

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 12th December 2024, at 4.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor F. Phelan (Mayor)
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor F. Browne (Remote)
Councillor A. Wallace (Remote)
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor J. Cassin (Remote)

Apologies: Councillor P. Doogue

In Attendance: Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development, Regeneration & Corporate Services
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Community
Ms. L. Kelly, Community Development Officer, Community
Mr. J. Woods, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporates

Mayor F. Phelan welcomed all and opened the December meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024 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 for Transaction at such meeting

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Housing Report

Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing presented members with a comprehensive update on current local authority build projects in Carlow Municipal District and answered all queries raised by members including the following:

- Enforcement of begging bye-laws
- Incremental Purchase Scheme at Tanner Hall
- Refurbishment works in John Sweeney Park Estate
- Shamrock Plaza
- Housing Adaption Grant – Exclusion of boiler repairs and increases for 2025

3.2 Carlow MD Engineer's Report

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, updated members on resurfacing works, footpath works and upcoming improvements projects within the district and answered all queries from the members. Members complimented Fire Service and Local Authority staff for their work following the recent Storm Darragh. The following queries were raised:

- Compliance of hedgecutting notices
- Clarity on staff working during orange level weather warnings
- Programme of works for 2025
- Bridewell Lane and Charlotte Street improvements required

3.3 Carlow Tidy Towns Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer Community, updated members with the Tidy Towns Competition Results 2024 and advised of the new Tidy Towns insurance scheme which is being introduced as a pilot program for 2025. Queries raised were answered by Mr. B. Knowles.

3.4 Community Development Officer's Report

Ms. L. Kelly, Community Development Officer, presented members with a detailed report on community events and programmes being held within the district. Members complimented staff on all work being undertaken in the Community section and requested an update on the Tullow Road Community Hub for the next meeting.

5.0 Notices of Motion

None

6.0 Any other business

Members raised the following queries:

- Part 9 Planning proposal to refurbish Carlow Courthouse railings
- Toghers – notice given to 150 residents to vacate premises by 1st January 2025

This concluded the business of the meeting.