

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON
MONDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 12AM**

In the chair: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh
Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Michael Delaney and Maurice Shortall.
In attendance: Mr Paraic Butler, Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Michael Leahy and Nancy Byrne

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) October meeting held on 21st October

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

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Ballyragget Masterplan

Ms Arlene O'Connor confirmed she was seeking formal adoption of the draft Ballyragget Masterplan presented at the October meeting of the Castlecomer MD. Ms O'Connor advised that the Ballyragget Masterplan will be the last of four Masterplans to be adopted and the main objectives of each will be implemented in the County Development Plan.

The Ballyragget Masterplan, as presented was proposed by Cllr Michael Delaney, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

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) Official opening of Abbott, Kilkenny

Members spoke of today's official opening of Abbott in Kilkenny City which, when fully up and running is expected to employ approximately 800 people. Members asked that a letter issue to the Kilkenny Municipal District requesting an upgrade of roads in the surrounding area to accommodate additional traffic associated with both Abbott and the new education and training campus for Kilkenny Carlow ETB (KCETB).

(b) New bus stop for Castlecomer

Cllr Maurice Shortall sought an update on the new bus stop proposed for Castlecomer to be located between Coady's Funeral Home and The Avalon Inn, Hotel.

Mr Paraic Butler advised he had raised the issue with TII who confirmed they were waiting for the next funding stream.

(c) Preparation for Severe Weather

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh sought confirmation arrangements were in place with IFA to assist with gritting during severe weather. Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick sought confirmation blocked inlets were receiving appropriate attention.

Mr Paraic Butler responded to the queries raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairperson: Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Date: 16/12/24