

**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET, KILKENNY ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 2.15 PM**

**In the chair:** Cllr Michael McCarthy

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

**In attendance:** Philippe Beubry, Senior Executive Engineer, Nancy Byrne, Municipal District Staff Officer, Mary Mulholland, Director of Services and Michael Delahunty, Meetings Administrator

Cllr Michael McCarthy reminded members that today's meeting had predominantly a non-item agenda as agreed at the April meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

None

**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.**

None

**5. Notices of Motion**

None

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Matters arising from minutes**

None

**8. Any other business**

**(a) Fix date for the June meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer (suggested Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 11am)**

Michael Delahunty reminded members of the requirement as set out in the Standing Orders to hold the first Annual Meeting for the Municipal District within 10 days after the Plenary Annual Meeting which is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. The date of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June as suggested by Michael Delahunty was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr John Brennan and agreed with the ordinary meeting to follow immediately afterwards.

**(b) Tribute to Cllr Pat Millea and Cllr Maurice Shortall**

Cllr Millea's tremendous contribution to the constituents of North Kilkenny during his almost 34 years of service as an elected representative was acknowledged by all present. The good working relationship which the elected members and the executive present had with Cllr Millea and the respect with which he was held was acknowledged by all. Cllr Millea's many achievements during his time as a public representative were acknowledged by all members present, including almost securing a Dáil seat. Cllr Millea was wished good health, happiness and contentment for his retirement by the members.

Cllr Millea concluded by thanking his colleagues, the elected members present for their support and comradeship over his years of service and thanked the executive for their diligence, assistance and courtesy over the years and wished all present and their families good health and longevity. Cllr Millea also requested that his thanks be extended to all the staff attached to the Castlecomer Area Office for their support and help over the years during which he was an elected representative in the Castlecomer Area.

Cllr Shortall's huge capacity to deliver for the constituents of North Kilkenny and the tremendous contribution which he made during his 15 years of service as an elected representative was acknowledged. Members acknowledged that he will be a difficult act to follow and thanked him for his friendship and support over the 15 years. The elected members were unanimous in their good wishes to Cllr Shortall on his retirement wishing him good health, happiness and contentment.

Cllr Shortall concluded by thanking all those present for their support and acknowledge the excellent work ethic of all those present. Cllr Shortall also requested that his thanks be conveyed to the staff of the Castlecomer Area Office, past and present General Service Supervisors in the Castlecomer Area and also his former colleague, Catherine Connery.

Mary Mulholland in her tribute to Cllr Millea and Cllr Shortall described them both as examples of good public representation at all times who tackled many important local and national issues and provided broadband as an example. Michael Delahunty in his tribute to Cllr Millea and Cllr Shortall advised that he had the greatest respect for both members and confirmed that it had been a pleasure to work with both members on the Municipal District of Castlecomer Committee. Philippe Beubry acknowledged the good relationship which he had with both members. Cllr Millea and Cllr Shortall were wished a happy and healthy retirement by the executive.

**(c) Elected Members running for re-election**

Best wishes were extended to those members going for re-election.

The meeting concluded with a presentation to Cllr Pat Millea and Cllr Maurice Shortall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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