

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 27th July, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development & Corporate Services
Ms. Nicola Lawlor, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. Jannette O'Brien, Climate Officer, Environment

Apologies:

Mayor T. O'Neill welcomed all to the July meeting of Carlow Municipal District and welcomed Cllr. J. Cahill to his first Carlow MD meeting.

Members expressed their sympathies to Ciaran Brennan, Executive Technician, Transportation, on the recent passing of his mother, Theresa.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**

And agreed following a show of hands

1.2 Minutes of Annual Meeting held in Town Hall Chamber on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 4.30pm

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Town Hall Chamber on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 4.30pm were

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

And agreed following a show of hands

2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 Carlow MD Engineers Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Engineer, presented the members with a report on ongoing projects and future projects for the district and answered all questions raised. The members raised a number of issues, including:

- Car Park Ducketts Grove
- The maintenance of the hill in Carlow Town Park
- Funding stream for footpaths
- Installation of Cats Eyes for the Athy Road.
- Washing of bollard on Kennedy Avenue
- River Burren – weeds and overgrowth.
- Painting of railings on St. Josephs Road.

3.2 LACAP Decarbonization Zone Update

Ms. Jannette O'Brien, Climate Action Coordinator gave a detailed presentation on "Carlow County Council Decarbonisation Zone" and answered all queries raised.

3.3 URDF call 3 Funding Update

Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Planning, informed the committee that confirmation was received on the 21st July 2023 of €1.5 million confirmed for vacant and derelict sites in Carlow. Statistics were circulated showing nineteen potential sites have been identified, ten of these have been approved and nine are on standby. Ms. Lawler explained that the important role of the members is to approve Sections 183 for these sites and that they are for onward sale. Question raised by the members were answered by Ms. Lawler.

3.4 Proposed Sale of Freehold Interest in Premises at Strawhall Industrial Estate, Carlow

The Proposed Sale of Freehold Interest in Premises at Strawhall Industrial Estate, Carlow was

Proposed by Councillor J. Cassin
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne

And agreed following a show of hands.

4.0 Notice of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cahill

“This MD will write to the developers of Carrigbrook and request that they lower the height of the playing area, to make it more accessible to young children and people with mobility issues”.

Proposed by Councillor J. Cahill
Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

And agreed following a show of hands.

5.0 Correspondence

None

7.0 Any Other Business

Members raised several queries including:

- There are four rough sleepers in Carlow Town. Can Carlow County Council do more to address the problem. Can other agencies be involved in getting assistance to the individuals and providing them with temporary accommodation. Requested update for next meeting.
- Progress report on Barrack St Housing – request that it be an agenda item going forward on CMD Meetings.
- Issue of Anti Social behaviour in housing estates and request that Carlow County Council provide a report to include input from Approved Housing Bodies.
- Requested a bi- monthly report from the Community Section to the Carlow MD on activities in the section.
- Requested progress report on Tullow Rd Community Centre
- Requested report on safety issues at Ducketts grove to be presented at next MD with reference to the agricultural shed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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