

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON  
MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 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 and Mr Michael Leahy.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of:**

**(a) September Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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

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

**(a) Castlecomer Settlement Plan – Caitriona O’Sullivan**

Ms. Caitriona O’Sullivan gave an update to the members on the preparation of the Castlecomer Settlement Plan. Pre-draft public consultation has been undertaken. Main concerns related to water supply and traffic. Director will be preparing a report on the outcome of the public consultation.

The members thanked Caitriona for the work carried out.

**(b) Ballyragget Masterplan – Arlene O’Connor**

Ms Arlene O’Connor updated the members on the Ballyragget Masterplan and circulated the Directors report on the submissions received regarding the draft plan.

It is hoped that the plan will be published before the year end. It was agreed to put the item on the agenda for adoption at the next meeting.

The members thanked Arlene and her team. They also thanked the members of the community for partaking in the consultation process.

**(c) Winter Maintenance Programme – Paraic Butler**

Mr Paraic Butler presented the members with the Winter Maintenance Programme and explained how roads were prioritised under the plan.

Cllr Mary Hilda asked that the members be given an update on the agreement with the IFA to assist during severe weather. She also requested that members of the public who provided their own grit during severe weather would have their supplies replaced as they were providing a service to the public.

Cllr John Brennan asked that a letter be written to the Minister of Agriculture in relation to funding for the removal of diseased ash trees from the roadside.

**(d) Parks Dept Update – Frank Stafford**

Mr Frank Stafford gave an update to the members on the completed and ongoing projects in the region. Funding of over €590k has been provided to playground enhancements in 2023 and 2024.

Over €1.6m has been provided under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021-2024.

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick had requested this update and congratulated Frank and his team for the great work carried out. Cllr Mary Hilda Kavanagh requested that a press release be issued highlighting the positive work carried out.

The members thanked Frank and his team.

**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 John Brennan

Traffic Management Plan for Castlecomer – Cllr John Brennan requested an update on the Traffic Management Plan.

**5. Notices of Motion**

None

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Matters arising from minutes**

None

**8. Any other business**

**(a) Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2025-2027**

The Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2025-2027 was presented by Paraic Butler. The programme was proposed by Cllr Michael McCarthy and seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick. The Programme was unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: Mary Hilda Kavanagh

Date: 18/11/24