

**Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Carlow
Held in Town Hall, Carlow,
on Thursday, 6th July, 2017, at 4.30pm**

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

Apologies: Councillor A. Ahern
Councillor W. Paton

In Attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Services
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. L. Slye, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. M. Nolan, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 1st June, 2017 were

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr B. O'Donovan

And resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of Meeting held on 1st June, 2017, are hereby approved.”

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 1st June, 2017, at 5.00 p.m.

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Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin,

Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne,

And resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 1st June, 2017, are hereby approved.”

Matters Arising

Cllr. F. Phelan raised the issue of the economic development fund of €150,000 and that there is a recent report on the action plan for jobs. Cllr. F. Phelan requested a report from LEO. B. O'Brien advised that a report would be brought to next meeting. It was agreed to write to the Minister in relation to the lack of inward investment in Carlow.

Housing

L. Slye circulated an update on the housing position. There are five houses vacant in Carlow town and six in the wider Municipal District area which are being prepared for reletting. The housing programme is on target.

L. Slye and B. O'Brien answered questions from meeting on various housing issues including the ownership of derelict houses, houses at Barrack Street.

Community

Ms. Midge Nolan gave a presentation on the Communities Facilities Capital Scheme.

An email from Cllr. Paton was circulated and Michael Brennan's email response was circulated and is included hereunder.

I refer to email below from the Cathaoirleach Cllr William Paton in respect of the Community Facilities Scheme 2017 which I have noted.

I wish to advise as follows:

- *The aim of the Scheme is to enhance communities, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at local level by providing access to small-scale capital grants.*
- *The Community Facilities Scheme 2017 was considered by the Members of the LCDC which is a requirement of the Scheme and they have approved recommendations advised to both Municipal Districts.*
- *The scheme is for capital funding only and is complementary to other schemes and programmes operated in the community.*
- *There is no limit on the number of applications for different projects from any organisation/community.*
- *All applications must ensure complementarity with County Carlow 2021 –Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021, which they have.*

- *The maximum grant is up to €1,000, however the LCDC can use its discretion to exceed the maximum limit where it believes the project requires the additional funding to be delivered successfully.*
- *Sports Clubs are included under the Scheme*
- *A total of Eight applications were recommended for funding in the sum of €4,800 between both Municipal Districts for First Responder Groups. Funding was also provided under the Town/Village Scheme for 8 Defibrillators and training to communities.*

Ms. Nolan responded to the queries raised in the email.

It was Proposed by Cllrs. F. Browne,

Seconded by J. Cassin,

And Resolved following a show of hands

“That the Communities Facilities Capital Scheme be adopted subject to scheme being for capital funding only and complementary to other schemes and programmes operated in the community.”

Cllr. Pender requested his dissent be noted.

Transportation

P. Harrington circulated a copy of the advertisement to be published next week on CIR and LIS and requested an informal meeting at end of second week of August. This was agreed for 10.00 a.m. on 17th August. He also gave the Roads Progress Report including Chapel Street, completion of Kennedy Avenue and the Tullow Street Restoration Plan. P. Harrington answered queries raised.

Corporate

Lease of former Dispensary, Tullow, to Tullow Men’s Shed

The lease to Tullow Men’s Shed of former dispensary in Tullow was discussed. E. Brophy advised of the circulation of the statutory notice and that same would be listed on the July Council Meeting Agenda.

Several members raised concern in relation to the state of Brownhill Dolmen. It was agreed to write to the OPW re these issues. It was also noted that the information signage needs to be renewed.

Cllr. F. Phelan raise the issue of the lack of response from Eir to a cost query to remove a kiosk at Brownhill Cross. E. Brophy to write to Eir again.

Cllr. B. O'Donovan raised the issue of the boundary change for East Carlow being re-included in the Carlow Kilkenny Constituency and members welcome this change.

Economic Development

Carlow County Council Town & Village Health Check Reports

K. Comerford presented on the report which was circulated with the agenda and outlined the process followed to date. He answered questions from members on same including this years scheme for which he expects a decision in September with a fifteen month window to carry out works.

Any Other Business

Members expressed best wishes to Laura Gates following her assault.

Cllr. K. Murnane submitted a petition from residents in Marlboro Street regarding parking.

Cllr. F. Phelan raised a query in relation to inspection of lifebuoy and congratulated the fire service and stressed the urgency of replacing lifebuoys. He also asked questions in relation to the closure of Powerstown Landfill Site.

Cllr. Pender raised issue of junction at John Street, Tullow Church.

Cllr. Browne congratulated D. Mulligan on the success of the St. Willibrord Project.

Cllr. Browne raised the issue of possible disposal of green waste at Ray Whelan's facility at Oakpark.

Cllr. Browne raised issue of the proposed future for the houses acquired at Barrack Street. B. O'Brien replied.

Cllr. W. Lacey raised issue of parking at Marlboro Street.

Cllr. Phelan and Cllr. Lacey supported Cllr. F. Brownes call for the appointment of a Heritage Officer. B. O'Brien replied on this issue.

Cllr. Browne raised an issue on kerbing at the former Whitelite premises.

Cllr. Pender raised issue of recycling bins at Tullow being full too often. Askea is also the same. P. Harrington to raise issue with Environment Section.

Cllr. Lacey raised issue of restricting persons from making illegal right turning movement on Barrack Street and Kennedy Avenue. P. Harrington replied.

It was agreed to allow Hacketstown Playground Group to make a presentation at the meeting to be held on 29th September, 2017.

This concluded the business of the meeting.