

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 20TH OF NOVEMBER AT 11.00 AM

Chair: Cllr John Brennan

Cllrs: Cllrs Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea and Maurice Shortall.

Officials: Philippe Beubry, Michael Delahunty, Mary Mulholland, Nancy Byrne & Eimear Cody

1. Confirmation of Minutes of :-

(a) October Meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer

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

(b) Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

2 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Priority 3 Routes under the 2017/18 Winter Maintenance Programme.

Philippe Beubry advised members that there is no scope to alter the existing Priority 3 Winter Maintenance route. It was agreed that a map of the route would be circulated to the members at the December Municipal meeting.

Contributions were received from the members in respect of the following:

- Philippe Beubry and staff of the Castlecomer Area Office were thanked for additional work along with salting of Priority 3 route completed during severe weather.
- Cllr Maurice Shortall sought details of criteria for inclusion under the Priority 3 route.
- Work done in conjunction with the IFA during severe weather was discussed and reference made to recent meeting involving Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer and the IFA.

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

None

4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting.

Items submitted by the members

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

- (a) **Salting of the R435, Johnstown to County Bounds.**
P Beubry confirmed that this route is included under the Priority 3 Winter Maintenance route.
- (b) **Upgrading of lights in Galmoy Village.**
Philippe Beubry to investigate for inclusion under CLAR funding.

Cllr Maurice Shortall

- (a) **Preventative Maintenance / Weed Control.**
Cllr Maurice Shortall outlined his concern in respect of weeds in our towns and villages and asked if a revised policy to include a mechanism behind a tractor could be examined for 2018. Philippe Beubry outlined details of works to tackle weed control completed by the 4 Overseers in the Municipal District.
- (b) **New Line Restoration.**
It was proposed by Cllr Maurice Shortall and seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick that this road would be the first to be completed under the 2018 road programme.

5. **Notice of Motion**
None.

6. **Correspondence**
None.

7. **Matters arising from minutes**

(a) **Eir poles**
Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh enquired whether an update had been received from Eir in respect of dangerous poles after Storm Ophelia, Michael Delahunty to pursue.

(b) **Dangerous Trees**
The issue of dangerous roadside trees was raised. Mary Mulholland advised that she had issued a notification after Storm Ophelia asking landowners to look at trees situated along roadside boundaries and will arrange for another reminder to issue.

(c) **Insurance**
Members sought clarity around insurance cover for staff driving during a yellow or red weather warning.

8. **Any other business**

(a) **Bring Banks**
Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh raised the issue of illegal dumping at Johnstown bring banks and asked that arrangements be made for either banks to be emptied more frequently or an additional white glass facility to be provided. She also requested that a location for bring banks in Urlingford be identified

as a matter of urgency. Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick enquired in relation to current status of upgrade of bring banks nationally and Mary Mulholland updated members in respect of same.

(b) Recast RAPID Programme funding

Michael Delahunty presented to the members proposals from LCDC for €64,500 funding received under recast RAPID Programme funding. The proposals presented were proposed by Cllr Maurice Shortall, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

(c) Part 8 – Housing Development at Donaguile, Castlecomer

Mary Mulholland confirmed that this item is included on the agenda of the November Council meeting. Eimear Cody made a presentation to the members and outlined details of 3 formal submissions received.

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

- Clarification sought in respect of allocation of 33 units.
- Thanks to Eimear Cody and Michael McGarry for public consultation held in Castlecomer.
- Clarification sought as to Council's policy for dealing with submissions received.
- Design issues at the entrance discussed.

Eimear Cody was thanked for presentation provided and withdrew from the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____