

**Minutes of Meeting of Carlow Municipal District
Held on Thursday, 25th January, 2018 at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: **Mr. P Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer**
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer,
Ms. Lillie Slye Senior Executive Engineer,
Brian O Donovan Acting Senior Executive Officer,
Alan O Neill A/Director of Services,
Ms. Kathryn Nolan, Clerical Officer.

Mayor Jim Deane wished all a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the meeting

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 7th December, 2017.

**Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th December, 2017 was
Proposed by Cllr. Fergal Browne
Seconded by Cllr. Andrea Dalton
And Resolved following a show of hands**

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th December, 2017 are hereby approved.”

Housing

Ms. L. Slye advised the members in respect of the list of schemes within the Carlow Municipal District and gave a report on the various stages:-

4 No. Houses in Hacketstown – Lilly confirmed that we are at stage 3 with the Department in this process with an expected start date end of February early March, 2018.

16 No. Houses –Árd Na Greine, Tullow, will commence 1st February, 2018
Successful Tender Kevin Thorpe Contractor.

Ms. Slye answered questions from members on various issues on Housing matters

Members were asked for permission to go to Part 8 of the 3 proposals presented to meeting.

Dereen Heights: - proposal with options A and B.

Grave Lane proposal for 4 no. units single dwelling

Cllr. F. Phelan complimented Ms Slye and the Housing Staff with their works to date and the Mayor thanked Ms. Slye for her report and the good news for people waiting for houses. Following on from discussions

It was proposed by

Cllr. Brian O Donoghue that Housing progress to Part 8

And Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And resolved following show of hands from members

New Housing Loan

Ms. Slye confirmed that Housing has not received any details from the Department to date.

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees

Eamonn Brophy addressed the members and informed that the Minister has established two Committees to look at the Local Electoral Areas. Committee no. 1 will report and make recommendations on every County other than Cork, Dun Laoghaire, Rathdown, Fingal, Galway, South Dublin, Limerick and Waterford and for these councils the term of reference provide that there be no less than 5 and no more than 7 in each electoral area provided that in particular compelling circumstances 3 or 4 seated local electoral areas may be

recommended where otherwise the geographic size of the area may be disproportionately large. There is also a term of reference to try and keep Municipal Town Areas together. Therefore, if each Municipal District will have 5, 6 or 7 seats except in exceptional circumstances where they would be 3 or 4 seats.

Eamonn Brophy also addressed the submission process, and advised the Management Team has decided that the executive will not make any recommendations on this on the grounds that a submission could affect in some way a member or give an advantage to others. He advised members they are more than welcome to make a submission if they wish to do so as an individual or Councillor.

Notice of Motion

Cllr. Fergal Browne withdrew the Notice of motion

Carlow Fair Trade Group

Bernadette Power, Chairperson along with Joanne O'Brien member of Fair Trade Group gave a presentation to the members to encourage Fair Trade Products. In the presentation Ms. Power highlighted the Struggle and injustice in the World Trade. Products under the Fair Trade Group have a set of standards assigned to them i.e. Fair Wages, Trade Unions, H & S, Good Accommodation etc. number of local Business supply and support Fair Trade Products. Every year an Art competition is run which brings more awareness to the young people of Carlow. From the 26/02/18 to the 11/03/18 Fairtrade Fortnight will run with a number of activities throughout these weeks i.e. Awareness Drives, Facebook Competitions, etc.

Mayor Jim Deane thanked both speakers for their Presentation and raising awareness and congratulated Carlow Fair Trade Group on their 10 year Celebrations which he said was a great achievement and encouraged the members that making an effort is well worth while. He suggested that a flag be placed in Schools, Shops etc. and to be conscious of the fact when shopping. All members thanked the Speakers on their presentation and bringing awareness to them on this matter.

Members asked Eamonn Brophy to ensure that the Council participate in purchasing Fairtrade Products.

Any Other Business

Cllr. J Cassin asked about the Dumping on the Athy Road. Pat Harrington confirmed that the Amenity Staff had removed a total of 7 discarded mattresses only last week and it is very difficult to control.

Cllr. J Cassin raised the issue with the C.C.TV Town Park and asked for an update on this matter. Pat Harrington confirmed that it has being tendered out for Kiosk, Poles and Ducting. Pat met with Net watch this week in relation to cameras and surveillance and Eamonn Brophy confirmed that he would be meeting with the new Garda Superintendent Aidan Brennan tomorrow to discuss this matter as it is high priority but to date there is no time frame on the infrastructural works. Eamonn will notify the members by email after this meeting. Cllr. Cassin asked for an update to be given to members at the February Meeting. Pat Harrington confirmed that there is a small drainage issue on the footpath which will be addressed at the same time. Cllr. W. Paton advised that C.C.T.V. in Tullow has taken eighteen months.

Cllr. W. Paton informed the members that there will be an information meeting on Tuesday 30th January, 2018 for Community First Responders in the Seven Oak, Carlow. Cllr. Paton also raised issues with Boundary wall at the Men's shed and asked Eamonn to talk to the Housing Department. Cllr. Paton also raised the road conditions from Market Sqr to the Garda Station in Tullow. P. Harrington responded that he is aware and that this road is owned by T.I.I. and are working with T.I.I. all subject to funding.

Cllr. Ken Murnane raised an issue on C.C.T.V. Carlow Town Park Eamonn Brophy responded that infrastructural works was an immediate issue.

Cllr. Andrea Dalton raised an issue of concern in relation to the N80 turn into Tinryland. P. Harrington replied that this is under T.I.I. and not Carlow County Council. However the issue has being highlighted to them. Mayor J. Deane agreed with Cllr. Dalton on the issue raised and reported that he had contacted T.I.I. on this and received no response. P. H. was asked to contact T.I.I. on this matter and that T.I.I. should investigate this matter. Cllr. Dalton also raised issues on Litter and that this had increased considerably since the new service station. Pat stated that significant resources have been allocated to this issue.

Mayor Deane welcomed Superintendent Aidan Brennan to Carlow

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next Meeting 22nd February, 2018.