

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 10.30 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, and Nancy Byrne

**Members extended vote of sympathy to the following:**

- Colette Byrne on the death of her mother in law
- Pat Hurley, GSS on the death of his mother
- Pat Mullally, Machinery Yard on the death of his father
- McEvoy Family, Crosspatrick on the death of Kieran McEvoy

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

**(a) Item 1, dealt with in committee at February meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer**

Proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

**(b) February meeting of the Municipal District of Castlecomer**

Proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

None

**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 Maurice Shortall**

**(a) Upgrade to uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Castlecomer Community Hall, Kilkenny Street to a fully controlled pedestrian crossing with appropriate lights.**

Following discussion by the members it was agreed Philippe Beubry would pursue this proposal with TII in conjunction with Road Design Section for inclusion in the HD15 Program and provide progress report for April meeting.

**Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh**

**(a) Flooding at Forkhill, Urlingford between Powers and Brennans**

Philippe Beubry to investigate.

**(b) Flooding at Tinchassel, Urlingford near Byrons**

Philippe Beubry to investigate.

**(c) Road at Poul Mour, Kildrinagh**

Philippe Beubry confirmed that this road will be considered for inclusion in the next 3 Year Schedule of Municipal District Works.

**5. Notice of Motion**

None

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Matters arising from minutes**

**(a) Community based CCTV Scheme – alternative funding**

Michael Delahunty advised members that a meeting with KLP hadn't taken place yet but is imminent.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Requirement for current CCTV Scheme to be revamped in its entirety.
- Statistics prove the benefits of having a CCTV Scheme in place.
- Agreement reached that a representative from the Department of Justice be requested to attend the Castlecomer Municipal District Meeting to discuss the CCTV scheme.

**(b) Castlecomer Riverside Pedestrian Bridge**

Michael Delahunty advised that re-design options are being examined and discussions with TII for support are ongoing.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Michael Delahunty and staff were thanked for work completed to date.
- Need for TII to be cognisant of current dangers and urgent need for delivery of this project.
- Support of Gardai and co-operation of landowner acknowledged and highlighted.
- Significance of this project to assist the town reach its potential highlighted.

**8. Any other business**

**Storm Emma**

Excellent work completed by Philippe Beubry and staff attached to the Castlecomer Area Office during Storm Emma acknowledged by all the members. Work completed by Tim Butler, Director of Services, those who

manned helpline, Private Contractors, Fire Services and Met Eireann also acknowledged.

### **Deteriorated roads as a result of severe weather**

Proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that letter be send to the Department seeking separate additional allocation to tackle damaged roads as a result of recent severe weather.

### **Eir**

Program of works completed by Eir in the past to replace leaning poles etc acknowledged. Members agreed that Eir would be invited to attend Municipal District Meeting to provide update to members in respect of volume of work outstanding including leaning poles and dangling wires.

### **Items for Agenda**

Mary Mulholland advised that going forward, it is intended to invite people in to each Municipal District meeting to provide presentation to the members. She asked members to forward any suggestions for inclusion to Nancy Byrne. It was agreed that only one presentation would be provided per month and if a deputations was listed for the meeting, no presentation would be provided. Members agreed that GDPR would form the first presentation.

### **N78**

Members requested that consideration be given to the provision of public lighting on the N78 in conjunction with overlay works scheduled. Philippe Beubry advised that it is not the policy of TII to provide public lighting outside the 50km zone. Following discussion, agreement was reached that provision of driver feedback signs at Coolbawn be examined.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_