

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 14th December, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development & Corporate Services
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. B. Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. T. Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, Water Services
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office
Ms. L. Culleton, Economic Development Officer
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor T. O'Neill welcomed all to the December meeting of Carlow Municipal District and congratulated Cllr. F. Phelan and his wife, Sinéad, on the birth of their son John.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 4.00 p.m. were

Proposed by Councillor A. Dalton
Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane

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 Access for All Recycling

Mr. T. Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, gave a presentation on the Access for All Powerstown Civic Amenity Site which was shortlisted for most inclusive project category at the LAMA Awards 2023 and achieved national recognition. The members commended the success of this initiative and raised the following queries:

- Emptying of clothes bins
- Deposit & return scheme
- Extra collections of recycling bins over Christmas period

Mr. T. Madden answered all queries raised and Ms. O. Barrett advised the members that additional funding has recently been announced for Tullow recycling centre.

3.2 & 3.3 Carlow Christmas Festival and #shoplocalshopcarlow

Ms. L. Culleton presented the members with a detailed and comprehensive report on Carlow Christmas Festival and Shoplocalshopcarlow campaign and Mr. K. Comerford answered all queries raised. Members congratulated all involved in the Christmas Festival and highlighted the success of Lightfest. The following recommendations were noted:

- Layout of carpark to include more vendors
- Inclusion of more choir groups and local group activities for next year

3.4 Carlow MD Engineers Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the Carlow Municipal District Engineers Report to the meeting and answered all queries raised. Members raised concerns on the following:

- Increasing the number of ebikes available at the following locations:
Askea Church, Kennedy Avenue and the Fair Green
- Derelict buildings in Carlow Town
- Provision of a dog foul bin at Brownhill Dolmen
- Pedestrian crossing at Hacketstown Road
- Carlow Town bus service
- The use of local business car parks at weekends

3.5 Housing Update

Mr. B. Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, gave a comprehensive progress report on Housing and answered all questions raised by members. The following issues were raised:

- An increase in funding for house purchases
- Affordable Housing Scheme
- Barrack Street – concerns at pace of work
- Number of tenants in Cost Rental Tenant in Situ Scheme
- Number of notices to quit
- Progress on Bramley and Perry's sites

4.0 Notices of Motion

None.

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

The Mayor advised that this was Cllr. John Cahill's last meeting before Cllr. Wallace's return from maternity leave and members wished John the best for the future. Cllr. Cahill thanked all for their help and support during his time as Councillor.

This concluded the business of the meeting.