

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2020 AT 11.00AM.

In the chair: Cllr Michael McCarthy

Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick and Denis Hynes

In attendance: Mr Martin Prendiville, Ms Anne Maria Walsh, Mr Philippe Beubry and Ms Nancy Byrne

1. Confirmation of Minutes of: -

(a) Annual Budget Meeting held on 9th November 2020

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Michael Delaney and agreed.

(b) November Ordinary Meeting held on 16th November 2020

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Broadband

Mr Martin Prendiville updated members as follows:

- Mr Steve Coverdale is still trying to get engagement with Cellnex.
- Reasons for Planning refusal to Cellnex was outlined.
- Some NBI surveys are due for completion in 2021, however, the majority are scheduled for completion in 2022.

Members raised the following queries / questions / observations:

- Members expressed their disappointment with the schedule for NBI surveys and asked that every effort be made by the Executive to expedite these surveys.

Mr Martin Prendiville confirmed that contact would be made with NBI in early 2021 regarding the timing of the surveys.

(b) Winter Maintenance - P3 Route

A report providing details of the Winter Maintenance - P3 Route was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Members raised the following queries / questions / observations:

- Mr Philippe Beubry was thanked for his report.
- The need to assist Businesses.
- Review of the Winter Maintenance Programme to be included as an item on the agenda of the September Municipal District Meeting.

(c) Goresbridge – Housing

A report which provided an update on proposed development of 9 housing units in Goresbridge was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Cllr Hynes welcomed the report with caution highlighting his concerns for the impact on Goresbridge if this development is not completed within the next couple of years.

(d) 2020 Road Works Programme – Update

A report which provided an update on works completed under the 2020 Road Works Programme was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Members raised the following queries / questions / observations:

- The trojan work completed in what has been a very difficult and challenging year was acknowledged by all and members asked that their thanks and appreciation be conveyed to all staff.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District for transaction at such meeting.

(a) Declaration of a Public Road – Coolnaleen, Clogh, Castlecomer

A report from Mr Philippe Beubry was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Mr Beubry's report recommend that the Municipal District of Castlecomer resolve to take road at Coolnaleen, Clogh, Castlecomer with a total length of 570m and connecting to the LT 58494 in charge.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr John Brennan, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that the road at Coolnaleen, Clogh, Castlecomer as identified in Mr Beubry's report be taken in charge.

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) Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh raised the following roads issues:

- Flooding at the base of Whiteswall Hill be included under the 2021 Flood Relief Scheme.
- Potholes on the Eirke Road.

(b) Taking in Charge

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick expressed disappointment that a report had not been provided at the December Meeting on Taking in Charge of Estates. Ms Anne Maria Walsh clarified that this report will be provided at the January Municipal District Meeting and Planning Section had been unable to provide this report earlier due to pressures associated with preparation of the County Development Plan.

Cllr Michael McCarthy concluded the meeting by thanking the following for their help and assistance throughout the year:- Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Martin Mullally, Ms Anne Maria Walsh, Ms Margaret O'Neill, Ms Nancy Byrne, Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Seamus Kavanagh, Mr Pat Hurley, Mr James Farrell, Mr John Shortall, Mr Bill Harrison, Mr Denis Foley, Mr Steve Coverdale, all the outdoor staff and any other contributors to the Castlecomer Municipal District Meetings throughout the year. Members echoed these good wishes and acknowledged Cllr McCarthy's support and efficiency throughout the year. Members also remembered all those who had lost loved ones throughout the year.

Mr Martin Prendiville on behalf of the Management Team thanked the members for their patience and understanding during what had been a very difficult year and also acknowledged the work completed by Ms Anne Maria Walsh, Ms Nancy Byrne and Mr Philippe Beubry.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:  R^c McCarthy

Date: 18th January 2021

