

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM**

**Chair:** Cllr J Brennan

**Cllrs:** P Fitzpatrick, McCarthy, P Millea and M Shortall.

**Officials:** M Delahunty, N Byrne, P Beubry and S Walton

**Apologies:** Cllr M H Cavanagh

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

**(a) Ordinary Meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr P Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr M McCarthy and agreed.

**2. Reception of Deputation:-**

**(a) Reception of Deputation from Moneenroe Community Council Ltd**

Cllr J Brennan welcomed deputation consisting of Donal O'Neill, Martin Buggy and Richard McKenna on behalf of Moneenroe Community Council. Deputation circulated to the members a submission outlining history and aspirations of the group and briefed members in detail.

Contributions were received from the members in relation to the following:

- Excellent work completed by Moneenroe Community Council Ltd acknowledged.
- Need for emphasis on Moneenroe in next 3 year Roads Programme.
- Request that Fr. Raftice Place be included in 2018 Road Works Programme
- Policy in relation to one off public lighting be re-examined in context of request for Montheen.
- That issues highlighted in respect of footpaths receive the appropriate attention.
- Clogh & Moneenroe Village be considered for inclusion for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**(a) Directors Quarterly Report**

S Walton updated members in relation to the following:

**- Town and Village Renewal Scheme Funding**

He advised that determination remains outstanding from the Department in respect of the 13 applications submitted for funding. Members expressed

their disappointment and discussed implications of this delay and asked that this message be relayed back to the Department.

P Beubry updated members in respect of Town and Village Renewal works underway in Urlingford.

- **Part 8 Housing Development at Donaguile, Castlecomer**  
S Walton advised members that a report will be presented at the October Council meeting.
  - **Social Housing Update**  
S Walton updated members in respect of social housing provision at Tougher Way, Urlingford, Ojenty Estate, Gowran and Side Road (Oaklee AHB), Moneenroe.
  - **Capital and Cultural Grants**  
S Walton outlined details of projects at Ballykeefe and Clogh which benefited from funding under the 2017 grant.
  - (b) **Flood Relief Scheme - Parksgrove, Ballyragget**  
S Walton updated members in respect of Flood Relief Scheme for Parksgrove, Ballyragget. Members welcomed update provided and proposal to hold a workshop to communicate provisions of the scheme to local benefitting property owners and affected landowners.
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 M H Cavanagh**
- (a) **Condition of footpath at St Joseph's Terrace, Urlingford**  
Cllr M McCarthy re-iterated the need for footpath rehabilitation at this location. P Beubry to investigate and consider for inclusion in the 2018 Road Works Programme.
- Cllr M Shortall**
- (a) **Public Lighting Priority**  
Cllr M Shortall advised that he had been approached by residents from Love Lane and Barrick Hill requesting the provision of 2 lights at the entrance to

Love Lane. Members supported this request advising that public safety is paramount. A conversation ensued and S Walton confirmed that a cost analysis will be completed.

Cllr M Shortall also requested that consideration be given to the extension of public lighting to Eirn's Own GAA Grounds. Cllr J Brennan requested that the TII be contacted in respect of extension of public lighting from the Discovery Park to the County bounds and Cllr P Fitzpatrick supported this request. S Walton reminded members that the provision of public lighting needs to be prioritised on a county wide basis and the maintenance burden must also be factored.

**(b) Policy on Environmental Control of Weeds Urban & Rural**

Cllr M Shortall raised the issue of need for definitive policy in relation to weed control in urban and rural areas. A conversation ensued and P Beubry updated members in respect of work completed and disruptions encountered as a result of adverse weather.

**6. Notice of Motion**

None

**7. Correspondence**

None

**8. Matters arising from minutes**

**(a) Freshford Burial Ground**

Cllr M McCartney advised members of a meeting which had taken place involving S Walton and a delegation from the Heritage Council and updated members on progress since this meeting.

**9. Any other business**

**(a) P Beubry – Senior Executive Engineer**

Members were unanimous in their congratulation and good wishes for P Beubry on this recent promotion to Senior Executive Engineer.

**(b) Ballyfoyle**

Cllr P Fitzpatrick expressed his appreciation to P Beubry and J Farrell, GSS for excellent work recently completed in Ballyfoyle.

**(c) Hedge Cutting**

Cllr P Millea acknowledged the high level of compliance from landowners in the area but asked that appropriate action be taken against those who do not comply with their statutory obligations.

**(d) Bank of Ireland sponsored Enterprise Awards**

Cllr M Shortall advised of upcoming event in the Creamery House, Castlecomer on 29<sup>th</sup> of October and extended invitation of P Beubry and S Walton to attend at 2.15pm. This invitation was supported by Cllr P Fitzpatrick.

**(e) October Meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District**

M Delahunty advised members that the 2018 budget meeting for the Castlecomer Municipal District will take place prior to the October Municipal meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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

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