

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022, at 4.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor F. Phelan (Mayor)  
Councillor T. O'Neill  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor T. K. Murnane  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor A. Wallace

**In Attendance:** Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Service, Planning, Economic  
Development & Corporate Services  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise  
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Planning  
Ms. B. Deenihan, Senior Staff Officer, Planning  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. B. O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer, Housing  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
Ms. S. Byrne, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor F. Phelan welcomed all and opened the October meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 4.00p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill**

**Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton**

And agreed following a show of hands

### **2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting**

#### **2.1 Casual Trading Bye Laws.**

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise, presented the member with this report and answered all queries. It was agreed to put the bye laws on public consultation.

**Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan  
Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin**

And agreed following a show of hands.

## **2.2 Pre Part 8 Planning – Refurbishment of 8 dwellings at Barrack Street**

Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, outlined the pre part 8 planning process of Barrack Street and answered all queries raised by the members. The recommendation to proceed to Part 8 was

**Proposed by Cllr. T. O'Neill  
Seconded by Cllr. Cassin**

And agreed following a show of hands.

## **3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation**

### **3.1 Town Centre First – Presentation**

Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Ms. B. Deenihan, Staff Officer, updated members on a new pilot project to tackle vacant properties and combat dereliction in towns. This included the Buy and Renew Scheme to CPO vacant properties in agreement with landowners and an update on the refurbishment grant scheme.

All queries raised by the members were answered by Ms. Lawler and Ms. Deenihan.

### **3.2 Winter Services Plan 2022 - 2023**

Mr. Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer gave this report.

### **3.3 Carlow Municipal District – Engineer's Report**

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the meeting with an updated report which included:

- Upgrade of trails and new seating installed in Oak Park Forest Park
- Update on footpath works in Carlow Town
- Installation of Adshel bus shelter in Carlow Town Bus Park with a living roof
- Hanover Park update – decision from An Bord Pleanála due shortly, funding secured
- Safety Improvement Works at Four Lakes Roundabout

The members welcomed all works and thanked the Carlow MD staff for their work on these projects.

### **3.4 Enterprise Supports – Kieran Comerford**

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise, updated members on the wide variety of schemes, supports and projects being provided by Carlow County Council and its Local Enterprise Office. The members raised a number of issues including:

- Rates on vacant properties
- Accessibility of pop up shops
- Timeframe on projects on O'Brien Road

### **3.5 Path Finder Project**

Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, presented a report on the Hanover to Tyndall Active Travel Corridor which has recently been approved by the Department of Transport as a Pathfinder project. It is anticipated that design work will be completed before the end of the year and public consultations carried out in early 2023. All members welcomed this project and noted it will serve a large number of cyclists.

### **3.6 Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 [Section 46] – Tullow Road Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme: Public Consultation**

### **3.7 Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 [Section 46] – O'Brien Road/Ashgrove Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme: Public Consultation**

Mr. K. Cullinane advised members that following the public consultation process only two submissions had been received for both schemes with no fundamental issues being raised. It is intended that both schemes will proceed as planned to the next tender stage.

## **4.0 Notices of Motion**

### **4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace**

“In recognition of the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20<sup>th</sup> and to commemorate all the transgender people lost to violence Carlow MD will fly the Transgender Pride flag on November 20<sup>th</sup>.”

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton**

And agreed following a show of hands

## **5.0 Any other business**

Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, advised the members that a Disposals of Freehold notice, Section 183, to Shaw & Sons Ltd, at Green Road, Carlow has been submitted for their consideration. All members were in agreement.

- Upgrade of wall in Ashgrove, very welcome
- Parking at St. Catherine's Avenue, more signs required
- Flooding at Askeagh
- AHB require tenant to insure a gate
- Sale of garage at Askeagh
- AHB threshold
- Delays in getting a driving test in Carlow

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, answered all queries.

This concluded the business of the meeting.