

**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON MONDAY,
20TH MAY AT 12 NOON**

In the chair: Cllr Michael Delaney
Present: Cllrs John Brennan (via MS Teams), Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Denis Hynes
In attendance: Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Martin Prendiville and Ms Nancy Byrne
Apologies: Mr Michael Leahy

Vote of Sympathy

Cllr John Brennan extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Seamus Hennessy, Crutt, Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of:**
 - (a) **April meeting held on 15th April**
The minutes were proposed by Cllr Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.
2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**
None
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) **Public Lighting Scheme – Coon**
Mr Philippe Beubry provided details of a public lighting scheme ready to go, subject to members approval for Coon which involves the provision of 5 lights between Coon National School and the entrance to the GAA pitch at a cost of €20,000, which, if approved, will be charged to the Discretionary General Budget.

It was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Michael McCarthy and agreed that the public lighting scheme as outlined for Coon proceed.
 - (b) **Ballyragget Development Association – Pedestrianising the Old Bridge in Ballyragget**

Mr Philippe Beubry confirmed a request was received from the Ballyragget Development Association to pedestrianise the Old Bridge in Ballyragget in order to enhance the appearance of the bridge and town. Mr Beubry confirmed he was in favour of proceeding with the request on health grounds and confirmed the formal procedure will be followed, if approved.

It was proposed by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Michael Delaney and agreed that the procedure to pedestrianise the Old Bridge, Ballyragget proceed.

(c) Upcoming Local Election

Members thanked the executive, each person who provided presentations throughout the term of the Council and their fellow Councillors for the help and support provided to them. Members wished their colleagues success in the upcoming elections and expressed they wish that they would return thereafter as a group. Mr Martin Prendiville on behalf of the Executive acknowledged the very good working forum which exists, acknowledged the outstanding commitment of Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, the country's longest serving female councillor and wished all members the best of luck on the election trail.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: Michael Delaney

Date: 15th July 2024