

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 15th December 2022, at 4.00 p.m.**

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 Services, Planning, Economic
Development & Corporate Services
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing, Community,
Recreation & Amenity
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. B. O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

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

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton**

And agreed following a show of hands

2.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

2.1 MD Housing Report

Mr. B. O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer, presented the members with an updated housing report and answered all queries raised. These included:

- Barrack Street – Part VIII planning process
- Recruitment of Homeless Support Officer/Tenant Liaison Officer

- Carrigbrook – Issues with air to water heating system
- Land Registration– Ownership of derelict properties
- Statistics – Number on housing lists, houses allocated

3.2 MD Engineer’s Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the meeting with an update on completed and ongoing works in the district and answered all queries raised by the members. Some of the queries raised included:

- Funding of €250K for Carlow Town Park
- Irish Water – contractors not completing works
- Lack of gritting on footpaths
- Junction at Hanover Park
- Green Lane – bollards missing
- Pollerton Road – installation of speed ramps
- Pedestrian crossing on Athy Road

3.3 Update on Community Hub on the Tullow Road

Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, presented the members with an update on the Community Hub, Tullow Road. He advised that the part VIII has been approved with an approximate cost of €2.536 million with the Local Authority funding fifty per cent of the overall cost. He outlined various funding streams available and informed the meeting that this project will proceed once funding is in place. Concerns were raised by several members that this project has been ongoing for a number of years and is a much-needed facility in the area. Mr. Brennan assured the members that this is a high priority project and hopes to see progress next year.

4.0 Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Councillor Adrienne Wallace

“Following the success of creating an inviting atmosphere in Hanover Park, due in large to the lighting in the band stand, this MD will ensure that the Liberty Tree has decorative lighting turned on in the evenings for the duration of the Winter months to extend a warm atmosphere across the town centre and deter anti-social behaviour.”

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

And agreed following a show of hands

4.2 Standing in the name of Councillor Fintan Phelan

“That this MD agrees that Carlow Town Hall is lit up green to mark the Winter Solstice (Wednesday December 21st). This is an initiative of the Samaritans called Longest Night. The Samaritans want to let people in need of their support know that Samaritans are there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period.

**Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton**

And agreed following a show of hands

4.3 Standing in the name of Councillor Fintan Phelan

“That this MD would support the Bangladesh Community in Carlow who are celebrating their National Victory Day on 16th of December this year by raising the Bangladesh flag over Carlow Town Hall.”

Cllr. Phelan withdrew this motion.

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

Members raised a number of issues including:

- Lack of access to Ducketts Grove
- Update on Tearooms
- Health & Safety report for Ducketts Grove
- Painting of railings at Croppy grave
- Women in Local Government

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, and Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, answered all queries. It was agreed that an update on Ducketts Grove be included as an item on the January MD meeting.

Mr. K. Cullinane, Director of Services, advised the members that the National Transport Authority will give a presentation at the February MD meeting on bus services. He also informed the meeting that a workshop on the Joint Urban Local Plan will be held jointly with Laois County Council at the end of January 2023.

A minutes silence was observed in honour of Private Sean Rooney who was killed on Wednesday 14th December whilst on a United Nations peacekeeping mission in Lebanon.

This concluded the business of the meeting.