

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council  
held in the G. B. Shaw Theatre, Visual, Old Dublin Road, Carlow (Hybrid)  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 2.30p.m.**

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**In Attendance:** Councillor F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach)  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor M. Doran  
Councillor T. Kinsella  
Councillor A. McDonald  
Councillor C. Murphy  
Councillor J. McDonald  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor W. Quinn  
Councillor J. Murphy  
Councillor T. O' Neill  
Councillor A. Wallace  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor A. Gladney

**Guests:** Family of Cllr. B. O' Donoghue.

**Executives** **Ms. K. Holohan**, Chief Executive

**In Attendance:** **Mr. M. Rainey**, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning, Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development  
**Mr. P. O'Gorman**, Director of Service, Transportation, Environment & Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services  
**Mr. M. Brennan**, Director of Services, Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity  
**Mr. P. Delaney**, Head of Finance  
**Mr. R. Wickham**, Executive Engineer, Transportation  
**Mr. B. O'Donovan**, Senior Executive Officer, Community  
**Ms. O. Barrett**, Senior Engineer, Water Services  
**Mr. E. Brophy**, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs  
**Ms. L. O'Callaghan**, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs  
**Mr. P. Curran**, Facilities Manager  
**Ms. S. Byrne**, A/Staff Officer (Acting), Corporate Affairs

Councillor F. Phelan the outgoing Cathaoirleach welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting of Carlow County Council.

He spoke of his honor to lead as first citizen of County Carlow and how he had committed and delivered to improving County Carlow for all generations.

Highlights of his year included:

- Carlow becoming a University Town with the establishment of the Southeast Technological University.
- Adopting the County Development Plan 2022-2028
- European Investments in Carlow - Work on Urbact/Craft Project led by the Local Enterprise Office.
- Youth Needs Report –
- Introduction of Cathaoirleach bursary for third level investment in education.
- Places Matter Conference
- Centenary projects
- Friends of Columbanus – Cross Broder Project

Cllr. F. Phelan thanked his family for all their support as a Councillor with Carlow County Council and during his year as Cathaoirleach. He also thanked his Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. J. McDonald for all his help and support. He thanked the Chief Executive, the four directors of Carlow County Council and all staff from the various departments, Eamonn Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, and Head of Enterprise, Kieran Comerford, for all their advice and guidance throughout his year. He concluded his appreciation by thanking all his fellow Councillors, and the people of County Carlow who elected him.

### **1.0 Election of Cathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach called for proposals for Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Brian O' Donoghue was proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella.

**Proposed by Councillor: T. Kinsella**

**Seconded by Councillor: J. Murphy**

As there was no other proposal Councillor B. O' Donoghue was deemed elected in accordance with Section 37 9b) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

The Chief Executive congratulated Cllr. B. O' Donoghue on his election as Cathaoirleach and said she looked forward to working with him for a second term as Chairperson. She also thanked Cllr. F. Phelan for his year in office, which was challenging, but appreciated all his support, and in particular, his commitment and energy to delivery of the County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Cllr. F. Phelan was then presented with a memorabilia album to mark his year in office.

Cllr. Brian O' Donoghue then took the chair.

## **2.0 Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach called for proposals for Leas Cathaoirleach and Cllr. M. Doran was proposed by Cllr. F. Browne.

**Proposed by Councillor: F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor: T. O' Neill**

Agreed following a show of hands.

## **3.0 Dates of Council Meetings**

Members had for consideration suggested dates for Council Meetings for the ensuing months to the next Annual Meeting.

**Proposed by Councillor: F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor: J. Murphy**

**And**

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

*'That the proposed dates for Council Meetings for the ensuing months to the next Annual Meeting are as follows.*

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|-------------|------------------|----------|------------------------|
| <b>2022</b> | <b>July</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>September</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>October</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>November</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>December</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>January</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>February</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>March</b>     | <b>-</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>April</b>     | <b>-</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> |
|             | <b>May</b>       | <b>-</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>  |
|             | <b>June</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> |

*This concluded the business of the meeting.*

