

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER HELD ON MONDAY, 15TH MAY 2023 AT 11AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET, KILKENNY

In the chair: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh
Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Denis Hynes and Michael McCarthy
Apologies: Cllr Michael Delaney
In attendance: Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Martin Prendiville, Ms Nancy Byrne and Mr Steve Coverdale

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) April Ordinary Meeting held on 17th April 2023

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

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Broadband

Mr Steve Coverdale updated members on Broadband related matters in North Kilkenny:

- Rollout status per Kilkenny Deployment Area (DA) provided.
- Update on NBI work ongoing.
- Details of how to keep up to date with NBI provided.
- Castlecomer - Cellnex still waiting for site owners to sign agreement.
- Urlingford - Bank of Ireland Site – financial feasibility stopped 500Mb connections. Development of site had ‘stalled’, but now progressing and will order the 150Mb connection to get services started.
- Cellnex granted a S254 licence for telecoms pole in Urlingford in September 2021 – still waiting for ESB connection to monopole.
- Cellnex looking at a potential of a larger site probably adjacent to the M8 during 2022 - no further progress on other possible sites.

Members thanked Mr Coverdale for the work completed and acknowledged what has been achieved.

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

(a) Extinguishment of Public Right of Way – Grange Lower, Goresbridge

It was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Denis Hynes and agreed that the Municipal District of Castlecomer hereby approve of the proposal to extinguish the public right of way at County Road number L6688 in the townland of Grange Lower, Goresbridge with an approximate length of 512 metres.

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

(a) Items submitted by members:

- Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick

Safety Improvement Works at Kanesbridge

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick raised concern regarding junction safety at Kanesbridge Cross Roads. Cllr John Brennan concurred with concerns raised.

Following discussion, Mr Philippe Beubry confirmed that he would include an application under the 2024 Low Cost Accident Scheme for improvement works at this location and in the interim 4 ‘Slow’ road markings would be provided.

5. **Notices of Motion**

None

6. **Correspondence**

None

7. **Matters arising from Minutes**

(a) **Annual and June Ordinary Meeting**

Members agreed revised start times for the Annual and June Ordinary meeting of 12 noon and 12.15pm respectively on the 16th of June.

(b) **Bridge works at Goresbridge on Carlow / Kilkenny border**

Mr Philippe Beubry confirmed he had spoken to his colleague Mr Seamus Loughlin, Carlow County Council and provided details of a trial traffic light system to be implemented in early September.

8. **Any other business**

(a) **The Ouncel, Johnstown**

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh sought an update on The Ouncel, Johnstown. It was agreed an update would be provided at the June meeting.

(b) **Waste water issues in Johnstown and Castlecomer**

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick spoke of an ongoing waste water issue in both Johnstown and Castlecomer. It was agreed both members would provide further information to Mr Martin Prendiville for follow up with Water Services.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: Michael Delaney

Date: 16-6-2023