

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON MONDAY,
17TH APRIL 2023 AT 11AM**

In the chair: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh
Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick, Denis Hynes and Michael McCarthy
In attendance: Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Michael Leahy, Ms Nancy Byrne, Ms Eimear Cody and Ms Mary Mulholland

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) March Ordinary Meeting held on 20th March 2023

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

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Update on Housing in the Municipal District

Ms Eimear Cody presented a report on Housing Capital for the MD. The report provided details of:

- Housing demand
- Housing Activity – Current Projects
- S179A – Planning and Development Act Temporary Exemption for LA Housing
- Mains Water and Wastewater
- Various challenges including lack of mains water and wastewater services; limited sites; workloads / staff retentions; inordinate public expectation; cost of construction
- Tenure types

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Need for greater engagement by Uisce Eireann
- Update requested on the Ouncel, Johnstown
- Update on the provision of social housing in Kilmanagh / Tullaroan
- Update on Cost Rental Tenant in Situ (CRTiS) Scheme

Ms Eimear Cody and Ms Mary Mulholland responded to queries raised by members. Ms Mary Mulholland also provided details of the 25-29 Uisce Eireann Investment Programme and the National Review of the Rural Water Programme.

(b) Roads Update

Mr Philippe Beubry provided an update to members on resurfacing works scheduled for completion during week commencing 24th April works as follows:

- Kilmanagh to Ballyfrunk on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of April
- Ogenty and The Paddocks housing estate on Wednesday 26th April
- Moate Road, Freshford on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th April

Mr Beubry provided an update on drainage works. The works at Toortane Lane, Clogh and at Kilmanagh are complete and works at Canvarstown, Tullaroan started.

Mr Beubry also advised that Killaree Lighting Services have been appointed contractor for the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project. KLS have started the survey of the existing Public Lighting network in the Castlecomer MD.

(c) Community Involvement Scheme & Local Improvement Scheme update

Community Involvement Scheme

Mr Philippe Beubry updated members on 4 offers made under the 2023 Community Involvement Scheme.

Members raised the issue of insufficient funding for the Community Involvement Scheme.

Local Improvement Scheme

Mr Phillippe Beubry updated members on 3 offers made under the 2023 Local Improvement Scheme.

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) R639 Upgrade to National Road

Mr Philippe Beubry to follow up with Mr Seamus Kavanagh and provide a report for the May MD meeting.

(b) Low hanging / dangerous wires

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh sought clarification on where any issue with NBI wires should be reported.

It was agreed that Mr Martin Prendiville would follow up with Mr Tim Butler regarding dangerous / overhanging EIR wires.

(c) Bridge works at Goresbridge on Carlow / Kilkenny border

It was agreed Mr Philippe Beubry would liaise with his colleague in Carlow County Council and provide an update to Cllr Denis Hynes.

(d) Annual Meeting and June Ordinary Meeting

It was agreed that the MD's Annual Meeting would take place at 11am on the 16th of June and the June Ordinary meeting would follow directly afterwards.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Date:

15th May 2025