

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the June Meeting of Carlow County Council, held on Monday, 14th June 2021 at 2.00 p.m. in G. B. Shaw Theatre, Visual, Old Dublin Road, Carlow.

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

Guests: Family of Cllr. Fintan Phelan

Executives
In Attendance: **Ms. K. Holohan**, Chief Executive
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning,
Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation,
Environment & Water Services, Building Control & Emergency
Services
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing, Community,
Recreation & Amenity
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Community
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. P. Curran, Facilities Manager
Ms. T. Hickson, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Services

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Death of Michael Boyce, former County Manager of Carlow County Council

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Remote Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 10th May 2021.

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. A. Dalton

And

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

‘That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held remotely on Monday 10th May 2021 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.’

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 Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Joint Local Area Plan 2021-2027 (Section 20, Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended))

To consider the proposed material alterations of the Graiguenamanagh- Tinnahinch Joint Local Area Plan 2021-2027 and the Report of the Chief Executive on the submissions received and by resolution to make or amend as appropriate the Graiguenamanagh - Tinnahinch Joint Local Area Plan 2021-2027

Michael Rainey, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries.

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. J. McDonald

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the proposed material alterations of the Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Joint Local Area Plan 2021-2027 and the Report of the Chief Executive on the submissions received

and by resolution to make or amend as appropriate the Graiguenamanagh - Tinnahinch Joint Local Area Plan 2021-2027'

2.2 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Carlow Exchange Project, Potato Market, Carlow (documentation enclosed).

Michael Rainey, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. J. Cassin

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. K. Murnane

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Carlow Exchange Project, Potato Market, Carlow.

2.3 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Upgrade of the public realm space between Visual and Carlow College as part of the Destinations Towns project for Carlow Town (documentation enclosed).

Michael Rainey, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. A. Dalton

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Upgrade of the public realm space between Visual and Carlow College as part of the Destinations Towns project for Carlow Town.

2.4 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Redevelopment of Presentation Buildings located on the junction of Tullow Street and College Street, Carlow (Carlow County Library) (documentation enclosed).

Pat Delaney, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries.

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. A. Dalton

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. F. Browne

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as

amended) – Redevelopment of Presentation Buildings located on the junction of Tullow Street and College Street, Carlow (Carlow County Library).

2.5 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Proposed Re-Development of No's 5 and 6, Staplestown Road, Carlow (documentation enclosed).

Michael Brennan, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries.

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. J. Cassin

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Proposed Re-Development of No's 5 and 6, Staplestown Road, Carlow.

2.6 Planning & Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) - disposal of freehold on land at Tullowbeg, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

To approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) the disposal of the freehold on land (4.277.7m² / 1.057 acres) at Tullowbeg, Tullow, Co. Carlow to Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Tullowbeg, Tullow, Co. Carlow, in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.

Padraig O'Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. J. McDonald

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. W. Paton

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) the disposal of the freehold on land (4.277.7m² / 1.057 acres) at Tullowbeg, Tullow, Co. Carlow to Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Tullowbeg, Tullow, Co. Carlow, in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.

2.7 Draft Allocation Scheme 2021-2025

Michael Brennan, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries. An amendment was proposed to be discussed at the next SPC meeting in relation to changing the tenant residency from 2 years to 18 months.

Proposed by Councillor: J. McDonald

Seconded by Councillor: K. Murnane

And agreed to refer to the SPC following a show of hands

The council meeting was adjourned to facilitate the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 2.30pm.

The meeting resumed with the new Cathaoirleach Councillor Fintan Phelan in chair.

2.8 Section 11 of Roads Act 1993; Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended & Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 - Taking in Charge of roads and services at Barrow Rise, Leighlin Road, Graiguecullen, Carlow

Padraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. T. O’Neill

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. J. Cassin

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve Section 11 of Roads Act 1993; Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended & Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 - Taking in Charge of roads and services at Barrow Rise, Leighlin Road, Graiguecullen, Carlow

3.0 Corporate, Planning, Economic Development/Seirbhísi Corporaídeachta, Pleanail, Forbairt Eacnamaíocht

3.1 Presentation of Bagenalstown – inCarlow Enterprise & Innovation Centre

Michael Rainey, Director of Services gave this report and answered queries. This proposed enterprise & innovation centre was warmly welcomed and praised by all.

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. J. McDonald

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. M. Doran

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the project to be presented to An Bord Pleanála’.

4.0 Transportation, Environment, Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services/Iompar, Impeallacht agus Seirbhísí Uisce, Rialaithe Tógála agus Seirbhísí Éigeandála

4.1 Section 11 of Roads Act 1993; Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended & Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 - commencement of the public consultation process for Taking in Charge of roads and services at Chapelstown Road (Cul -De-Sac Road located off Browneshill Link Road L-1026-0) at Chapelstown, Carlow.

Padraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. Tom O’Neill

Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. A. Dalton

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve commencement of the public consultation process for Taking in Charge of roads and services at Chapelstown Road (Cul -De-Sac Road located off Browneshill Link Road L-1026-0) at Chapelstown, Carlow

5.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

Members discussed the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for the period to 1st May to 31st May 2021.

Issues raised by members included:-

- Litter at various beauty spots around the county
- Dangerous roads and junctions
- Duckett’s Grove tea rooms
- Traffic problem & issue with disability parking beside P.O. in Borris

- Tullow Road community centre
- Aghade Bridge river walk impeded by fence
- Browneshill Dolmen
- Royal Oak road parking and speed limit
- Acknowledgement of excellent work carried out by Pat Harrington, S.E.E., Tullow MD and his team in relation to sewerage problems in Rathvilly

The Directors answered questions raised by members.

6.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

None

7.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

7.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

Council notes:

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.

As we had now reached the permitted time allowed for such physical meetings, it was decided to defer any Motions until the next Council meeting.

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

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.