

Minutes of May Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 8th May 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Apologies: Councillor W. Paton

In attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Interim Chief Executive
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance (Remote)
Mr. K. Cullinane, Acting Director of Service
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Services
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Acting Director of Services
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Co-ordinator
Mr. P.J. Leonard, Financial Accountant (Remote)
Mr. E. Lyng, Head of Information Systems (Remote)
Mr. J. McKenna, Assistant Technical Support Officer
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer
Mr. R. Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer (Remote)
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer (Remote)
Mr. D. Mulligan, Museum Curator

Votes of Sympathy

John Hughes, 51 Conway Park, Bagenalstown, Carlow.

Olive Kenneally, 1 Seven Springs, Tullow Road, Carlow.

Votes of Congratulations

Niamh Orbinski on the publication of her debut book “No Apologies”.

Bryan Duignan who participated in the triathlon event in the World Transplant Games 2023 alongside Tony Garthland, Hacketstown.

Kathleen Chada and Maureen Sullivan on the publication of their books.

Tullow Rugby Club on their recent wins in the Provincial Towns Cup Final, the Provincial Towns Seconds Cup Final and the Womens team on their win in the Paul Flood Cup Final.

Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc on their 40th anniversary.

Bagenalstown Gaels on their recent success in both the hurling and football Féile finals.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

Proposed by Councillor A. McDonald

Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved:-

‘That the Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 17th April 2023 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 Filling of Vacancy on Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Councillor K. Murnane proposed Councillor J. McDonald for the position and **Councillor F. Phelan seconded** this motion and it was Agreed following a show of hands.

2.1 Filling of Vacancy on the Culture, Libraries and Digital Development, Tourism, Enterprise & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee

Councillor A. McDonald proposed Councillor K. Murnane for the position and **Councillor F. Phelan seconded** this motion and it was Agreed following a show of hands.

2.3 Agree a Date of Annual General Meeting

Mr. E. Brophy, Meetings Administrator, called on members to agree a fixed date for the Annual General Meeting 2023.

The Annual General Meeting of Carlow County Council to be held on Monday, 12th June 2023 at 2.30 p.m. was

Proposed by Councillor J. Pender
Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy
and,

Following a show of hands, it was resolved:-

“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve the Annual General Meeting 2023 to be held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 2.30 p.m.”.

2.4 Motion to Amend or Revoke Resolutions

Mr. E. Brophy, Meetings Administrator, outlined the procedure when a Notice of Motion is resubmitted. He advised the members that a Notice of Motion regarding the streaming of Council meetings had been resubmitted and the procedure now switches from a Notice of Motion to becoming a motion to revoke or rescind a resolution under Standing Order 18.

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace
Seconded by Councillor A. Gladney

Following a show of hands the motion was defeated.

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

3.1 Presentation on the Visual

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Emma Lucy O'Brien and Mr. Niall Scully who presented the members with a comprehensive and informative

presentation on the Visual, Carlow. They both answered all members queries.

Councillor A. Dalton offered her congratulations to Striking Productions on the success of their musical Legally Blonde staged recently in the Visual.

3.2 Presentation on John Tyndall project

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Dr. Norman McMillan, Martin Nevin and Randall Dempsey to the meeting. Dr. Norman McMillan presented the members with a comprehensive presentation on the John Tyndall project.

The members thanked all for their presentation and commended them on their efforts and dedication to this project.

3.3 Carlow Baseline Emission Inventory Report

Ms. Alex Hamilton, Senior Engineer, Southeast Energy Agency, presented the members with detailed report on Baseline Emissions Inventory Results for County Carlow. Ms. Hamilton answered all queries raised by the members.

3.4 Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy – Launch of Statutory Consultation

Noted

3.5 MSPI Full Accreditation – Carlow County Museum

Mr. Dermot Mulligan, Museum Curator, presented the meeting with a report on the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland. Members congratulated Mr. Mulligan and staff on achieving this accreditation.

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

Noted

Mr. M. Rainey, Chief Executive, advised members that a Framework Co-operation Agreement with Uisce Eireann had been issued and signed off last week.

Councillor J. Cassin raised concerns over the parking fines issued by Kildare County Council to motorists parked at junction 4 off the M9 motorway and proposed writing to Kildare County Council to ask that the parking fines be rescinded. Councillor A. Wallace supported this proposal and raised the issue of littering and lack of public lighting at this junction also.

The Cathaoirleach advised the meeting would have to be extended until 6 p.m. This motion was

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor F. Brown

And agreed following a show of hands

The following issues were raised by the members:

- Development Contributions on new builds
- Update on the refurbishment of the Courthouse railings
- Bagenalstown graveyard – space issues
- Consultation with Irish Water workers
- Bank of Ireland building
- Emergency accommodation list
- Appointment of engineer on Southern Relief Road project
- Access to Aghade Bridge
- Concerns over the lack of operating ATMs

Mr. P.O’Gorman, Director of Services, advised the members that following the presentation from the NTA at the Carlow Municipal District meeting in April, the Carlow bus service will trial on 1st June with the service fully operational by mid-July.

5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

Members noted correspondence from the Department of Agriculture regarding the CAP Scheme and correspondence from Westmeath County Council and Wexford County Council.

6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

“Noting that over 700 women have been forced to travel abroad for access to abortion since the repeal referendum. Noting the independent review by Barrister Marie O’Shea that calls for a number of legislative changes into Ireland’s current Abortion law, this council will write to all

Carlow/Kilkenny TDs, and the Taoiseach, to urge them to support the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) (Amendment) Bill 2023”.

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

And defeated following a show of hands.

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

This concluded the business of the meeting.