

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 20TH
MARCH 2017 AT 10.30AM**

Chair: Cllr P Fitzpatrick

Cllrs: J Brennan, M H Cavanagh, McCarthy, P Millea and M Shortall.

Officials: M Delahunty, S Walton, N Byrne & P Beuby

Cllr P Fitzpatrick opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of :-

(a) February Meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District held on 20th February 2017.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr M McCarthy, seconded by Cllr J Brennan and agreed:- "That the minutes of the February Meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District held on 20th February 2017 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Draft Road Works Scheme, Schedule of Municipal Works and General Municipal Allocation

Draft Road Works Scheme, Schedule of Municipal Works and breakdown of the €50,000 General Municipal Allocation was circulated to the members.

Draft Road Works Scheme

PBeubry referred to the Draft Road Works Scheme circulated and went through the scheme in detail with the members. He also outlined:

- Details of total allocation received from the Department.
- Programme as presented meets spending requirements of the Department with 28% of expenditure on Regional Roads.
- Johnswell Kilderry included instead of Freynestown to Grange Hill road.
- Postponement of 500m section of work on R502 at Baunmore
- Draft Programme as presented in same format as previous years with each area getting similar share of funding.

Contributions were received from the members in relation to the following:

- P Beubry was complimented and thanked for varied and fair Road Works Scheme delivered and his engagement with the members and excellent work over the past 10 years was acknowledged.
- Members expressed agreement with decision to include Johnswell Kilkderry road.
- Need for flexibility to bring schemes forward was acknowledged
- Request to consider New Line Ballycomey for inclusion as soon as possible

- Clarification was sought in respect of works involved under: footpath reconstruction at Brookfield Ballyragget, Drainage at Coon East and footpath reconstruction in Castlecomer.

Adoption of Road Works Scheme for Castlecomer Municipal District.

It was proposed by Cllr P Millea, seconded by Cllr J Brennan and resolved:-
 "That the proposed Road Works Scheme as circulated at the Municipal District Meeting held on 20th March, 2017, be and is hereby adopted

General Municipal Allocation

(a) 2017 Proposed Public Lighting Schemes

P Beubry went through proposed public lighting schemes in detail with the members .

Contributions were received from the members in relation to the following:

- Progress achieved with public lighting as a result of allocation of this resource was acknowledged
- Members acknowledged that the schemes presented were fair and balanced.
- Cllr M McCarthy requested that public lighting at Mill Road be considered for inclusion in the next scheme.
- Council policy in relation to provision of single light was raised.

S Walton noted majority of allocation going towards roads projects and suggested to members that consideration be given to use of the allocation in other areas such as amenity or tourism projects.

(b) Feasibility Study for the provision of a pedestrian bridge in Castlecomer

S Walton advised that the next step is to invite quotations. He advised that the brief would include connectivity between the town and the Discovery Park. S Walton also advised that some assistance to the project could be provided under the Road Works Scheme for eg. kerblines.

(c) Traffic Survey and report on the junction of the N78 with the R694 , Barrack Street, Castlecomer

Contributions were received from the members in relation to the following:

- Need for controlled crossing at Post Office
- That report would be a comprehensive report and take account of all movement and expected future movement including Respond Housing and development at Donaguile.
- Junction at top of Barrick Street looked at in conjunction with Respond Housing.
- Traffic improvements at this junction will influence future development in the town.

S Walton confirmed price had been obtained from Road Plan. He advised that he recently attended meeting of Castlecomer Community Development Group where issues were raised in relation to this junction. He advised that Road Plan will be appointed on foot of this meeting and issues raised at both meetings will be passed on. He advised that report prepared by Road Plan will be a separate report to that prepared in respect of Respond Housing and development at Donaguile.

Adoption of Schedule of Municipal District Works for Castlecomer Municipal District.

It was proposed by Cllr J Brennan, seconded by Cllr M McCartyhy and resolved:-

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2017, as circulated at the Municipal District Meeting held on 20th March, 2017, be and is hereby adopted.”

3. **Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council for transaction at such meeting.**

4. **Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting**
Items submitted by members:-
Cllr M H Cavanagh
 - (a) **Removal of abandoned and derelict caravan and rubbish from the Knockshinraw area.**

N Byrne advised that this issue has been referred to D Gallagher, Environment Services and she will follow up with him.

 - (b) **Renewed request for driver feedback signs on the Rathdowney Road near the school and replacement of existing periodic school signs which have been out of order for some time.**

P Beuby confirmed periodic school signs have recently been replaced and provision has been made under 2017 Low Cost Accident Schemes for driver feedback signs at this location.

5. **Notice of Motion**

No item was raised

6. **Correspondence**

No item was raised

7. Matters arising from minutes

No item was raised

8. Any other business

(a) Traffic Count for the Square, Castlecomer

Issue dealt with under item 2.

(b) Need for off street parking in Castlecomer

Cllr J Brennan acknowledged that the Traffic Management Plan has improved this issue, however asked that problem receives further attention and investigation.

(c) Leak at Galmoy Rural Water Supply Scheme

Cllr M H Cavanagh sought clarification as to whom she should report leak in respect of Galmoy Rural Water Supply Scheme and was advised by S Walton of appointment by Kilkenny County Council of permanent caretaker whose duties will involve caretaking of this treatment plant and network on behalf of Irish Water.

(d) Local Improvement Scheme

Cllr J Brennan enquired whether a response had been received from the Department in relation to restoration of specific allocation. Cllr M McCarthy advised that Bobby Aylward TD had raised this question in the Dail recently and was advised that it was not Government intention to restore specific allocation. A conversation ensued at it was agreed Cllr P Fitzpatrick who is on the executive of AIG would raise with the Minister.

(e) Weed Control

Possibility of spraying weeds at roadside was raised and agreed would be brought to Area Engineers meeting for discussion.

(f) Galmoy Mines

It was agreed N Louw would attend the next meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District to deal with Galmoy Mines. It was also agreed this meeting would commence at 11.am and be held in committee and ordinary meeting would commence at 11.30.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____