

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the July Meeting of Carlow County Council, held on
Monday, 12th July 2021 at 2.00 p.m. in G.B. Shaw Theatre,
Visual, Old Dublin Road, Carlow.**

In Attendance: Councillor F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor J. McDonald
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor T. O'Neill
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor J. Murphy
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor W. Quinn
Councillor A. Wallace
Councillor A. Gladney

Remote: Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor C. Murphy

Present: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services, Transportation,
Environment & Water Services, Building Control & Emergency
Services
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing, Community,
Recreation & Amenity
Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer, Water Services
Mr. J. Shortall, County Librarian
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & HR
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
(*Remote*)
Ms. T. Hickson, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Services

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- On the tragic death of Ms. Tiggy Hancock, Corries House, Corries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cliodhna Nolan, Rathellen, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, on her success competing in the World Rowing Championships in Italy
- Marcus Lawlor who has been selected to represent Ireland in the Olympics
- Sam Watson who has been selected to represent Ireland in the Olympics
- Molly Scott on her success in the European Championships

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 14th June 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor: A. Dalton

Seconded by Councillor: T. O'Neill

And

Following a show of hands, it was resolved:-

'That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 14th June 2021 at 2.00 p.m., having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy, and accordingly signed'.

1.2 Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 14th June 2021 at 3.00 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor: A. McDonald

Seconded by Councillor: T. O'Neill

And

Following a show of hands, it was resolved:-

'That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 14th June 2021 at 3.00 p.m., having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy, and accordingly signed'.

Before the meeting progressed, Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer, Water Services, gave a report and update in relation to the 'Boil Water' notice. She explained that discussions were ongoing with the HSE and Irish Water, and test results were still awaited. She answered all queries from members.

2.0 Circulars / Ciorcláin

None

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

3.1 Filling of Vacancy of Kilkenny & Carlow Education & Training Board

Cllr. T. Kinsella was proposed to fill this position.

Proposed by Councillor: M. Doran

Seconded by Councillor: T. O'Neill

Agreed following a show of hands

3.2 Filling of Vacancy of Chairperson on the Transportation & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee

Cllr. A. Gladney was proposed to fill this position.

Proposed by Councillor: W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor: W. Paton

Agreed following a show of hands

3.3 Amendment of Standing Order number 17

It was proposed to extend this for 1 year.

Proposed by Councillor: T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor: F. Browne

Agreed following a show of hands

3.4 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (As amended)

Proposed construction of 6 housing units at Beechwood Drive, Ardattin, Co. Carlow

Proposed by Councillor: J. Pender

Seconded by Councillor: J. McDonald

Agreed following a show of hands

4.0 Burial Bye Laws

Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer, Water Services, requested that the draft Bye Laws would go on public display for a period of 4 weeks

Proposed by Councillor: K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor: M. Doran

Agreed following a show of hands

5.0 Review of Layout and IT in Council Chamber

Eamonn Brophy gave this report and presentation. All queries were answered.

Proposed by Councillor: T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor: F. Browne

Agreed following a show of hands

6.0 Outdoor Anti-Litter Programme 2021

Padraig O’Gorman gave this report.

Orla Barrett gave a short report and video presentation.

All queries raised were answered by both Padraig O’Gorman and Orla Barrett.

Members raised serious concerns about the overgrowth along the Barrow track and requested that the Council write to Waterways Ireland.

7.0 Chief Executive’s Report / Tuarascáil an Phíomhfheidhmeannaigh

Members discussed the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for the period to 1st June to 30th June 2021.

Issues raised by members included:-

- Relief road for Carlow town
- Exit from housing estates on the Tullow Road
- Bottleneck on the Tullow Road
- Parking on Station Road, Bagenalstown
- Rodent problem in Manor Hill apartments, Bagenalstown
- Naming of roundabout at Tinryland

- Housing refusal figures
- Carlow Castle
- Planning report requested for September meeting
- Register of Electors update
- Tullow outer relief road
- Re-opening of County Buildings

The Chief Executive, Directors, and Eamonn Brophy answered all queries raised by members.

8.0 Correspondence / Comhfhreagras

Noted

9.0 Notices of Motion / Fógraí Rúin

9.1 Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"That the current escalation of violence was instigated by the attempt to evict 28 Palestinian families from the Sheikh Jarrah area of Jerusalem as part of an ongoing and systematic campaign of illegal Israeli settlements and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their land; that Israel's military operation in Gaza amounts to war crimes; that the ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestinians, and illegal settlement expansion, represents flagrant breaches of international law; that a growing list of human rights organisations have determined that Israel's action amounts to apartheid, including the latest report by Human Rights Watch; that normal co-operation with the Israeli state is therefore untenable in these circumstances. Council recognises the rich history of solidarity and activism in Ireland with Palestinians, including very recent demonstrations, and that such solidarity can be an important tool in dismantling support for Israel's actions. Council therefore condemns the actions of the Israeli state, as listed above, and agrees to write to the Irish Government and the UK Government, urging them to expel from office, Israeli ambassadors, with immediate effect"

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: J. Cassin

Motion defeated following a show of hands

9.2 Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"To pay €800 million of public funds for a building that will be owned and operated by a private company with ties to a religious order is not acceptable and could hinder access to abortions and other essential healthcare. As such this council will write to the Taoiseach and Tanaiste to demand that the new National Maternity Hospital is

fully owned, governed and run by the state"

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: A. Gladney

Amendment proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton to use the following text:-

"This council supports concluding the governance arrangements necessary to ensure protection of this public investment for the public good, and in particular so that there is absolute assurance that all legally permissible services will be provided in the new hospital, as they are in the current NMH buildings at Holles Street; As such this council will write to the Taoiseach and Tanaiste"

Proposed by Councillor: A. Dalton

Seconded by Councillor: A. M. Doran

Agreed following a show of hands

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

Cllr. W. Quinn requested LPT documents prior to the August LPT meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.