

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
Held in Town Hall, Carlow, held on
Thursday 19th December 2019, at 4.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. Dalton, Mayor
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor K. Murnane,
Councillor T. O’Neill
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor A. Wallace

In Attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Michelle Griffin, Administrative Officer
F. O’Neill, A/Director of Service

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Michael Rainey to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2019 were

Proposed by Cllr. T. O’Neill

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And agreed following a show of hands.

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Housing Report

L. Slye and M. Griffin delivered the housing report and answered questions from members on issues including derelict sites, windows and door replacement, winter plan for homelessness, provision of housing for single person households, Staplestown Road, building houses in Carlow only as opposed to Laois, vacant houses, preparation of vacant house register, C.P.Os, delays in starting work on acquired derelict sites, lack of land bank in Carlow town, AHB’s affordable housing plans, and serviced sites.

The Mayor thanked L. Slye and M. Griffin and all staff for their work in the Housing Department.

Update on Vacant Properties / Derelict Sites

Update on Vacant Properties and Derelict Sites discussed and noted.

Browneshill Wood/Sandhills Legal Advice

M. Rainey briefed the meeting on the history of the entrance and the legal advice received. He advised the motion cannot supersede the planning requirement to have the entrance opened. M. Rainey, F. O'Neill and E. Brophy answered a number of questions from members on various related matters including anti-social behaviour, length of time that entrance was closed, wishes of the elected members, Garda involvement, overall plan for area, meet residents' associations. M. Rainey advised the executive would develop a plan with lights and open space to reduce anti-social behaviour and that the Council will consult with the Garda. M. Rainey advised he will prepare a design document in the new year.

Update on Carlow Town Projects and Recreation and Amenity Report

K. Comerford answered questions from members on both reports for Carlow Plan, Christmas lights, urban regeneration application, masterplan for end of quarter one 2020, destination Ireland funding of €500,000, Perry's car park and shop local initiatives. Members thanked staff for the Christmas programme.

M. Rainey confirmed that a Category A funding application to the Urban Regeneration development fund will be made.

M. Rainey advised he would discuss the issue of motorway signage for Carlow with the TII.

It was agreed to write to An Post re closure of Post Office in Graiguecullen. E. Brophy to get details from Cllr. Cassin.

Correspondence

Any Other Business

It was agreed, following a show of hands, to change the time of the Meetings on the last Thursday of the month to 4.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.