Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District Held in Town Hall, Carlow, held on Thursday 30th January 2020, at 4.00 p.m. Councillor A. Dalton, Mayor **Present:** Councillor F. Browne Councillor J. Cassin Councillor K. Murnane Councillor T. O'Neill Councillor F. Phelan Councillor A. Wallace **Apologies:** Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service **In Attendance:** Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Service Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer Mr. Ger O'Brien, Senior Executive Engineer Ms. Marian Hand, Assistant Staff Officer

1.0 <u>Confirmation of Minutes</u>

Amendment to Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 19th December 2019 as follows; -

'M. Rainey confirmed at the Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 19th December 2019, that a Category A funding application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund will be made.'

Proposed by Cllr.	F. Phelan
Seconded by Cllr.	F. Browne
And agreed following a show of hands.	

2.0 <u>Business Prescribed by Statue, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the</u> <u>Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting</u>

2.1 Proposed development of four two bed housing units at St. Mary's Court, Carlow

M. Brennan presented the report on the proposed development of four two bed housing units at St. Mary's Court, Carlow. This development is a Carbon Neutral 3CEA pilot scheme. The aim is to reduce CO2 emissions by 60%. The part eight proposal for this development will be brought to full council for approval. M. Brennan answered all questions raised by

members. M. Brennan to circulate to members details of the housing development on the Portlaoise Road.

3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Implementation Plan for the Climate Adaptation Strategy

Mayor Cllr. A Dalton confirmed that this item was on the agenda in error.

3.2 Carlow Town Entente Florale 2020

M. Brennan presented the report on Carlow Town Entente Florale 2020. It is one of Europe's most prestigious competitions. Carlow Town has been chosen by the Department of Rural & Community Development to participate in the Entente Florale Competition in 2020. Carlow Town will be assessed under the following criteria, Planning & Development, Sustainability, Built Environment, Landscape, Green Spaces, Planting, Environmental Education, Effort and Involvement, Tourism & Leisure and Presentation. Judging will take place in July 2020. It is proposed that a public meeting will take place in February. A cross functional team is in place. M. Brennan will circulate the judging route to members once it is finalised. He also advised that funding is available through the Amenity Grant Scheme, for community groups who wish to participate.

4.0 <u>Notices of Motion</u>

4.1 Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

Proposed by Cllr	A. Wallace
Seconded by Cllr	J. Cassin
AND	

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

'That this Council write to the Minister of Education to demand school secretaries are put on the payroll of the Department of Education instead of payment via Ancillary Grants and as a result given job security and proper wages.'

4.2 Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

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Seconded by Cllr	J. Cassin
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Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

'That this council write to the next Taoiseach to call for the establishment of a public insurance company to help stop the huge insurance costs being quoted to creches and other businesses by private insurance companies. The letter should make reference to the Central Bank report that highlights how some insurance premiums are up 42% even though claims have fallen. It should also reference the huge profits across the insurance sector while small and medium businesses have been forced to close because of unaffordable premium hikes.'

4.3 Standing in the Name of Cllr. Fergal Browne

Proposed by CllrF. BrowneSeconded by CllrT. O'NeillANDFollowing a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

'That the process for taking in charge of The Fairways Estate be formally commenced.'

Cllr J. Cassin requested a list of housing estates in the Carlow Municipal District that are not taken in charge.

5.0 <u>Correspondence</u>

Housing Assistance Payment Scheme

Members noted correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 15th January 2020. E. Brophy read out the content of this letter. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the reply from the department.

Cllr. J. Cassin proposed that Carlow Municipal District write back to the Minister and indicate dissatisfaction from the members of Carlow Municipal District with the reply from the department dated 15th January 2020.

6.0 Any Other Business

Staff answered queries from members including the following issues; -

- Paupish land in land aggregation.
- Letter dated 30th January 2020 from Senator Jennifer Murnane O'Connor re Outreach Work Carlow's Women's Aid request from members for Carlow County Council to write to TUSLA to express the need of a Carlow based Outreach Worker.
- Work Programmes and Allocations for Carlow Municipal District.
- Road sweeping and gully maintenance in housing estates.
- Financial Codes to enable works to be done.
- Dublin Street resurfacing.
- Resurfacing of footpaths in Carlow Town particularly Finnegan's Corner. Ger O'Brien advised that he is currently seeking funding for footpaths. A plan is currently

being developed for footpaths in Carlow Town. Request from Cllr. Phelan to look at a programme for maintenance/resurfacing of footpaths in housing estates.

- IPB funding for footpaths.
- Expression of gratitude by members to Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer, for his dedication and commitment during his time in Carlow Municipal District.
- Members welcomed Ger O'Brien, Senior Executive Engineer to the Carlow Municipal District.
- Chewing gum on footpaths look at other local authorities and cities abroad for ideas on how to tackle chewing gum on footpaths.
- Electric Charging Points in Council Houses.

This concluded the business of the meeting.