

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council,
held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow,
on Monday 14th May 2018 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor W. Paton (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor D. Foley
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor J. Murphy
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn

In attendance: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive
Mr P Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr. K Cullinane, Acting Director of Services,
Transportation, Environment & Water Services
Mr E. Brophy, Acting Director of Services, Corporate,
Planning, Economic Development, Health and Safety.
Ms. J. Kavanagh, Acting Director of Services, Housing,
Community, Building Control & Emergency Services,
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Acting Senior Engineer, Environment
Mr. R. Wickham, Acting Senior Engineer, Transportation
Mr K. Comerford, Head of LEO
Mr. P.J. Leonard, Financial Accountant
Mr. M Brennan, Senior Executive Officer, Community
Ms. A. Oakes, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Corporate
Services.
Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate
Services

In commemorating the 1916 Rising the National Anthem was played.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services on the death of his mother Mrs Bridie O'Connor, Crettyard, Co. Kilkenny.
- The Family of the late Ben Elliott, Ballybit, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow, former pensioner with Carlow County Council.
- The Family of the late Paddy Blake, Vermont, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, former pensioner with Carlow County Council.
- Lorraine Whelan & Family, London on the death of her husband Liam (late of Dublin and Carlow)
- Mary Graham & Family, Lower Main Street, Borris, Co. Carlow on the death of her husband Kevin.
- Paddy Foley & Family, Killoughternane, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow on the death of his wife Carmel.
- Mary Lynch & Family, Bohermore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow on the death of her husband Noel.
- The Cody Family, Eastwood, Bagenalstown on the death of Brigid Cody.
- John Rice & Family, St. Philomena House, Garryhill, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow on the death of his wife Ina.
- The Egan Family on the death of Mai Egan, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- Dick and Bridget Murphy & Family on the death of their son Keith Murphy, Baunree, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow.
- The Amond Family, 46 Riverside, Carlow on the death of their mother Angela.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Carlow Senior Football on their Championship win over Louth
- Carlow Dragon Boat Club on their success in recent regatta open competition events.
- Unum Ireland on celebrating 10 years in business in Carlow.
- Willie Mullins, Horse Trainer, on being crowned Ireland's leading National Hunt Trainer.

- Carlow Vintage and Classic Motor Club on hosting recent event in Ducketts Grove, Carlow

Councillor Browne queried if contact had been made with the IDA or APPLE regarding suitability of Carlow as a location following the failure of the Athenry site.

Councillor Cassin urged that companies be approached directly to help foster economic development.

The Chief Executive advised that contact had been made with the IDA, not with APPLE, that it is unsure if Carlow has a suitable site in the context of the Athenry site.

The Chief Executive advised that the IDA is interested in addressing the Members. A suitable date can be arranged.

Councillor Quinn referred to article by Tommy Tiernan, in supplement to The Sunday Independent Newspaper, that did not showcase Carlow in a favourable light as a place to do business in.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor J. Pender

Seconded by Councillor D. Foley

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

‘That the Minutes of the April Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 9th April, 2018 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

(a) Fix date for Annual General Meeting

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

‘that the Annual General Meeting of Carlow County Council be held on Monday 11th June at 3.45pm.’

(b) To approve the lease of premises known as The Old Crisp Centre, Hacketstown

**Proposed by Councillor J. Pender
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne
AND**

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Local Government Act 2001, Section 183 (1), Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, the lease of premises known as The Old Crisp Centre, Hacketstown to Hacketstown Community Group for a period of 10 years in consideration of annual rent of €100 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government is not necessary for the lease of the said premises.

(c) To approve lease of New Oak Community Centre, New Oak, Carlow

**Proposed by Councillor J. Cassin
Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane
AND**

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Local Government Act 2001, Section 183, Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211 (as amended), the lease of New Oak Community Centre, New Oak, Carlow, to the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of New Oak Residents Association for a period of 4 years and 11 months at an initial rent of €10 per annum in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government is not necessary for the lease of the said premises.

(d) Approval to raising of loan of €5 million for housing loan purposes

**Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn
Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin
AND**

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the raising of loan of €5 million for housing loan purposes as circulated in accordance with Housing Acts 1966-2014.

Members raised concerns that people are not qualifying for mortgages due to income criteria and stringent demands laid down by banks and are not qualifying for social housing as Carlow has one of the lowest income thresholds for people seeking inclusion on its housing list. Members called for this anomaly to be addressed as the Government is discriminating against Carlow applicants. The Chief Executive advised that income limits are set at National level and efforts have been made to have this anomaly addressed.

The Chief Executive advised of the resignation at 1st June of Mr. Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services, Housing, Community, Building Control & Emergency Services.

In response to Members' queries The Cathaoirleach advised that HR matters are an Executive function and that the Council are not at liberty to discuss HR issues.

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting to seek clarification on the matter. On resumption the Cathaoirleach advised that having consulted with the Chief Executive and the Local Government Act 2001 Members are prohibited from discussing HR matters and to do so in respect of an individual employee may be in breach of Data Protection legislation.

The Cathaoirleach again adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes.

On resumption the Cathaoirleach read out Section 149 of the Local Government Act, 2001 clearly stating that HR is an executive function. The Cathaoirleach also warned of breaching Data Protection Legislation.

Councillors Murnane and Cassin requested that the Council write to the Minister to have the income thresholds for social housing applicants increased in line with neighbouring counties. The Members also raised issue of Central Banks refusal to consider mortgage applicant's history of rental payments as a means of assessing creditworthiness and ability to afford a loan.

Councillor Browne requested that the pressure of student accommodation in Carlow be brought to the Minister's attention.

(e) Approval of County of Carlow (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2018

Members had for consideration from B. O'Donovan, Acting Senior Engineer, Draft County of Carlow (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2018. B. O'Donovan gave a presentation on Spring Clean and Clean Carlow Video.

Members welcomed the Draft Bye-Laws and complimented Brian O'Donovan, Janette O'Brien, Pat Kehoe, James Lakes and Environment staff on their initiatives.

Members welcomed the provision of dog fouling receptacles and hoped to see them extended outside Carlow Town.

Councillor Browne referred to location of receptacles and if Station Road can be included as a location.

Members urged that fines and a public awareness campaign be actively pursued.

Councillor McDonald queried costs of bin collection service and queried if there are concessions for older people.

Queries raised by the Members were addressed by B. O'Donovan.

The Draft Bye-Laws were brought to Transportation, Environmental & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee in February where it was agreed to proceed to Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council agree that the County of Carlow (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Draft Bye-laws 2018 be placed on public display pursuant to Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996 and Section 199(1) of the Local Government Act 2001 and in accordance with Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

(f) Approval of Regional Enterprise Development Fund Proposal for Perry's Site, Carlow Town

The Chief Executive advised of Carlow's proposal for an enterprise growth hub. It is envisaged that the project will involve the renovation of the old Perry's grain store to provide 3 floors of enterprise space and further site development works for parking.

Kieran Comerford, Head of LEO gave a short presentation on feasibility overview, Carlow overview, Regional Enterprise Development Fund Application and Carlow hub considerations.

Members thanked K. Comerford for his presentation.

Members welcomed the Town Centre site initiative.

Councillor Murnane raised issue of loss of Town Centre car parking space if project comes to fruition.

Members expressed the view that South Carlow needs a project to attract business to the south of the county.

Councillors Cassin and McDonald queried Kelvin Grove site as a suitable location and suggested that the HSE be contacted for update on proposals for this site.

The Chief Executive advised that to apply for funding to develop the Perry's site the Council is required to establish a company limited by guarantee which will be utilized for the funding application and management of the project.

Members approval was sought to establish a company limited by guarantee.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donoghue

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the establishment of a company limited by guarantee for the specific purpose of pursuing funding application and management of project to develop Perry's Site in Carlow Town as a Town Centre Hub'.

Queries raised by the Members were addressed by the Chief Executive and K. Comerford.

8. Notice of Motion

Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve that John Cassin supporting Carlow Barrow Users Group calling on Carlow County Council. In the interest of conserving the barrow track halt development on the Barrow towpath under Section 57 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2014 as a matter of urgency, and to withdraw the County Managers order 30055 25/4/2014 or any other order which permits Waterways Ireland to carry out works not the Barrow Track without planning permission. Waterways Ireland have resurfaced extensive stretches of the Barrow towpath, widened the path, and installed extreme hard engineering at numerous locations in County Carlow without applying for planning permission. The developments are not essential maintenance and they have materially affected the character and integrity of the towpath, and the River Barrow SAC, and so contravene Section 57 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2014. Any further works on the River Barrow and the River Barrow towpath by Waterways Ireland should be subject to full planning

permission and fulfil the criteria for development set out by Carlow County Planning office.

Councillor Cassin outlined his reasons for tabling this Notice of Motion. He raised concerns that Waterways Ireland are carrying out extensive works on the River Barrow without planning permission.

Following discussion it was agreed not to proceed with the Notice of Motion until such time as the Chief Executive examines the schedule of works for the River Barrow to determine if planning permission is required. A report will be brought to the June meeting of Council.

3. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Annual Financial Statement 2017

P Delaney presented a financial overview on the 2017 Annual Financial Statement.

Issues raised by the Members included;-

- Loan Eastern Relief Road
- Development Credits – applicable to the developer or to the land and time frame.
- Composition of Loan Book debt €38m.
- Policy on surplus transferred to Reserve
- Carlow's anomaly for property tax funding

Issues raised by the Members were addressed by P. Delaney.

Annual Financial Statement 2017 – to approve expenditure pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014.

P. Delaney advised that in 2017 expenditure in excess of the Annual Budget occurred on a number of individual services, which was offset by additional funding/income or savings in other areas. Members' approval was sought to this expenditure per the schedule set out below.

SERV	SERVICE	BUDGET 2017	OUTTURN 2017	BUDGET V OUTTURN 2017	DETAILS
A01	MTCE. & IMP OF LA HOUSING UNITS	1,790,744.08	2,050,339.53	259,595.45	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
A04	HOUSING TENANCY SUPPORT	178,639.97	203,075.96	24,435.99	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
A05	ADMIN. OF HOMELESS SERVICE	264,469.35	323,909.07	59,439.72	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
B02	NS ROAD - MTCE. AND IMP.	569,250.38	1,731,667.65	1,162,417.27	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
B03	REGIONAL ROAD - MTCE. AND IMP.	1,680,085.44	1,972,518.06	292,432.62	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
B04	LOCAL ROAD - MTCE. AND IMP.	4,542,238.51	5,043,940.71	501,702.20	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
B06	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMP.	115,983.78	116,109.77	125.99	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
B08	ROAD SAFETY & EDUCATION	213,063.87	220,099.37	7,035.50	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
B10	SUPPORT TO ROADS CAPITAL PROG	91,276.45	97,674.36	6,397.91	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
C04	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	91,947.24	95,052.08	3,104.84	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
C05	ADMIN OF GROUP SCHEMES	1,242.92	1,250.43	7.51	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
D02	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	965,345.06	975,366.27	10,021.21	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
D09	ECONOMIC DEV. AND PROMOTION	1,528,356.05	1,809,394.33	281,038.28	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
E01	LANDFILL OPERATIONS & AFTERCARE	3,473,492.01	4,152,560.51	679,068.50	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
E05	LITTER MANAGEMENT	227,123.71	232,920.33	5,796.62	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
E08	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING	86,386.77	98,430.09	12,043.32	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
E09	MTCE. OF BURIAL GROUNDS	226,375.03	251,362.53	24,987.50	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
E11	OPERATION OF FIRE SERVICE	2,653,600.65	2,782,598.60	128,997.95	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / INCOME
E12	FIRE PREVENTION	165,159.38	212,641.82	47,482.44	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
F04	SPORT AND RECREATION	33,144.90	38,688.86	5,543.96	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
H07	MARKETS AND CASUAL TRADING	19,450.87	28,075.35	8,624.48	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS

**Proposed by Councillor B. O Donoghue
Seconded by Councillor D. Foley
AND**

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Local Government (Reform) Act 2014 expenditure in excess of the 2017 Budget per the schedule and note that the expenditure was funded by additional receipts, grants/recoupments or savings in other services.

Councillors Phelan, Gladney, Pender and McDonald abstained.

(b) Report on the collection of Commercial Rates year ending 31/12/2017

P. Delaney presented report on the collection of Commercial Rates year ending 31st December 2017.

Members expressed serious concerns that following rates revaluations small businesses, particularly in rural areas, have experienced huge

increase in rate demands. Members also expressed dissatisfaction with the Valuation Offices appeals process.

Members requested that the Council write to the Minister for Finance to have the process reexamined and to address Carlow's funding anomaly from central government.

Members complimented Revenue Staff on increased collection rate. Following discussion it was agreed that a request be made to Dáil Eireann for the Minister to meet with a delegation from Carlow County Council to discuss issues of concern.

Extension of time.

Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue

Seconded by Councillor D. Foley

AND

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

'We, the Members of Carlow County Council, in accordance with Standing Orders, approve the continuation of the meeting to 6.00 p.m.'

4. CORPORATE, PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health & Safety

Councillor Quinn raised issue of funding for footbridge linking Tinnahinch-Graignamanagh in conjunction with Kilkenny County Council.

Councillor Phelan raised issue of late cancellation of hospital appointments causing distress to patients and requested that a letter issue to the Department of Health and the HSE on procedure for cancelling appointments.

Councillor Foley read out statement from the HSE in relation to Kelvin Grove. The HSE advised that half the land is to be used as a treatment centre and pre-school accommodation. There are no plans for the house.

Councillor Browne raised issue of Lifeguards at a designated area on the river Barrow in Carlow Town.

Councillor McDonald advised of HSE meeting on 17th May. Members may email him in advance on issues to be raised.

Councillor Dalton raised issue of cervical smear scandal. Members called for letter to issue to HSE on accountability for mistakes made.

Councillor Browne requested update on footbridge and lift at Carlow Train Station and timeframe for completion of works.

Councillor Browne requested update, for the June meeting of Council, on Courthouse railings.

(a) Agriculture

Councillor McDonald raise issue of Single Farm Payment applications 2010 where appeals have not been dealt with, affecting 10% of farmers.

(b) Conference Attendance Approvals

**Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Seconded by Councillor J. Pender**

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve the following forthcoming conferences for May 2018.

Public Private Partnerships,
Whitford House Hotel,
Wexford.

9th to 10th June 2018

Fee: €145

**5. COMMUNITY, HOUSING, RECREATION & AMENITY,
BUILDING CONTROL & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

(a) Vacant Houses Action Plan

Members had for consideration Carlow County Council Vacant Homes Action Plan 2018-2021.

The Chief Executive advised of the objectives of Vacant Houses Action Plan.

Issues raised by the Members were addressed by the Chief Executive and J. Kavanagh.

(b) Housing Programme 2018/2019

Members had report on Housing Programme 2018/2019 -2021 from J. Kavanagh, Acting Director of Services, Housing.

The Chief Executive advised that the Respond Housing Tullow -Part V111 will be discussed at the Municipal District Meeting and brought to the June meeting of Council.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Members had Chief Executive Monthly Management Report for the period 1st to 30th April 2018.

The following issues were raised by the Member:-.

Councillor Phelan raised issue of number of horses roaming around housing estates.

Councillor O'Donoghue raised issue of Tullow graveyard near capacity. The Chief Executive advised of review taking place of all graveyards.

Councillor O'Donoghue raised issue of plans for the rejuvenation of Hacketstown Town Centre.

Councillor Murnane raised issue of anti- social behaviour in housing estates and tenancy agreements not being enforced.

Councillor Gladney raised issue of removal of motor tax payment facility from Muinebheag office.

The Chief Executive advised that having examined the situation it is extremely difficult to justify maintaining the facility in Bagenalstown, for health and safety reasons. There was never a cash collection service and the cost works out at roughly €11 per transaction based on the number using the facility. Councillor Gladney proposed a vote be taken to reinstate the payment facility. This was seconded by Councillor McDonald.

Following a show of hands

'It was agreed to reinstate the facility for the payment of motor tax in the Bagenalstown Office'.

Councillor O'Donoghue requested briefing session for Councillors on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Councillor Cassin queried if correspondence issued on the Members behalf is followed up.

Extension of time.

Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue

Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

'We, the Members of Carlow County Council, in accordance with Standing Orders, approve the continuation of the meeting to 7.00 p.m.'

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Taoiseach in response to Members Notice of Motion to ratify The Convention against the trafficking of human organs.

Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Taoiseach in response to Members Notice of Motion demanding the Chinese Government to cease the persecution of Falun Gong and release immediately all Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience from detention.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Donegal County Council calling on the Government to review the way Community Employment Schemes are being affected by changes.

Members noted correspondence from the Minister for Health in response to Members' letter concerning a Respite House for Carlow.

Members noted correspondence from the Minister for Health in response to Members Notice of Motion to ratify The Convention against the trafficking of human organs.

Members noted correspondence from Kerry County Council calling on the Minister for Health to review the decision to restrict the use of Versatis pain relief patches.

Members noted correspondence from Senator Jennifer Murnane-O'Connor calling on the Council to intervene on behalf of the contractors affected by the stoppage of work at John Tyndall College.

Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine concerning payment for suckler cows.

Members noted correspondence by email from the office of the Minister for Health in response to Members' letter concerning Versatis Patches.

Members noted correspondence by email from the office of the Minister for Health in response to Members' letter concerning St. Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny, Primary Care Centre and step-down beds.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Standing in the name of Cllr. Ken Murnane

Galway Rape Case

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor A. Gladney

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Fergal Browne				√
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran			√	
Denis Foley			√	
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella			√	
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald			√	
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy				√
John Murphy				√
Brian O'Donoghue		√		
William Paton			√	
John Pender			√	
Fintan Phelan			√	

William Quinn				√
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The vote resulted in: 5 for, 1 against, 7 abstentions, 5 absent.
The motion was carried.

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve that Carlow County Council write to the Minister for Justice asking him to write to the DPP and the Attorney General, to request the Courts to review the sentence of 7.5 years, with 1 year suspended in the case of the Galway Rape Case. The systematic abuse of three young women in care over numerous years in this case, is not a true reflection on the sentence imposed based on the serious number of crimes committed.”

Members queried if the Council as a body can legally comment on the criminal process.

E. Brophy to write to the DPP for clarification. If in order the Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Justice.

Standing in the name of Cllr. Ken Murnane

HSE and Tusla Notion of Motion

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor A. Gladney

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Fergal Browne				√
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley			√	
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			

Charlie Murphy				√
John Murphy				√
Brian O'Donoghue				
William Paton	√		√	
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn				√

The vote resulted in: 11 for, 2 abstentions, 5 absent.

The motion was carried.

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve that Carlow County Council write to the HSE and Tusla expressing the Council’s serious concerns on not acting on the complaint in the Galway rape case that was assessed as a creditable report. When the report was in this category, action should be swift, and the children removed until an investigation could be completed. The Council request that Tusla and the HSE immediately act on any future reports classified as credible. An apology for the events that took place after this reported abuse, is totally unacceptable. This type of serious abuse needs action, and someone must be held responsible, or there may be more cases ongoing and in the future”.

Councillor McDonald to raise this issue at the upcoming HSE meeting.

Standing in the names of Cllrs John Cassin, Fintan Phelan & Ken Murnane

Tyndall College

Proposed by Councillor J. Cassin

Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve that Carlow County Council calls on the Government, the examiner and all parties involved in Tyndall College Carlow, to deal constructively with the sub-contractors on the job. Sub-contractors have been left substantially out of pocket for their work and this situation must be rectified without delay. Furthermore, the council calls on the Government to bring emergency legislation before the

Oireachtas to prevent sub-contractors from being left out of pocket for work completed on publicly funded projects.”

If this issue is not resolved the matter is to be raised by the delegation attending the Dáil.

Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve that this Council supports County Carlow becoming free from goods and services produced in Israeli settlements illegally established on stolen Palestinian land and therefore urges Councillors to support the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill, 2018.”

Members expressed the view that this is a political issue and queried implications for the Council.

Following discussion Councillor Cassin withdrew the Notice of Motion for further consideration.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH

There was no further business to be transacted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.