

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON FRIDAY,
27TH JUNE AT 12 NOON**

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

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh welcomed all to the Municipal District's Annual meeting and thanked members and officials for their support throughout the year.

1. *Election of Cathaoirleach*

Proposed by: Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick
Seconded by: Cllr Michael Delaney

"That Cllr Michael McCarthy be elected Cathaoirleach"

Incoming Chairman's Address

Cllr Michael McCarthy thanked his proposer and seconder and continued as follows:-

"He stated that he was delighted to be elected today to represent you all as Chair of our MD for the next 12 months.

I want to thank Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh for her service in the role for the past year which has been a busy one.

We welcomed the development of SETU courses at the Urlingford Working Hub, Exit 4, success in securing funding applications for Urlingford and Ballyragget Community Halls and the delivery of amenity projects in many locations including Jenkinstown Woods.

I look forward to the next 12 months to further progress Urlingford as our Pathfinder town under the Town Centre First Scheme and to work towards investment in the Castlecomer Discovery Park to expand their tourist offering which is so important to the district.

In 2025 I had the opportunity to visit Penvenan in north-west France, twinned with Castlecomer and look forward to welcoming them to Castlecomer in May 2026 to celebrate 25 years of successful twinning.

Housing developments in both Johnstown and Freshford will progress in the next 12 months and I will do all that I can to get meaningful engagement with Uisce Eireann to address challenges being experienced in Castlecomer.

I'll work hard to represent our district and to make sure that our priorities are highlighted at all levels, county, regional and national. We have many opportunities to support our communities through grant funding, maintenance of amenities, our road works programme, our fire and library services and we need to make the most of all of these services. We will also call out the challenges that arise and take action to overcome them.

Many thanks for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to working closely with all members for the year ahead”.

2. Election of leas Cathaoirleach

Proposed by: Cllr Michael Delaney

Seconded by: Cllr John Brennan

“That Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick be elected leas Cathaoirleach”

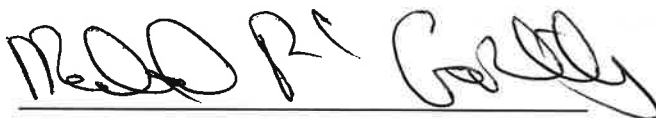
3. Agree Schedule of Ordinary Meetings July 2025 – June 2026

The schedule of Ordinary meeting as detailed below was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Michael Delaney and agreed.

July 2025	21 st July, 2025
August 2025	Summer Recess
September 2025	15 th September, 2025
October 2025	20 th October, 2025
November 2025	17 th November, 2025
December 2025	15 th December, 2025
January 2026	19 th January, 2026
February 2026	16 th February, 2026
March 2026	16 th March, 2026
April 2026	20 th April, 2026
May 2026	18 th May, 2026
June 2026	15 th June, 2026

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:



Date:

