

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON MONDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2023 AT 11AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) December Ordinary Meeting held on 19th December 2022

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

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Flooding damage – update

Mr Philippe Beubry updated members on works completed prior to Christmas at Kyleballoughter, Tullaroan and Knockeenbawn, Kilmanagh necessary as a result of flood damage in late October 2022 and confirmed that both jobs will be funded under the 2023 Climate Change Adaptation Works program.

Members thanked Mr Beubry and his team for the work completed and acknowledged the swift action.

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

(a) Deputation – Johnstown Town Team

A deputation comprising Mr Brian Ryan, Ms Bernie Tobin, Ms Mary McCabe and Ms Fiona O’Sullivan attended on behalf of the Johnstown Village Team. Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh set out the procedure for receipt of deputations and acknowledged the tremendous work completed by the Team. The deputation outlined their aim to bring more vibrancy, amenities and services to the Village. Details of the existing Working Groups for which the Village Team provide a link were outlined together with the 4 pillars from the Turley Report that shaped the overall vision and drive for the Team’s Action Plan. Details of what the Team has been working on so far was provided, the support of Local Councillors and Kilkenny County Council staff acknowledged and particulars of what Kilkenny County Council can do to support the Johnstown Team provided under various headings including:

- Future plans for the Public Water System
- Dilapidated Historical Lamp Posts
- Removal of Black Bollards in front of the Church
- Maintenance work required on manholes
- Street name signage
- Reposition of recycling bins
- Crossroads at the Square dangerous
- Preservation of protected habitats and heritage sites
- The Ouncel
- Public Realm Plan
- Medial Centre

- Safer Walkway / Cycleway
- Planned Social Housing
- Recreational Hub
- Works at Canal Road, Rathdowney Road, Urlingford Road and Kilkenny Road.

Members acknowledged the comprehensive presentation provided, what has been achieved by the Team to date and the strength of people working on the ground. It was agreed that a report would be prepared for the March MD meeting on the issues raised which will be reported back to the Village Team.

(b) Items submitted by members:

- **Cllr Denis Hynes**

i Update on the delay on the works due on the Paddocks and Ogenty, Gowran.

Mr Michael Leahy confirmed that an official from the Planning Department will contact Cllr Hynes in the afternoon to provide an update on taking in charge.

ii Update on the contractor appointment for the completion of the footpath on the Ring Road, Paulstown

A report from Mr John Prendergast, Executive Engineer, Active Travel was circulated to members. Cllr Denis Hynes expressed disappointment with the information provided and asked what Kilkenny County Council can do to ensure these works proceed.

iii Update on the safety measures on the bridge in Goresbridge

A report from Mr John Prendergast, Executive Engineer, Active Travel was circulated to members.

5. Notices of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. Matters arising from minutes

None

8. Any other business

(a) Mr John Shortall, General Services Supervisor

Members acknowledged the tremendous contribution made by Mr John Shortall during his almost 20 years as General Services Supervisor in the Castlecomer West Area and wished him every success in his new position as General Services Supervisor in the Kilkenny City Area.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh concluded the meeting by wishing all present a Happy New Year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Date: 20th February 2023