

**Minutes of July Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow
on Monday 1st July, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin *Remotely*
Councillor A. Dalton *Remotely*
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor P. Doogue,
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor B. O'Donoghue *Remotely*
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor D. Pender
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn
Councillor A. Wallace
Councillor B. Ward

In attendance: Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Transportation, Environment,
Climate Action, Building Control & Emergency Services.
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Corporate, Planning, Economic
Development, Information Technology and Health & Safety
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Community, Recreation, Amenity, Sports,
Arts, Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Services
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Service – Housing, Ukrainian
Humanitarian Response and Refugee Resettlement Programme
Mr. P. J. Leonard, Acting Director of Finance
Mr. K. Cullinane, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect
Mr. C. Madden, Executive Engineer
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer
Mr. J. Woods, A/Senior Executive Officer
Ms. C. Healy, Staff Officer
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer
Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner *Remotely*
Ms. N Lawler, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development *Remotely*
Mr. J. Shorthall, County Librarian *Remotely*
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
Mr. R. Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Votes of Sympathy

Dooley Family on the death of Ger Dooley, Procurement Officer and also to council staff on the loss of their work colleague.

Nolan Family on the death of Henry Nolan, Oaklawns.

Eddie Townsend & family on the death of Valerie Townsend, Linkardstown.

Broderick Family on the death of Agnes Broderick, Brownhill Avenue.

McNally Family on the death of Christy McNally, New Oak Estate.

Votes of Congratulations

Finn Lynch on his endeavours in qualifying for the Olympic Games.

Jenny Sawyer on winning the 400 m hurdles final in the National Senior Track and Field Championships.

Adam Nolan on winning silver medal in the 110 metre hurdles in the National Senior Track and Field Championships.

Tinryland GAA Club on organising a very successful first weekend of south east sevens tournament.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th May 2024

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor M. Doran

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 2.00 pm having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

1.2 Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 21st June 2024

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor P. Doogue

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow on Friday 21st June 2024 at 2.00 pm having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

2.0 Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of Council/Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle

2.1 Appointment of Members to the Heritage Forum (5)

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That Councillors A. Dalton, M. Doran, K. Murnane and B. O’Donoghue be elected as members of the Heritage Forum.”

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton,

Seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That Cllr. W. Quinn be elected as a member of the Heritage Forum.”

2.2 Agree date for Joint Urban Local Area Plan meeting - proposed date 30th July 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Doogue

Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan

And agreed following a show of hands:-

“To hold a Joint Urban Local Area Plan meeting on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

2.3 Approval for Delegation to Travel to Hungary Entente Florale on 5th, 6th & 7th September 2024

Proposed by M. Doran

Seconded by B. Ward

And agreed following a show of hands

“Approval for Councillors F. Browne and F. Phelan to travel to Hungary Entente Florale on 5th, 6th and 7th September 2024.”

2.4 Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) - Proposed creation of a new pedestrian route from Carlow Train Station to Carlow town centre (URDF)

C. Moriarty gave a detailed presentation on the proposed creation of a new pedestrian route from Carlow Train Station to Carlow town centre. Queries raised by the members included public lighting, maintaining trees where possible, timelines, costings and CCTV which were answered by C. Moriarty.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan,
Seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace**

And following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) the proposed creation of a new pedestrian route from Carlow train station to Carlow town centre (URDF), in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display and to any such minor and immaterial alterations to these plans and particulars, and subject to the conditions set out.”

2.5 Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 - commencement of the public consultation process for taking-in-charge of roads and services at Browneshill Wood, Browneshill Road, Carlow. Phase 1 (Dwellings 1 - 128)

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan
Seconded by Cllr. B. Ward**

And following a show of hands agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 – the commencement of the public consultation process for taking in charge of roads and services at Browneshill Wood, Browneshill Road, Carlow. Phase 1 (Dwellings 1 – 128)”

2.6 Implementation of proposed National Default Speed Limits for local roads.

Ms. O. Barrett gave a presentation on the Proposed National Default Speed Limits for local roads. Questions raised by the members included speed, enforcement of speed limits, need for pedestrians to wear reflective clothing at night, speed cameras, flashing speed signals and hedge.

3.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

Questions raised by the members included numbers in emergency accommodation, CPO on public lands, Women's Refuge, Clashganny/Waterways Ireland, Pyrite, Register of Electors/Ballot Papers, Bagenalsown Fire Station, lighting at Circle K Tinryland, IDA Dublin Road premises, Vacant Site at Royal Oak, Discretionary funding for newly elected members and CCTV Bagenalstown. C O'Reilly & the Management Team responded to questions.

4.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

Members noted Motion passed by Fingal County Council regarding fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

Members noted Motion passed by Clare County Council calling on government to address health services in Clare from the current government's model of health care"

Members noted acknowledgment from Minister Roderic O'Gorman of letter regarding international protection applicants in Tullow which is receiving attention.

Members noted resolution passed by Limerick City and County Council calling on Minister for Finance to allow taxpayers one week where no tax is paid in line with Social Welfare recipients.

5.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

5.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Will Paton

Noting that many members of the public raised concerns with Elected Members and candidates during the recent Local Government Elections concerning speed and road safety in our county towns and villages:

Noting that speed has been identified as a key risk factor in road traffic injuries, influencing both the risk of a road crash as well as the severity of the injuries that result from crashes;

Noting that Section 38(1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (as amended) provides that, “a road authority may, in the interests of the safety and convenience of road users, provided such traffic calming measure as they consider desirable in respect of the public roads in their charge;”

Noting that Section 130 of the Local Government Act, 2001 provides that it is the function of the elected council of a local authority to determine by resolution the policy of the local authority subject to and in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001 and other enactments relating to that authority;

“That we the Elected Members of Carlow County Council call on the Chief Executive to develop a Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas with the assistance of the Roads and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee and report back to the Plenary Council with a draft *“Carlow County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas”* as soon as possible (ideally before the year-end).”

The policy should include:

- the incorporation of traffic calming measures during the planning and design of new roads and housing schemes etc.
- respond to complaints regarding perceived speeding issues in housing estates or where accidents have occurred and
- subject to funding, implement traffic calming on existing estate roads on a phased basis, where the need has been established

The objectives of the Traffic Calming Policy should be to:

- reduce and control speed to a level commensurate with activities taking place on that road
- improve safety
- improve driver awareness of vulnerable road users
- improve access for public transport, cyclists and pedestrians
- reduction in noise, disturbance and anxiety

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton

Seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton

And following a show of hands

“It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Transportation & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee.”

5.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. Ben Ward

"That Carlow County Council make it a priority to uphold law and order in Tullow by finding a solution to get the CCTV network back in operation and advocating for an increased Garda presence"

Proposed by Cllr. B. Ward

Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue

And agreed following a show of hands

5.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Will Paton

"Noting the proposed new bus route by Transport for Ireland from Gorey to Carlow A67, that the members of Carlow County Council request TFI to provide a bus stop at Ardattin Village."

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton

Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn

And agreed following a show of hands

6.0 Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh

Cllr. Quinn spoke on increase in cost of construction works and asked about possibility of increase in grant amount for housing aid for elderly.

Cllr. Quinn raised issue with people losing medical card on income levels and it was agreed that the members of the Regional Health Forum South would raise same at their next meeting.

Cllr. Doogue queried on bus link to train station, possibility of overhang on bus shelter at Bus Station and need for more dog litter bins around the town.