

MINUTES OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 11.45 AM IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET, KILKENNY

In the Chair: Cllr Michael McCarthy

Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick and Maurice Shortall

Apologies: Cllr Michael Delaney

Officials: Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Michael Leahy, Ms Nancy Byrne and Mr Philippe Beubry

Apologies: Mr Paraic Butler

Announcements:

- (a) Members extended congratulations to the Muckalee Ladies Gaelic Football Team on their All-Ireland Club Championship victory
- (b) Cllr Michael McCarthy welcomed Mr Philippe Beubry and thanked him for deputising today for Mr Paraic Butler who is currently on annual leave.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) Ordinary meeting held 17th November 2025

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Report on Farronrory Wind Farm Road Reinstatement at 12/12/25

An update on Farronrory Wind Farm Road Reinstatements at 12/12/25 prepared by Mr Paraic Butler was circulated to the meeting. Members acknowledged the situation with MPC Civil Engineering works had improved however, Cllr Michael McCarthy expressed regret at the number of man hours spent with contractors to attain compliance with road opening licences.

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

Items submitted by members:

(a) Cllr John Brennan

i Update from Uisce Éireann in relation to progress on the Castlecomer Public Water Supply

Cllr John Brennan spoke of his disappointment with a lack of any response or engagement from Uisce Éireann on this issue. He acknowledged the €5m spent upgrading the Waste Water Treatment Plant but advised the expected completion date for an upgrade of the Clogh / Castlecomer Water Supply was not acceptable citing the impact on future development in Castlecomer and the surrounding areas. Cllr Brennan spoke regarding a very viable solution highlighted by Cllr Fitzpatrick at the November MD meeting and proposed that Uisce Éireann be invited to attend the MD's January meeting.

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick echoed issues raised by Cllr Brennan. He advised he went privately to Uisce Éireann more than 12 months ago with details of the potential of the Radestown Reservoir but to date has heard nothing back. He spoke regarding the cost of trial holes which are yielding no benefit. Cllr Fitzpatrick asked that the Executive write to Uisce Éireann and request that an urgent response on the issues raised be received prior to Christmas.

Mr Martin Prendiville reminded members the Council no longer has a say with Uisce Éireann. He confirmed he had referred issues raised by the members at the MDs November meeting to the Council's Water Section, he confirmed he will request Uisce Éireann to attend the MD's January meeting and reminded members that they also need to use their direct line to Uisce Éireann. Mr Prendiville confirmed he will raise the issues raised at today's MD meeting at the MTM.

Cllr Maurice Shortall highlighted all that is required is approximately 6 /7 km of piping and asked that the Council continue to keep pressure on Uisce Éireann.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh proposed and it was agreed by all that this issue would be moved from the MD agenda and dealt with instead at the Plenary. Cllr Cavanagh advised the item would be included on either the January or February Plenary agenda.

Cllr Fitzpatrick also raised the issue of maintenance of sewerage manholes. He spoke regarding manholes servicing sewerage lines frequently located in back yards and advised that Uisce Éireann have confirmed that from January 2026 they will no longer carry out maintenance of these manholes. Cllr Fitzpatrick requested that clarification be sought from Uisce Éireann on this issue.

ii Reception and presentation for Clogh Handball Club celebrating 100 years of outstanding achievements

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh spoke regarding agreement at the CPG that local receptions / presentations such as the above would be dealt with at MD level.

It was agreed that this reception and presentation would take place at 12.15 after the MDs February meeting which would commence at 11.30 .

(b) Cllr Maurice Shortall

i Discussion on Fire Hydrants in Clogh Village at the request of Castlecomer Fire Brigade

Cllr Maurice Shortall asked that Uisce Éireann be requested to carry out tests on fire hydrants in Clogh Village at the request of the Castlecomer Fire Officer following a recent incident which noted low water pressure.

Mr Martin Prendiville confirmed he will follow up with the Fire Officer in the first instance.

5. Notices of Motion

12(25) Cllr Maurice Shortall

"That Kilkenny County Council find resources within our 2026 budget to provide footpath maintenance on the N78 between Coolbawn and Moneenroe. The path is very overgrown with grass and residents are not happy. It's a very dangerous road not to have an accessible footpath."

Cllr Shortall acknowledge that the item raised in the Notice of Motion had been dealt with by Mr Philippe Beubry at a recent SPC meeting.

6. Correspondence

none

7. Matters arising from minutes

None

8. Any other business

(a) Maintenance of Footpaths – Tullavolty, Johnstown

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh requested maintenance of footpaths located at Tullavolty, Johnstown to remove moss and weeds.

(b) Thanks

Members thanked Mr Paraic Butler and his team and also Mr Martin Prendiville and Mr Michael Leahy for the excellent work completed throughout the year

(b) EV Strategy & Local EV Infrastructure Plan Webinar

Mr Philippe Beubry provided details of an EV Strategy & Local EV Infrastructure Plan Webinar scheduled for Tuesday 16th December.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:



Date:



