

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY AT 10.00 AM

Chair: Cllr John Brennan

Cllrs: Cllrs Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea and Maurice Shortall.

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

1. Attendance of An Garda Siochana

Item held in committee

2. Confirmation of Minutes of :-

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

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works

Philippe Beubry referred to the draft Schedule of Municipal District Works circulated and went through the Schedule in detail.

He outlined details as follows:

- A 32% reduction in funding for National Roads.
- An increase of approximately €420,000 under Restoration Improvement funding
- 2018 is the last year of this 3 Year Schedule
- Necessity to re-measure and extend restoration improvement works on a number of roads.
- Amendments to facility to supplement Discretionary Improvement funding outlined.
- Amendments to funding for Community Involvement in Road Works Scheme outlined.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Philippe Beubry was thanked and complimented for balanced and fair Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works presented.
- Clarification sought that two roads deferred from 2018 Restoration Improvement Scheme would be first to receive attention under the 2019 Schedule of Works.
- Clarity needed whether extra tranche of funding would be available in 2019 through Regional Development Plan. Proposed by Cllr John Brennan,

- seconded by Cllr M McCarthy and agreed that funding would be sought from Regional Development Plan to enhance next 3 year Road Works Scheme.
- Road at Baun, Ballinlough and from Erke Church down by Waterland be considered in next 3 year Road Works Scheme.
- Cost implications associated with tackling knot weed.
- Road safety and maintenance of grass verges.
- Request that Old Road, Moneenroe be considered for inclusion under the 2019 Public Lighting Scheme.
- Need to consult locally in respect of works at Newtown and Oldtown.
- Importance of preventative maintenance.

Adoption of Schedule of Municipal District Works for Castlecomer Municipal District

It was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Michael McCarthy and resolved:- "That the proposed Schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated at the Municipal District Meeting held on 19th February 2018, be and is hereby adopted.

(b) Community update.

Michael Delahunty provided an update to the members on a range of grants and schemes including:

- Community and Cultural Grants Scheme
- Commerical Premises Streets Scape Scheme
- Community Grants Information Evenings
- Callan and Inistioge Town Improvement Plans
- Health checks proposed for various towns
- Local Improvement Scheme
- CLAR Scheme
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- Rural Recreation Scheme
- Rapid Schemes

(c) Community based CCTV Scheme.

Ronan Ryan outlined details of 3 active applications under the CCTV Scheme and confirmed funding is allocated by the Department of Justice.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Concern expressed in respect of percentage of match funding required and also annual maintenance costs.
- Need for application form to be examined and simplified.
- Need to identify alternative funding to assist community.

It was agreed that Michael Delahunty would discuss alternative funding with Leader and revert to the March meeting.

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

None

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

Items submitted by the members

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

(a) Hedgecutting.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh raised the issue of the need to prosecute those who are non compliant.

Philippe Beubry and Denis Foley were thanked for work undertaken and results achieved.

(b) CCTV cameras for Urlingford at motorway roundabout.

Dealt with under item 3 (c)

Cllr Maurice Shortall

(a) Castlecomer riverside pedestrian bridge.

Michael Delahunty outlined details of €100,000 received under Town and Village Renewal Grant Scheme. He advised that the item had been sent back to Road Design Section to look at design options to reduce costs and it was agreed that this item would be included on the agenda of the March meeting.

(b) Danger at Dinan bridge on the N77.

Philippe Beubry confirmed that he had looked at this issue with Harry Shine. He advised that he will highlight the problem with consultants engaged by T11 on the B12 Programme and will liaise with Road Design Section.

(c) Pedestrian crossing – Ballyragget.

Cllr Maurice Shortall highlighted the need for controlled pedestrian crossing at Scoil Bhride, Ballyragget. Philippe Beubry referred to provisions for pedestrian crossing which were put in place a number of years ago and advised that the issue will be examined in conjunction with the T11.

6. Notice of Motion

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Matters arising from minutes

(a) Parking at Marble Court, Paulstown

Cllr Maurice Shortall enquired for an update in respect of parking at Marble Court, Paulstown and was advised by Philippe Beubry that poor weather has resulted in delay in provision of double yellow lines.

9. Any other business

(a) Assistant Engineer for Castlecomer Municipal District

Michael Delahunty confirmed that an Assistant Engineer is shortly to be appointed to the Castlecomer Municipal District.

(b) Items submitted by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and omitted from the agenda

- Potholes at Main Street, Urlingford.

Philippe Beubry confirmed that these potholes were dealt with week commencing 12th February.

- Drainage between Knockmannon and Lisdowney

Philippe Beubry confirmed that this issue will be considered for attention.

- Dumping rubbish at Gowran

Issue of illegal dumping and fly tipping were discussed.

- Potholes at Eirke/Waterland, Crosspatrick.

Issue to be referred to General Services Supervisor.

- Naming of Waterland Road.

Philippe Beubry to investigate missing road numbers.

- New Speed limit signs

Discrepancy identified with speed limit sign at Dunmore and to be referred to Declan Murphy.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at 11 o'clock on 12th of March.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____