



COMHAIRLE CONTAE  
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CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

March 8th, 2023

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend **Council Meeting** to be held on **Monday, 13th March 2023** at **2:00 pm** in **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Athy Road, Carlow.**

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**Eamonn Brophy**

**Senior Executive Officer / Meetings Administrator**

# Agenda

**1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí of meeting held on Monday 13th February at 2.00 p.m.**

**2.0 Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of Council/Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle**

2.1 Review of Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

2.2 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) - lease of New Oak Community Centre, New Oak, Carlow.

2.3 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 - lease of 0.361 acres on land at St. Mullins, Co. Carlow.

2.4 LCDC Membership

2.5 Arts Grants 2023

2.6 Festival and Event Fund

2.7 Local Authority Climate Action Plan

2.8 Carlow Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 -2025

2.9 Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023

**3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations/Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Mholtaí**

3.1 Carlow County Museum Annual Report 2021

3.2 Carlow County Council Roads Grants 2023

3.3 Carlow Southern Relief Road - Project Manager

3.4 Active Travel Study Trip - Presentation by Cllr. W. Paton

3.5 Request to make Presentation to Council

3.6 Training & Conference Approvals

**4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh**

## **5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

### **6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin**

#### **6.1 Standing in the names of Cllrs B. O'Donoghue, F. Phelan, J. McDonald and W. Paton**

"That it is the policy of Carlow County Council to encourage active travel in our towns and on our roads, with particular focus on the prioritisation of pedestrians and cyclists via segregated routes and shared spaces, where appropriate, in the interest of a safer and healthier Carlow for all public realm and road users"

#### **6.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace**

Noting that last year was the worst year on record for violence against women. Noting the statements by local Government TDs and Ministers that Carlow was due to have a refuge by 2024 this council condemns the recent revelation by Minister Harris in response to a Parliamentary Question that Carlow is not on the list for any refuge spaces in 2024. As such this council will write to the Minister for Justice, The Taoiseach and all local Government TDs calling for urgent action and a commitment that Carlow will have a refuge in place by the end of this year at the latest.

\*\*For Reference, the Parliamentary Question was asked on 16/2/23 by Paul Murphy TD. Minister Harris stated "The Government has agreed to prioritise the delivery of 98 refuge spaces in Sligo, Cavan/Monaghan, Cork City, North Cork, West Cork, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Westmeath, Portlaoise, Balbriggan, Longford, Carlow and Offaly. In the initial phase of this work, we expect to have delivered 24 places in Wexford, Dundalk and Navan in 2024."

#### **6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace**

"That this council seek legal advice on ensuring the continuation of a Carlow County-wide eviction ban in the event the Government fails to extend the national eviction ban."

#### **6.4 Standing in the name of Cllr. John McDonald**

"Irish Water is not fit for purpose. We know they are causing obstruction to the construction of housing due to lack of water and waste water infrastructure. In Carlow two projects are delayed because of Irish Water (Ardattin and Ballinabranna). Carlow County Council will write to the Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, requesting Irish Water is returned to the local Authorities control and that Irish Water is not to be privatised."

#### **6.5 Standing in the name of Cllr. Andy Gladney**

I Cllr Andy Gladney ask Carlow County council to make representations to the minister of health with regards to the diminishing number of dentists taking medical cards.. A significant number of contracted dentists across the country have withdrawn from the dental treatment service scheme (DTSS). At present most community health care dentists are at full capacity and unable to take on patients. Medical card patients are being dropped by dentists no longer accepting medical card holders and finding it near impossible to find another practice who take medical cards or have the capacity to take them on as a patient. The number of people being treated by the dental treatment service scheme is dropping year on year. There is a lack of primary early dental check ups causing delays in referrals for orthodontic care and early intervention treatments. There is around 13,000 children awaiting orthodontic

treatment. Underpayment has led to an exodus of dentists from medical card schemes and leading to massive delays. I ask we call on this government to take action now . They need to improve access to dental care in an equitable and sustainable manner for all , across all income groups . We need a complete review of the system. We need to support investments in addressing staff shortages right across the dental sector.

## **7.0 Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh**