

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 11.00AM.**

**In the chair:** Cllr Michael McCarthy

**Present:** Cllrs John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick and Denis Hynes

**In attendance:** Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Philippe Beubry and Ms Nancy Byrne

**Apologies:** Ms Anne Maria Walsh

**Vote of Sympathy:**

The members joined with the Cathaoirleach in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the families of the following:

- Mr Edward Holohan, Donaguile, Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny and
- Mr Seamus Walsh, Maryville, Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny

**Opening address**

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the following:

- Funding approved by the Department of Education for significant works at Coláiste Mhuire, Johnstown.
- Major jobs boost for Castlecomer with the development of the former Glanbia Creamery Site.

Members raised the following queries /observations:

- Additional funding for Coláiste Mhuire and the education sector was welcomed.
- The significance for Johnstown of this additional funding for Coláiste Mhuire together with a planned Health Check for the town was acknowledged.
- Major jobs boost for Castlecomer was welcomed.
- Traffic management in Castlecomer to be kept under review.

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

**(a) January Monthly Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:**

**(a) Broadband**

Members acknowledged that this item will be covered during the National Broadband Ireland presentation included on the agenda of this afternoon's Plenary Council Meeting.

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

None

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

None

5. **Notices of Motion**

None

6. **Correspondence**

None

7. **Matters arising from minutes**

None

8. **Any other business**

(a) **Roads Works – update**

An update on road works was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Members raised the following queries / observations:

- The significance of the drainage and drainage maintenance work completed was acknowledged and Mr Philippe Beubry and his team were thanked for their work.

(b) **Government Funding**

Mr Martin Prendiville advised that confirmation on a Government compensation package for 2020 relating to the loss of income from goods and services and the additional costs incurred due to Covid-19 is expected within the next couple of weeks.

Mr Prendiville also advised the meeting that confirmation of the Roads Grants for 2021 had not yet been officially received by Kilkenny County Council.

(c) **Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws**

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick requested that a review of the County's Casual Trading Bye-Laws be completed in conjunction with the review of the City's Bye-Laws which has commenced.

It was agreed that Mr Martin Prendiville would pursue this issue with Environment Section.

(d) **Ramps – Clogh Village**

Cllr John Brennan thanked Mr Philippe Beubry for the ramps provided in Clogh Village and acknowledged the minor amendments to the ramps which are scheduled for completion.

(e) **Illegal Dumping & Dog Fouling**

Members raised the following queries/ observations:

- A large increase in illegal dumping and dog fouling incidents since the commencement of the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- The work completed by the Environment Section to tackle the problem of illegal dumping was acknowledged including plans for door to door visits to investigate waste disposal methods postponed as a result of Covid 19.
- Improved measures to tackle dog fouling required.
- Control of unauthorised waste collectors.
- The volume of CCTV footage which Environmental Enforcement Officers are required to review was raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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