

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON MONDAY,
19TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 11AM**

In the chair: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh
Present: Cllrs John Brennan (via MS Teams), Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick and Michael McCarthy
In attendance: Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Martin Prendiville, Ms Nancy Byrne, Mr Michael Leahy and representatives from the NAS and HSE comprising Ms Elaine Daly, Mr Fergus Power, Mr David Moylan and Mr Tom Gahan

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) Budget Meeting held on 4th November 2022

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

(b) November Ordinary Meeting held on 4th November 2022

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

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Broadband

Mr Martin Prendiville updated members as follows:

- Cellnex are in discussions with the property owner.
- Mr Steve Coverdale is in discussions with an alternative broadband provider for former Bank of Ireland building, Urlingford.

Members agreed that:

- In future, a bi-monthly broadband update will be provided.
- Mr Steve Coverdale will be requested to provide a user's guide on how to switch to fibre broadband at the February MD meeting.

(b) Old Fire Station, Urlingford – NAS & HSE Presentation

Representatives from the NAS and the HSE presented proposals to set up an outlying standby point for the NAS at Urlingford's Old Fire Station. The presentation provided details as follows:

- Key benefits including; close proximity to M8, reduced response times and service needs in the area.
- Emerging threats for the team.
- EA Standby Point.
- Dynamic Deployment Model.
- Future Models.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Members agreed that having an outlying ambulance standby point in Urlingford would be of massive benefit to the area saying such a move would make people's lives safer.
- Clarity was sought on use of the service during unsocial hours, increased noise and staffing of the service.
- Disappointment of local residents that the location had been ruled out as an access point for the adjoining estate was acknowledged.
- The NAS and HSE were thanked for the excellent service which they provide.
- The importance of knowing your Eircode was highlighted.

Members were advised that staffing of the new facility would be a demand lead service, there is no increase in noise foreseen in the general area and it is not envisaged to be used during unsocial hours.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh confirmed that the Castlecomer Municipal District members will be recommending to the Plenary Council that the provision of this outlying standby point for the NAS at the Old Fire Station, Urlingford proceeds.

3. **Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District 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) **Deputation – Johnstown Town Team**

It was agreed that the deputation from Johnstown Town Team due to be received at the January MD meeting would be postponed in the event of poor road conditions/severe weather.

(b) **Boil Water Notice – Clogh/Castlecomer**

Mr Martin Prendiville confirmed that he will ask Mr Tim Butler to provide an update for members.

(c) **Media**

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh thanked the media for their coverage of meetings throughout the year.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh concluded the meeting by wishing all present a happy and safe Christmas and every blessing for 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Date: 16th January 2023