

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 AT 12.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET, KILKENNY**

**In the chair:** Cllr Michael Delaney

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

**In attendance:** Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Martin Prendiville and Ms Nancy Byrne

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of:**

**(a) May meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:**

**(a) Roadworks update**

Mr Philippe Beubry circulated an update on the delivery of the 2023 Road Works Scheme. The report provided an update on: - resurfacing of the R712, the Restoration Improvement Programme, the Restoration Maintenance Programme, Drainage Works, Special Works, Grass Cutting Operations, Community Involvement Scheme, Local Improvement Scheme, B12 Programme, Public Lighting, EV Charging Points and Castlecomer HD15 Works.

Members raised the following queries:

- Clarity on the rollout of EV Charging points for smaller Villages.
- Update on report on Speed Limit Review.
- The work completed by Mr Philippe Beubry and his team was acknowledged and the need to ensure each General Services Supervisor has their full staff compliment highlighted.

Mr Philippe Beubry and Mr Martin Prendiville responded to queries raised as follows:

- Mr Philippe confirmed he will aim to have report on the Speed Limit Review for the July MD meeting.
- Mr Martin Prendiville acknowledged the staff challenges which exist across the board. The commencement of 3 General Operatives, 1 permanent and 2 temporary in the Castlecomer MD Area in the coming week was also acknowledged.

**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) Items submitted by members:-**

Cllr Denis Hynes

**(i) Add additional 60 meters to Restoration Maintenance works at Barraghcore plus road markings.**

Cllr Denis Hynes expressed complete dissatisfaction with the condition of the LP2639 Barraghcore to Goresbridge Road. Following discussion, Mr Beubry pointed out that without additional funding or removing a Scheme from the existing Programme it will not be possible to include this road for restoration improvement until the 2025 Road Works Scheme.

**(ii) Update on speed limit review.**

Dealt with under item 2(a).

**(iii) How discretionary fund is planned and what areas have benefited over the last 4 years.**

Mr Philippe Beubry confirmed the General Municipal Allocation has been used primarily for the provision of public lighting schemes throughout the entire MD and funding has also been provided to assist the Johnstown 250 Festival and Ionad Lachtain, Freshford.

**5. Notices of Motion**

(a) 1(23) Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

"That safety measures be put in place on both sides of the entrance to the newly opened playground on Kilkenny Street, in Freshford".

Cllr Cavanagh acknowledged the fantastic amenity provided and clarified from the outset that she was in no way critical of engineering staff involved in the provision of this playground. Her concern raised was for the safety of children in the event of the gate to the playground being left open.

Mr Beubry pointed out that this proposal had went through the Planning process including An Bord Pleanala, a non-controlled pedestrian crossing and driver feedback signs were in place and confirmed he will continue to monitor safety at this facility.

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Matters arising from Minutes**

(a) **The Ouncel, Johnstown**

It was agreed this item would be placed on the agenda of the Town Regeneration Team to progress.

(b) **Waste Water issue at Canal Road, Johnstown**

Mr Martin Prendiville confirmed contractors are on site to resolve the issue.

(c) **Waste Water issue at Chatsworth, Castlecomer**

Mr Martin Prendiville confirmed the Environment Team are working to identify the source of the problem.

**8. Any other business**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: Michael Delaney

Date: 17/7/23