**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 11.30AM**

**Chair: Cllr P Millea**

**Present: Cllrs J Brennan, MH Cavanagh, P Fitzpatrick, M McCarthy, and M Shortall.**

**In attendance: P Beubry, Castlecomer Area Engineer**

**M Delahunty, Meetings Administrator**

**S McKeown, Community & Enterprise**

**S O’Connor, Community & Enterprise**

**MJMulholland, Director of Services**

**B Mernagh, Water Services**

**N Byrne, Area Staff Officer**

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of: -**

**Castlecomer Municipal District held on 19th October 2015**

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr P Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr J Brennan and agreed.

1. **Local Economic and Community Plan – Next Phase of Consultations P**resentation by Sean McKeown and Stephen O’Connor

Copies of both the draft Economic and Community Actions to be included in the Local Economic and Community Plan were circulated to the members. SMcKeown advised that there are 4 phases in the preparation of the Plan and it is currently at Phase 3. He advised that the LECP will be a 6 year plan which will be reviewed annually and is due for adoption by Kilkenny County Council in December 2015. He advised that the economic dimension of the Action Plan is supported by nine high level goals. The nine high level goals are built upon a suite of eleven objectives that underpin the Action Plan. Each objective within the economic element will be achieved through the implementation of specific time bound and measurable actions. Actions relevant to the Municipal District were discussed in detail.

Members acknowledged that it was a fine document with a lot of aspirations. A conversation ensued in respect of the need to co-ordinate with lending institutions and agencies including banks and credit unions on the ground, possibility of expanding the tourist route in the Castlecomer area, how the plan will work with the rates programme and the non availability of broadband in some areas of the North Kilkenny Area.

Members requested an annual update on the LECP.

S McKeown & S O’Connor were thanked for the informative presentation and withdrew from the meeting.

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

**Roads**

1. **Priority 3 Winter Maintenance**

P Beubry circulated to the members details of revised priority 3 winter maintenance routes. Members were also notified of 2 routes which have been re prioritised from priority 3 to priority 2 routes, the R694 and the R435. Members welcomed details of the revised routes.

The practise of depositing grit at strategic locations was raised. PBeubry confirmed this practise will continue.

1. **Road Works Programme Progress Report**

P Beubry circulated to the members Road Works Programme Progress Report and dealt with members queries.

Members acknowledged the volume of work which had been achieved by PBeubry and staff throughout the year and expressed their gratitude for same.

1. **Gateway Scheme**

PBeubry circulted to the members update on Gateway Scheme and dealt with members queries. He confirmed that that Gateway Workers work area is within the 50km zone and that their duties can include cleaning gullies. He also confirmed that there is scope for a Gateway worker in Oakhill Estate when the estate is taken in charge.

1. **Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting**

**Items submitted by members:- Cllr M H Cavanagh**

**a) Provision of a turning lane at Parksgrove, Ballyragget from main Durrow/**

**Ballyragget Road towards Lisdowney**

PBeubry advised that he will discuss with the Road Design Office

**b) Potholes at Pollock, Kilmanagh**

PBeubry confirmed that the rosco was working in this area approximately two weeks ago.

**c) Covering of drain at Lisdowney**

PBeubry advised that he had spoken with residents involved last week.

**d) Ramp at Togher Way, Urlingford.**

PBeubry advised that he will include a request for funding under Low Cost Accident Schemes 2016.

1. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

No items were raised.

1. **Any Other Business**

**Galmoy / Lundin Mine**

MJMulholland  updated meeting on progress under the mine closure process at Galmoy/Lundin Mine, including future arrangements relating to the rural water supply scheme.

Further progress in the coming months to be notified to members.

**Road safety issues at Coakely’s, Barna**

Cllr MH Cavanagh raised concerns in relation to road safety issues at Coakleys’s, Barna and queried whether works at this location would be included in the 2016 Road Works Programme. It was agreed PBeubry would contact Mr Coakley.

**Bridge Street, Freshford**

Cllr M H Cavanagh raised issue of dangerous parking opposite Chemist at Bridge Street, Freshford. PBeubry to investigate.

It was agreed the next meeting would take place at 11.30am on 21st of December.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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