

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held in Town Hall, Carlow, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate Services, HR, Planning, Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development  
Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Service, Environment, Water & Transportation  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise  
Mr. G. O’Brien, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. B. O’Donovan, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were

*Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton*

*Seconded by Cllr. T. O’Neill*

*And agreed following a show of hands*

**2. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions**

**2.1. *Project Carlow 2040 – Launch of Consultation***

M. Rainey invited K. Comerford to make a presentation on Project 2040. K. Comerford and M. Rainey answered questions from members on the consultation draft. A copy of the presentation and the project vision report was given to each member.

## ***2.2 Agree date of Carlow Municipal District Budgetary Meeting 2021***

The proposed date of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 3.30 p.m. was

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And Agreed following a show of hands.

In Committee briefing remotely in advance. Joint meeting with Portarlinton is proposed for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11.00 a.m. This was agreed.

## ***2.3 Draft Community Development Grant Scheme 2020***

B. O'Donovan advised of the grants scheme and answered questions from members.

Proposed by Cllr. T. O'Neill

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And agreed following a show of hands (Cllr. Dalton abstained due to conflict of interest)

## ***2.4 Draft Environmental Grant Scheme 2020***

B. O'Donovan introduced the Environmental Grant Scheme and answered questions from members.

***Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton,***

***Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan***

***And Agreed following a show of hands.***

The appreciation of the Mayor and Members was extended to all participating Residents Associations.

## **3 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### ***3.1 Tullow Road Project Update***

B. O'Donovan circulated a layout and gave a presentation on the Tullow Road Project.

B. O'Donovan answered questions from members on the project.

The intention is to now procure a design architect to progress to design stage. Phase 1 is a 500m<sup>2</sup> community building.

The principle of procurement of detailed design was

*Proposed by Cllr. Cassin*

*Seconded by Cllr. Wallace*

*And Agreed following a show of hands.*

### ***3.2 Carlow Inner Relief Road***

P. O’Gorman advised of report commissioned in relation to the Inner Relief Road which is expected to be completed shortly and submitted to the Department for approval as a strategic project. P. O’Gorman answered questions from members on the project.

### ***3.3 Safe overtaking width signs for cyclists – Funding available from DTTAS***

P. O’Gorman advised of a programme where Carlow has received a grant of €23,000 for 2020 to advise motorists of safe passing distances for cyclists. This will enable the erection of 118 signs. This grant was welcomed by members.

### ***3.4 Active Travel Measures***

P. O’Gorman advised that Carlow County Council has submitted 12 projects and Carlow County Council received €115,000 for cycling facilities at Kilkenny Road and €20,000 for cycle track at Burrin Road.

An issue was raised in relation to Waterways Ireland erecting barrier and gates on the Barrow Track.

Members expressed dissatisfaction at the reply received from Waterways Ireland. M. Rainey advised the Municipal District would write to Waterways Ireland on the matter.

## **4. Notices of Motion**

### ***4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. F. Browne***

“That Carlow County Council put in a columbarium or similar facilities to allow for ashes of those cremated to be inserted at St. Mary's Cemetery Carlow town.”

*Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne*

*Seconded by Cllr. T. O’Neill*

*And agreed following a show of hands*

#### ***4.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. A. Wallace***

"This Council notes that the town park and barrow track are popular spots for families to feed swans and other wildlife. In order to properly care for these birds this Council will provide signage informing people of the preferred food to feed swans. Particularly highlighting that green foods like lettuce and cabbage are better for swan's diets compared to bread etc."

***Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace***

***Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan***

***And agreed following a show of hands***

#### ***4.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. A. Wallace***

"That this Council will place a number of 'bug hotels' in the town park and along the barrow track. A bug hotel is a manmade structure created to provide shelter for insects. Most consist of several different sections that provide insects with nesting facilities – particularly during winter, offering shelter or refuge for many types of insects. The benefits of these include hosting pollinators and educating people about their local environment."

***Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace***

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

***And agreed following a show of hands***

#### **Any Other Business**

Cllr. Cassin raised issue of a collapsed wall at Mount Leinster Park, Ashgrove, Woodgrove and requested that a survey be carried out on the remaining part of the wall.

P. O'Gorman advised that survey is being undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. A. Wallace advised of letter issued to HSE re doctors charging for blood tests.

Cllr. Wallace queried progress of notice regarding period poverty.

Cllr. Wallace raised issue of trees requiring trimming and issue of person seeking disabled parking areas in their estate in St. Lazerian's Terrace.

Cllr. Phelan advised of litter left at bottle banks and advised publicity is required to advise the public of this.

Cllr. Cassin welcomed the opening of the Skatepark and raised issue of over use of this facility.

Cllr. Cassin raised issue of antisocial behaviour on Burrin Walkway.

Cllr. Cassin raised issue of naming of motorway roundabouts at Tinryland.

Cllr. Browne raised query re status of electric scooters and extension of permissions beyond October for street furniture.

*This concluded the business of the meeting.*