

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Planning, Economic Development & Corporate Services  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services, Roads, Transportation  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. S. Loughlin, Senior Engineer, Transportation  
Ms. C. Cahill, Local Coordinator, Carlow, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme  
Ms. T. Hickson, A/Staff Officer, Planning  
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor T. O'Neill opened the April meeting and welcomed all present. Congratulations were extended to Reverend Alec Purser on his recent appointment as the new archdeacon of Cashel, Ferns, Waterford and Lismore.

The Mayor also congratulated all involved in the Tullow Road Community Centre Project following the recent announcement of funding of €4.1 million from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

## **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 4.00 p.m.**

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne  
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**

## **3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### **3.1 Croi Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Update**

Ms. T. Hickson, Planning gave a comprehensive update on the Croi Cónaithe Property Refurbishment Grants and answered all queries raised. Members welcomed this scheme and the improvements being made to the town.

### **3.2 Healthy Age Friendly Home Programme**

Ms. C. Cahill, Local Co-ordinator for Carlow, gave a presentation on the Healthy Age Friendly Homes service designed to enable older people to remain living in their own home for longer. This programme is delivered in collaboration with the Department of Health, Department of Housing and Local Government. Ms. Cahill answered all queries raised. The Mayor, Cllr. T. O'Neill thanked Ms. Cahill for her informative presentation.

### **3.3 Active Travel Update**

Mr. S. Loughlin, Senior Engineer, Transportation, presented members with an update on the Active Travel Investment Programme and the Carlow Municipal District Allocations for 2024. He briefed members on the Dublin Road Pedestrian and Cycle scheme and the Pathfinder Carlow to SETU Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme, both of which are due to go to public consultation in the coming weeks. The following issues were raised by members:

- Pedestrian crossing at Netwatch Cullen Park
- Airport Bus from Waterford not accessible for wheelchairs
- Replacement of trees at John Sweeney Park
- Concerns over loss of carparking spaces at St. Mary's Cemetery
- Street lights at Burrin Manor
- Delayed works at St. Leo's
- LED lighting not sufficient
- Steep footpath at Graigue Bridge
- LIS funding

### **3.4 Carlow MD Engineers Report**

Mr. B. Knowles, gave a brief report on the progress of public enhancement works within the district and answered all queries from the members.

## **4.0 Correspondence**

None

## **5.0 Notices of Motion**

### **5.1 Standing in the name of Councillor Fergal Browne**

*“That Carlow County Council put in traffic calming measures on the Blackbog Road and at Ballycarney, to take account of the delays with the southern relief road and the additional traffic using these roads as a result travelling to and from education facilities on the Kilkenny Road.”*

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

And agreed following a show of hands

### **5.2 Standing in the name of Councillor Fergal Browne**

*“That Carlow County Council acknowledge the huge historical importance of our Town Hall building and commit to upgrading the heating in the main hall to enable greater use.”*

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

And agreed following a show of hands

## **6.0 Any Other Business**

Members raised concerns over the need for Carlow Fire Service to require back up from other areas at a recent call out and queried if resources are adequate. A request for a presentation from Carlow Fire Service at the next meeting was made.

Following the recent announcement of additional funding to address critical needs and emerging demands for domestic violence services a commitment was sought from Carlow County Council to review the number of safe houses available to victims of domestic abuse.

This concluded the business of the meeting.