

**Minutes of January Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cassin *Remotely*  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor J. Deane  
Councillor P. Doogue  
Councillor M. Doran  
Councillor A. Gladney *Remotely*  
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 Services  
Mr. K. Cullinane, A/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. J. Shorthall, County Librarian  
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer  
Mr. J. Woods, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. C. Healy, Staff Officer  
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer  
Mr. L. Carroll, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner  
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. T. Madden, Acting Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. N. Carroll, Acting Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*  
Ms. M. Moore, Administrative Officer *Remotely*  
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Co-ordinator *Remotely*  
Mr. C. Madden, Executive Engineer *Remotely*

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Deborah Foley and family on the death of her mother, Kay Joyce, Corries, Bagenalstown.

Morgan Family on the death of Marian Morgan, Tinryland, Co Carlow.

Martha Jane Duggan and family on the death of her mother, Martha Duggan, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

Woods Family on the death of Mary Woods, Ballinakilbeg, Bennekerry.

Dooley Family on the death of Michael Dooley, John Sweeney Park, Carlow

Molloy Family, Quinnagh, Carlow on the death of their mother, Annie.

Moran Family on the death of their mother Mary, Whitney Place, Graiguecullen.

Nolan Family on the death of Barry Nolan, Oakhills, Carlow

Ralph Family on the death of Timmy, Dereen Heights, Carlow.

Farrell Family on the death of Mairead, Cois Dara, Carlow.

Ó Snodaigh Family on the death of their father, Padraig, Howth, Dublin.

Williamson Family on the death of their brother, Eugene, Tullow Road, Carlow.

### **Votes of Congratulations**

Bennekerry/Tinryland Ladies Football Team on winning the All-Ireland Ladies Club Intermediate Football.

Padraig Webb on winning the Men's Carlow Cross Country Championship.

St. Laurence O'Toole's on regaining the Odium Cup in winning the Overall Team at the Carlow Cross Country Championships.

Margaret Byrne from Mount Leinster Rangers Club on being chosen as one of the recipients for the 2025 GAA President's Awards.

The members extended best wishes to Andy Gladney for a speedy recovery to full health.

Cllr. Deane on behalf of the Bennekerry/Tinryland Ladies Football Team thanked the Council and all involved for organising a very successful homecoming celebration.

The members thanked the Chief Executive and all staff involved for the great work they carried out during the recent severe weather. They thanked the Civil Defence and Fire Services for providing transport to people with hospital appointments, health care staff with visits to patients in remote areas and delivery of supplies to those in need. They thanked the Council for the provision of salt at the various locations throughout the county for use in the communities. The members also suggested that consideration be given in the future to the clearing of housing estates. They acknowledged the very informative updates given on the weather, road conditions and updates on ongoing works.

Deputies C. O’Callaghan, J. M O’Connor and N. Newsome Drennan were welcomed to the meeting.

## **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí**

### **1.1 Approval of Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting 2025 of Carlow County Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting 2025 of Carlow County Council held in the Town Hall Chamber on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

### **1.2 Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 4.00 p.m.**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran**

**Seconded by Cllr. B. Ward**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Town Hall Chamber on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 4.00 p.m. 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 Audit Committee – Section 60 Report to Council on 2023 Statutory Audit Report**

P. J. Leonard briefed on the Audit Committee - Section 60 Report to Council on Statutory Audit Report and answered questions raised.

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“To approve the Audit Committee – Section 60 Report to Council on the 2023 Statutory Audit Report”.

## **2.2 Statutory Audit Report 2023**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane**

**And following a show of hands agreed:-**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed:-

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Statutory Audit Report 2023”

## **2.3 Planning & Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) - Grant of 30 year lease on lands contained within Folio CW8470F at Castlemore Tullow**

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender**

**And following a show of hands agreed:-**

“To approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) – Grant of a 30 year lease on lands contained within Folio CW8470F (3.471 Acres) Castlemore, Tullow to CK United Limited (formerly Carlow Kilkenny Fc Ltd.) for a period of thirty years in the sum of €100.00 per annum in accordance with the statutory notice as circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal.”

## **2.4 Approval of Visit of Cathaoirleach and a representative of each Municipal District to New York for St. Patrick's Day**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran**

**And following a show of hands agreed**

“Approval to the attendance of the Cathaoirleach and a representative of each Municipal District to New York for St. Patrick's Day.”

## **2.5 Holding of a Reception for the Bennekerry/Tinryland Ladies Football Team on winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Ladies Football**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

**And following a show of hands agreed**

“That Carlow County Council hold a reception for the Bennekerry/Tinryland Ladies Football Team on winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Ladies Football.

## **2.6 Approval of appointments to the Strategic Policy Committees:**

J. Woods briefed the meeting on nominations received for each of the Strategic Policy Committees.

### **Appointment of SPC Chairs & Nomination of Elected Members to the following SPC's:-**

#### **Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT Strategic Policy Committee**

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender

And Agreed following a show of hands

"That Cllr. M. Doran Chair and Cllrs T. Kinsella, D. Pender, W. Paton and C. Murphy be appointed to the Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC."

#### **Transportation, Environment, Emergency Services and Capital Projects Strategic Policy Committee**

Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton

Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane

And Agreed following a show of hands

"That Cllr. J. Pender Chair and Cllrs P. Doogue, B. O'Donoghue and W. Quinn be appointed to the Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC."

#### **Housing and Integration Strategic Policy Committee**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Pender

Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan

And Agreed following a show of hands

"That Cllr. A. Dalton Chair and Cllrs K. Murnane, F. Browne, J. Cassin and A. Wallace be appointed to the Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC."

#### **Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum, Heritage Strategic Policy Committee**

Proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn,

Seconded by Cllr. J. Deane

And Agreed following a show of hands

"That Cllr. A. Gladney Chair and Cllrs B. Ward, F. Phelan and J. Deane be appointed to the Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC."

## **Nomination of Sectoral representatives to the following Strategic Policy Committees**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane**

**And following a show of hands agreed:**

### **IFA on behalf of Agriculture/Farming**

- Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC - John Duffy
- Transportation, Environment, Emergency Services and Capital Projects SPC - Michael Purcell

### **Chambers Ireland on behalf of Development/Construction**

- Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC - Lisa O'Shea
- Housing and Integration SPC - Lisa O'Shea

### **Chambers Ireland on behalf of Business/Commercial**

- Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT SPC - Eoin Kehoe
- Transportation, Environment, Emergency Services and Capital Projects SPC - John Brophy

### **ICTU on behalf of Trade Unions**

- Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum, Heritage SPC - Deirdre O'Connell

### **PPN on behalf of Community/Voluntary**

- Transportation, Environment, Emergency Services and Capital Projects SPC - Jackie Meally
- Housing & Integration SPC - Amanda Shasha
- Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum, Heritage SPC - Aisling O'Halloran

### **PPN on behalf of Social Inclusion**

- Housing & Integration SPC - Ismail Ayodele

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

### **3.2 Training & Conference Approvals**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Pender**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Paton**

**And following a show of hands agreed**

#### **4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh**

Questions raised by the members included update of Local Area Plans for Bagenalstown and Tullow, EU directive re boiler replacement, council direct house builds, public lighting, Ukrainian housing situation in Carlow, Grange Sewerage Plant, Kilbride Junction, Southern Relief Road and Ballyknockan housing estate. Questions raised were answered by C. O'Reilly and the Management Team.

#### **5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

Members noted motion passed by Waterford City & County Council supporting United Against Gender Apartheid and their campaign to have the crime of 'gender apartheid' incorporated into Article 2 of the draft Crimes Against Humanity Convention'.

Members noted motion passed by Kerry County Council seeking that the 31 local authorities across Ireland would be provided €2 million of discretionary funding from the €14 billion surplus as a result of the Apple Tax ruling."

Members noted motion passed by Leitrim County Council asking that Minister Helen McEntee and Department of Justice give consideration to increasing the grant funding available for community groups, that will make the installation of CCTV in towns and villages viable and economically sustainable and will be significant benefit in the prevention of crime.

Members noted motion passed by Donegal County Council urging leaders of every political party and independent grouping running candidates in the General Election to include within their programme for government to fully commit, within the lifetime of the next Dáil, to the restoration or creation of Town Councils in every town in this State with a population over 5,000 people.

Members noted motion passed by Donegal County Council asking the incoming Housing Minister for a grant to be considered for rainwater harvesting that would lower demand on current domestic supplies and could be used for flushing toilets, washing cars, power washing and any other use of treated water supplies around dwellings, farms and industrial settings."

## **6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin**

### **Standing in the name of Cllr. W. Paton**

"That this Council invite ESB Networks to the February 2025 meeting of Carlow County Council to outline why there are continuing ESB power cuts across the county and in particular, to outline the plan of action to prevent power cuts into the future."

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn**

And agreed following a show of hand.

### **Standing on the name of Cllr. A. Wallace**

"Noting that many Ukrainian families have established deep roots in Carlow, including taking up employment, voluntary work and school places for children and adults in higher education. This Council agrees to write to the Department with responsibility for Ukrainian Refugees to request that they extend the stay of the Ukrainian Refugees wishing to stay in Tougher's, once all fire safety measures are in place."

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn**

And agreed following a show of hand.

## **3.1 Presentation by Justin Gleeson People in Place Consultants on the Socio Economic Profile of County Carlow**

Justin Gleeson, People in Place Consultants, gave a very comprehensive presentation on the Socio Economic Profile of County Carlow and answered questions from the members.