

**Minutes of December Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the
Town Hall Chamber, Carlow
on Monday 2nd December, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

- Present: Councillor F. Browne (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor J. Cassin *Remotely*
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor P. Doogue
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor B. O'Donoghue *Remotely*
Councillor D. Pender
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn *Remotely*
Councillor B. Ward
- Apologies Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor W. Paton
Councillors A. Wallace
- In attendance: Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Services
Mr. P. J. Leonard, Acting Director of Finance
Mr. K. Cullinane, Acting Director of Services
Mr. J. Shorthall, County Librarian
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect
Mr. R. Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development
Mr. J. Woods, A/Senior Executive Officer
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer
Mr. J. McKenna, IT Technical Support
Mr. S. Guinan, IT Technical Support
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer *Remotely*
Mr. L. Carroll, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
Mr. N. Carroll, Acting Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Votes of Sympathy

Seamus Dormer on the death of his father Michael Dormer, Chatsworth, Clogh, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

Victoria Kavanagh, Community Section on the death of her mother Miriam Kavanagh, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

Votes of Congratulations

Bennekerry / Tinryland Ladies Football who are in the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Final.

To all the Carlow participants in the General Election and the fantastic result for Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Peter Chap Cleer on getting re-elected and Catherine O'Callaghan newly elected.

Commiserations to Cllr. Adrienne Wallace and Aine Gladney on not getting elected.

The Elected Members would like to send best wishes to their colleague Cllr. Andy Gladney.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 11th November 2024

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:

“That the Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow on Monday, 11th November 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 Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993; Section 180 of the Planning and Development as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 - Taking in charge of roads and services at Brownhill Rise, Brownhill Road, Carlow. (Phase 1) (Units 1 - 59)

Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton
Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue

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 the Planning and Development as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 - Taking in charge of roads and services at Brownshill Rise, Brownshill Road, Carlow. (Phase 1) (Units 1 - 59).”

2.2 Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993; Section 180 of the Planning and Development as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 - Taking in charge of roads and services at Brownshill Wood, Brownshill Road, Carlow. (Phase 1).

Proposed by Cllr. K. Murnane
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 the Planning and Development as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 - Taking in charge of roads and services at Brownshill Wood, Brownshill Road, Carlow. (Phase 1).”

2.3 To Adopt Carlow County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 - 2029

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton

And following a show of hands agreed: -

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve to Adopt Carlow Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029.”

3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations/Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus Mholtaí

3.1 N80 Leagh Bends Scheme Update

Ray Wickham gave a detailed update. Questions raised by the members were answered. The current advice is that the speed limit on all national secondary roads is to be reduced to 80km/hr.

The CE advised that the speed limits are scheduled to be reviewed in the 2nd half of 2025 and he subsequently advised that he would bring this speed limit review forward to commence the process in the 1st half of 2025.”

Proposed by Cllr. J. Pender

Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella

And following a show of hands agreed: -

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve for the speed limit review for all secondary roads to 80KM/hr would be brought forward to the first half of 2025”.

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

The Chief Executives Report was noted. Queries raised by the members included Power Up Grants, all other queries to be emailed to the Chief Executive for review.

Chief Executive to send a letter to the Carlow/Kilkenny Returning Officer on behalf of the Elected Members regarding the unsuitable venue that the General Election count took place in Kilkenny. The Members would also like to know why a venue in Co. Carlow wasn't considered.