

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Theatre, Carlow, on
Thursday 30th September 2021, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate Services,
Planning, HR, Economic Development, Health & Safety
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. N. Kinsella, A/Senior Executive Engineer (Active Travel)
Mr. N. Carroll, Executive Engineer (Active Travel)
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. T. Hickson, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 29th July 2021 at 4.00p.m. agreed subject to an amendment to record Councillor A. Wallace's dissent in relation to the EU Funding project.

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 **Agree date for Carlow Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting (suggested date Thursday 28th October 2021 at 3.30 p.m.)**

Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor: T. O'Neill

And agreed following a show of hands

The members requested an in-committee budget meeting at 3.00 p.m. on the same date. This was proposed by Councillor F. Phelan, seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill, and agreed following a show of hands.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Active Travel Programme 2021 & 2022

Niall Kinsella, A/Senior Executive Engineer, gave a full report and a breakdown of the funding allocation. He confirmed that future projects could be considered for funding under these schemes, and that the Active Travel Team are open to discussions with elected members.

The following queries were raised:-

- St. Joseph's Road
- Burrin Street congestion
- Oak Park
- Link Road on Brownhill Road
- Out relief roads
- Consultation with Tullow Road residents
- John Sweeney cycle paths
- Footbridge and footpaths at Ferrybank
- Burrin Road – more lights or CCTV
- Tinryland area

All queries were answered by; Michael Rainey, Director of Service, Niall Kinsella, A/Senior Executive Engineer, and Niall Carroll, Executive Engineer.

3.2 CMD Roadworks Programme for 2022, 2023 & 2024

Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, gave this report and answered all queries.

3.3 Carlow Town Permeability Links

Niall Kinsella, A/Senior Executive Engineer, gave this report and answered all queries.

3.4 Housing Update

Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, gave this report. The following queries were raised:-

- Housing repairs on older dwellings
- Student accommodation
- Audit on fire alarms on Council properties
- Provision of bungalows
- Notify members by email when allocating housing
- Possibility of renovating and CPO of derelict buildings for housing
- St. Vincent de Paul building
- How new hostel is managed and how apartments are allocated

Michael Rainey, Director of Service, and Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, answered all queries.

4.0 Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the Name of Councillor Adrienne Wallace

"This MD writes to the minister responsible to call for reforms of safety awareness training and in particular the Safepass course delivery and pricing. This reform should include a consultation process with the pass holders, standardised pricing in line with the cost of processing, online facilities for renewal and flexibility, and an end to current price gouging. We also call for the current extension on expired cards to continue until the conclusion of said reform. Building Works Know your Rights are currently involved with a campaign to reform safepass, #renewfor32!"

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: J. Cassin

A show of hands resulted in two votes in favour, two votes against, with three abstentions. The motion was defeated on the casting vote of the Mayor.

4.2 Standing in the Name of Councillor Adrienne Wallace

"That this MD agrees to place a plaque on a bench overlooking the sugar factory on the river Barrow in honour of the late Carlow Senator Patrick Bergin to remember how he led the sugar factory workers on strike to fight for better pay"

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: J. Cassin

Councillor F. Phelan proposed that the motion be referred to the centenary committee. This was seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill.

Mayor Ken Murnane and Councillor Adrienne Wallace voted for a roll call.

Item No. 4.2
To refer the erection of bench near former Sugar Factory site to Centenary Committee

Proposed: Cllr. F. Phelan **Seconded:** Cllr. T. O'Neill **Date:** 30/09/2021

<i>Member of Carlow Municipal District</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Tom O'Neill	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
Adrienne Wallace		√		

Absent: None

Decision/Resolution: Passed

5.0 Any other business

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.