**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON FRIDAY 3RD OF JUNE DIRECTLY AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE AT 2.00PM**

**Chair: Cllr P Fitzpatrick**

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

**Officials: P Beubry, M Delahunty, M Mulholland, N Byrne & D Breen**

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of :**

**April Meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District held on 18th April 2016**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr M Mc Carthy, seconded by Cllr M Shortall and agreed:- “That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District held on the 18th April 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”

**May Meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District held on 16th May 2016**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr M McCarthy, seconded by Cllr J Brennan and agreed. “That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District held on the 16th May 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”

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

* **Road Works Programme update for the District**

Members agreed that in view of time constraints at today’s meeting that this item be marked as ‘read’ and any queries would be dealt with at the July meeting.

* **National Road Overlay Projects 2016**

Members agreed that in view of time constraints at today’s meeting that this item be marked as ‘read’ and any queries would be dealt with at the July meeting.

1. **Environment**

* Burial Grounds Survey

Details of Local Authority Burial Ground Assessment 2016 was circulated with items 8 – 13 referring to the Castlecomer Municipal District. M Delahunty advised that additional funding will be provided on top of the general burial ground maintenance budget and works will be completed in 2016. He advised that burial grounds which achieved a lesser rating are not included on the list.

1. **Planning**

* **Review of the Castlecomer Local Area Plan**

D Breen provided detailed and informative presentation to the members on review of Castlecomer Local Area Plan under the following headings:

* What is a Local Area Plan.
* Current Castlecomer LAP status.
* Timeframes for LAP review process.
* Summary of works being carried out.
* Public Consultation
* Outline of Key Policies.

Whilst the members acknowledged the many positives in the area including probability of sale of Comerama Site, proposed hotel development in Castlecomer, Castlecomer Discovery Park as a major tourist attraction and restoration improvement works due for completion on the N78 they expressed their concern at population decline of 4.9% identified in the 2011 census. D Breen advised that 2016 census figures will also be used when available. Members expressed their concern that this LAP would recognise this population decline. They acknowledged the very positive step of the involvement of local children in the public consultation process and requested that the public consultation period be extended to September 2016. Issue of delay of upgrade of waste water infrastructure on the Clogh/Moneenroe Scheme was also raised.

D Breen was thanked for an interesting and informative presentation and withdrew from the meeting.

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

**Items submitted by members:-**

**Cllr M Shortall**

1. **Update on Traffic Count / Traffic Lights / Traffic Management Plan for Castlecomer.**

P Beubry advised that he has spoken to F Stafford, Road Design who has advised that the matter is with consultants who will focus on data gathering for 2 junctions.

1. **Uncontrolled Crossing - Kilkenny Street Castlecomer.**

P Beubry advised that he will consider for inclusion under 2017 Low Cost Schemes.

1. **New Public Lights Switch on at Massford, Moneenroe**

P Beubry confirmed that he is waiting for the ESB to complete the necessary works.

1. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

**Sign on the approach to Coolbawn**

Cllr M Shortall raised the issue that sign on the approach to Coolbawn is still not working. P Beubry confirmed that he had referred the issue to Elmores and will pursue again with them.

**Speed limit review**

Members sought clarification as to when second Municipal meeting in respect of speed limit review will take place and also sought confirmation that a further opportunity would be afforded for submissions. P Beubry clarified situation in respect of further submissions and is to clarify with D Murphy as to when second meeting will take place.

**Deerpark**

Cllr M Shortall queried whether the purchase of driver feedback sign to be relocated to this and other locations would be a better option to deal with speeding traffic rather than forwarding an application to the Department for inclusion under Low Cost Scheme.

1. **Any Other Business**

**Bring Banks in Freshford - illegal dumping**

Cllr M H Cavanagh raised the issue of ongoing problem of illegal dumping at bring banks in Freshford. She sought clarification whether a cctv camera had been installed and whether the Council had been successful in fining offenders. Members were in agreement that the current location is not a suitable. Cllr M McCarthy advised that he understands the location is unsuitable for the installation of cameras and it is a matter of waiting for contractors to finish at old site before banks can be relocated to the former position. M Mulholland clarified that a cctv camera had been installed at the location, however, the Council were unable to identify registration numbers from the footage obtained.

**Upgrading of Waste Water Infrastructure for Clogh / Moneenroe**

Cllr J Brennan advised of his disappointment and dissatisfaction with recent response received from Irish Water advising that it would be 5 years before the Waste Water infrastructure for Clogh / Moneenroe would be upgraded and spoke of the implications for housing development. Cllr P Fitzpatrick asked to be associated with these comments. M Mulholland advised that a written guarantee had been received from Irish Water advising that timeline for infrastructure upgrade will not impact development of 12 houses proposed for Clogh Village. A conversation ensued and it was agreed that a representative from Irish Water would be invited to the September meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District. It was agreed that the date of the September meeting would be altered to accommodate Irish Water representative if necessary.

**Works at Rathpatrick**

Cllr MH Cavanagh thanked P Beubry and staff for excellent work completed at Rathpatrick.

The media were thanked for their attendance.

Members agreed that the July meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District would take place on 18th of July at 11am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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