agreed that this item would be included on the agenda for the July meeting.

8. Any other business

(a) Car Park – Freshford Graveyard

Cllr P Millea enquired at what stage the development of car park alongside Freshford Graveyard was at. P Beubry advised that funding has been obtained and a plan prepared however an issue exists in relation to ownership. A conversation ensued in respect of the dangers which exist with the current parking arrangements and also how the provision of the car park could be progressed. It was agreed that M Delahunty would bring back members concerns to both S Walton & M Mulholland and that this item would be listed for the July meeting.

(b) Trees at Bridge Street, Freshford

Cllr M McCarthy thanked P Beubry for work done to remove trees at Bridge Street, Freshford.

(c) Delegation from Ballyragget Business Group

Cllr M Shortall sought approval to bring delegation from Ballyragget Business Group to the July meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District to which members agreed.

(d) Cromwells Road, Ballyousskill

Cllr M Shortall raised concerns in respect of the condition of Cromwell's Road, Ballyousskill.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District would take place at 11am on 17th of July.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____