

# **MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 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

**Apologies:** Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Members asked all those present to remember Fr Martin Ryan during the prayer which opened the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of :-**

**(a) The May meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer**

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

**(b) The Annual 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**

**(a) Community update**

Michael Delahunty provided an update to the members on a range of Community Schemes as follows:

- Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)
- CLAR Programme
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- Village Health Checks

**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**

**(a) Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh**

- Killoshulan Lane.
- Bend at Colclough's, Barna.

**Deferred to the July Municipal District meeting.**

**(b) Cllr Michael McCarthy**

**- Condition of Main Street, Urlingford.**

Cllr Michael McCarthy asked for details of works that are scheduled for Main Street Urlingford. He was supported in his request by Cllr Pat Millea.

Philippe Beubry outlined details of the budget allocation under the 2018 Special Works and he advised of revisions of the works initially planned in light of further deterioration of the road surface. He also advised that additional sections of Main Street Urlingford will be considered for inclusion in the next 3 year Road Works Programme.

- **Update from Irish Water in relation to remedial works in Freshford.**

Cllr Michael McCarthy acknowledged that a clinic had taken place this morning with Irish Water.

**5. Notices of Motion**

**(a) Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh received 6<sup>th</sup> 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”.

**Deferred to the July meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District.**

**(b) Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh received 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

“That the broken bollards be replaced outside the former National School in Urlingford and that the gullies be cleaned and footpaths swept on a regular basis in Urlingford”.

**Deferred to the July meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District.**

**6. Correspondence**

**(a) Flooding in Freshford**

Correspondence received from John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, and the office of Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran, Minister of State for the office of Public Works and Flood Relief was circulated to the members.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:-

- Members welcomed the news of Minister Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran’s visit to Freshford
- Freshford’s inclusion under the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) 10 year programme was acknowledged.
- Members were in unanimous agreement that more cost effective options were available to resolve the flooding problems in Freshford and that these options should be identified during the Minister’s visit.

It was agreed to seek to include the Castlecomer Municipal District Members in the Minister’s visit as members wished to meet with the Minister and outline the potential options to him.

**(b) Provision of Broadband**

Correspondence received from John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform was circulated to the members.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:-

- Broadband deficits were highlighted.
- Situation on the ground is at odds with the national report provided.
- Impact for new and existing businesses
- Mary Mulholland Director of Services suggested that an open discussion needs to take place on broadband involving local businesses and the Council including relevant Council staff. It was agreed that North Kilkenny as a whole needs to be looked at during this process.

**(c) Irish Water**

Correspondence which issued to Irish Water on behalf of the Municipal District members was circulated.

Details of email sent this morning to the Municipal District members from Irish Water was outlined. Members welcomed the commitments contained therein and acknowledged the role reporting by the Kilkenny People had played.

**7. Matters arising from minutes**

**Pedestrian Crossing Ballyragget and Castlecomer – traffic count**

Philippe Beubry provided update to the members.

**8. Any other business**

**(a) Boundary Review**

Members sought clarification in respect of revised boundaries. Mary Mulholland advised that the executive will examine the Boundary Commissions report and revert to the members. A conversation ensued in respect of the impact of the revision on budgets and staffing.

**(b) Provision of Lay Bys**

Philippe Beubry provided update on works completed.

**(c) Speeding through villages with particular reference to Clogh**

Cllr Fitzpatrick raised details of a recent near incident in Clogh involving excessive speeding. Members acknowledged the work completed by Philippe Beubry to tackle speeding in Clogh and it was agreed road markings need to be refreshed in the village. Agreement was also reached that the issue of excessive speeding which occurs through many villages across the Municipal District would be brought before the Joint Policing Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_