

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow
Held in Town Hall, Carlow,
on Thursday, 27th April, 2017, at 4.30pm**

Present: Councillor F. Phelan, Mayor
Councillor A. Ahern
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor W. Lacey

In Attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Services
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer

The Mayor congratulated Cllr. A. Ahern on her appointment as Principal of St. Mary's CBS Carlow and members concurred.

Confirmation of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 24th March, 2017 was

Proposed by Cllr. W. Lacey,

Seconded by Cllr F. Browne

And resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of Meeting held on 24th March, 2017, are hereby approved.”

Transportation

Programme 2017

P. Harrington circulated the Carlow Municipal District Programme for 2017 and spoke on same. P. Harrington to rely to Cllr. Cassin re trees cut in Oak Park. P. Harrington answered questions from members on various matters, including Church Street, Road Markings, Bicycle Stand, Footpaths at Hacketstown, Road Marking at St. Josephs Road and Bennekerry, works at Carlow Road Tullow, Oil Spillage and HGV bans.

Litter Bin Survey Carlow Town

P. Harrington circulated the report and answered questions from members on the issue. Staff commended the team on the dog fouling initiative.

Hedge Cutting Programme

P. Harrington circulated a map and memo on this issue and answered questions from members on this issue. A formal commendation is to be issued to Eanna Mac Anna. It was acknowledged the vast majority of farmers and landowners are in compliance.

Pot Hole Survey January - April 2017 (4 months)

P. Harrington briefed the meeting on the current position. Members to advise K. Nolan of areas needing attention.

Tullow Street Progress Update

The Mayor advised he had requested this matter be part of the agenda for an update. B. O'Brien, Director of Services advised of the public consultation and that tenders have been sought for Tullow Street Area Rehabilitation Plan seeking a multi-disciplinary team to devise a plan to include linkage connectivity, derelict site, Tullow Street surfacing and realm improvements. Closing date 5th may 2017.

Members welcomed this progress and Bernie O'Brien answered questions from members on the issue.

Carlow Town Park

The Mayor advised that he had requested this matter be placed on the agenda. He queried the CCTV position and the security position. E. Brophy replied updating the meeting on Garda CCTV application. He advised he would review the position with the Gardaí.

Planning

F. O'Neill circulated a report on the unfinished housing developments. F. O'Neill answered questions from members on various issues including the disbarring of developers, Castle Oaks and the Fairways, the possibility of report a public light failure on the Council's website, lighting at Rathsillan, roadway at Monastery Court, inspection of buildings renewal of bonds, Lime Grove, lack of capacity of Tullow waste water treatment plant, preventing new housing development, provision of infrastructure in advance of housing and development.

F. O'Neill gave notice that there would be two variations to the Development Plan.

- (1) Insert statement re vacant site levy
- (2) Reduction of Part V percentage.

Proposed at the May Council meeting.

Community

Update on Tullow Road Project

M. Brennan briefed the meeting on progress on the project. The next phase is to carry out a needs analysis and he had discussed with the design core unit from IT Carlow which will result in public consultation prior to a scoping report. In the interim capacity building in the area is being progressed.

Skateboard Park Carlow

M. Brennan advised he would arrange a visit to Wicklow if members would advise him of a suitable date. He advised of Part 8 Planning process. He proposed to bring a report to the Council in May. This is required due to a delay in the previous process and the fact that the Part 8 was never brought back to Council. He would consult with skateboard users and Carlow Youth Services.

Any Other Business

Agree date of AGM

The Mayor suggested Thursday, 01/06/2017 for the AGM. This was agreed for 4.30 p.m.

Cllr. Paton asked in relation to the school meals programme when only one school was selected. It was agreed to write to the Department of Education and Department of Social Protection to determine why one school was selected over the other.

The meeting resolved to go into Committee

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton

Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue and unanimously agreed.

P. Harrington raised the issue of the design for Tullow Bridge and requested the Municipal District have a meeting with a representative of TII early next week. This was agreed to take place 3.15 p.m. in Tullow with a site visit.

Cllr. K. Murnane raised issue of no alternative taxi rank last week during the Taste of Carlow.