

**Minutes of May Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present:

- Councillor F. Browne
- Councillor J. Cassin
- Councillor A. Dalton
- Councillor J. Deane
- Councillor P. Doogue
- Councillor M. Doran
- Councillor A. Gladney
- Councillor T. Kinsella
- Councillor K. Murnane
- Councillor C. Murphy
- Councillor B. O'Donoghue
- 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, A/Director of Services
- Mr. P. J. Leonard, Director of Finance
- Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer
- Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer
- Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer
- Mr. L. Carroll, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
- Mr. N. Carroll, Acting Senior Engineer *Remotely*
- Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*
- Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*
- Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Coordinator *Remotely*
- Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise *Remotely*
- Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner *Remotely*

Apologies; No apologies were recorded

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

- Griffin family on the death of David, Dr Murphy Place, Portlaois, Laois.
- Miley family on the death of Mick, Oldtown, Nurney, Co. Carlow.
- Lomax family on the death of Michael, Ballybromhill, Fenagh, Co. Carlow.
- Bolger family on the death of Joe, Spindlewood, Graiguecullen, Carlow.
- Flatley family on the death of Garda Kevin Flatley, c/o Dublin Metropolitan Regional Headquarters, Dublin Castle Dublin 2 D02DH42.
- Byrne family on the death of Indie Mai Byrne, Ashfield, Blackbog Road, Carlow Town.
- Delaney family on the death of Breda, Heatherfield Court, Dublin Road, Carlow.
- Curran family on the death of Pat, Molaise, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow.
- Cooney family on the death of Michael, Ashgrove, Tullow Road, Carlow.
- The Doyle family on the death of Lorraine, New Oak Estate, Carlow.
- Sheehan family on the death of Mary, Kyleeshall, Raheendoran, Carlow.
- Reddy family on the death of Brendan, Mountain View, Myshall, Carlow.
- O'Donoghue family on the death of Patrick, Kilree, Silver Pines, Tullow Road, Carlow.
- Byrne family on the death of Pat, "Amberley", Tinryland, Co. Carlow
- Berry family on the death of Jim, Leinster Crescent, Old Dublin Road, Carlow.
- Clifford family on the death of Johnny, O'Hanrahan Avenue, Carlow.

### **Votes of Congratulations**

- Greg Murphy, Ballyloo, Nurney, Co. Carlow on the success of the Tinryland first half marathon with over 300 athletes attending.
- Tommie Hickson on organising the Cathaoirleach awards in Bagenalstown.

- Darkness into Light, Carlow Town on the successful organisation of the walk on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Pieta Head Office, Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
- Louth GAA County Board on winning the Delaney Cup.

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

### **Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the April monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.00 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 Amend Standing Orders**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Doran**

**Seconded by Councillor B. Ward**

And following a roll call, it was agreed:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve in accordance with paragraph 16 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001 it is proposed to amend Standing Orders as follows;

Under Item 15 of Standing Orders remove the following “Notices of Motion, not requiring a response from the Executive of the Council, shall be included on the Agenda provided such notice is delivered to the Meetings Administrator the day before the publication/issue of the agenda.”

And also amend Item 54 to read as follows;

The Strategic Policy Committees of the Council shall be:

- Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration, Finance and ICT.
- Transportation, Environment & Emergency Services and Capital Projects.

- Housing and Integration.
- Community Development, Recreation Amenity Sports, Arts & Culture Libraries, Museum & Heritage.

A roll call was taken on the Proposal by Cllr. M. Doran

<b><i>Member of Carlow County Council</i></b>	<b><i>For</i></b>	<b><i>Against</i></b>	<b><i>Abstain</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin		√		
Andrea Dalton	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Paul Doogue	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
Daniel Pender	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace		√		
Ben Ward	√			

The result was 15 For, 3 Against. The motion was passed.

## **2.2 Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2011 (as amended), and section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) – Carlow Town Public Realm and Pedestrian Linkage Regeneration Project.**

P. O’Gorman briefed the meeting on the Carlow Town Public Realm and questions raised were answered.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2011 (as amended), and section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) – Carlow Town Public Realm and Pedestrian Linkage Regeneration Project. The site comprise an area of 1.78ha located within the town centre of Carlow and included Tullow Street, Shamrock Square, Potato Market, Kennedy Avenue and roundabout and parts of Barrack Street. It relates to works within the public realm to include restructuring and resurfacing streets and hardstanding areas, installing new footpaths and boundary treatment and upgrading lighting.”

The following amendments were;

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**  
**Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane**

Tullow Street Upper:

To provide additional carparking to facilitate some of the stated needs of stakeholders and vulnerable users, such as a designated ambulance only parking space.

**Propose by Cllr. F. Browne**  
**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

Middle Tullow Street:

To examine the possibility of the provision of a left-hand turn exiting the hardware store on middle Tullow Street (two-way traffic as far as the hardware store), to reduce the need for heavy goods vehicles travelling along Tullow Street towards Potato Market.

A roll call was taken on the amended Proposal

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John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Paul Doogue	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			

Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
Daniel Pender	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace				√
Ben Ward	√			

The result was 17 For, 1 absent. The amendments were passed.

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

#### 3.1 Visual Carlow Presentation

Ms. Emma Lucy O'Brien and Mr. Niall Scully gave a detailed presentation on Visual and answered all questions raised.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Scully for their comprehensive report.

#### 3.2 Training and Conference Approval

No.	Organised By	Venue	Theme	Dates	Fee
1	AILG	Rose Hotel, Tralee	"Emergency Response – Councils Supporting Communities in Weather Crisis"	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	€90
2	AILG	Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork	"A new Approach to Planning – the revised National Planning Framework & Planning Act"	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	€90
	Out of Region	Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan		Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	

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Training/Conferences noted.

### **3.3 Bio Diversity Officer Presentation**

Mr. Casey updated the meeting with a detailed presentation on the Blackstairs Biodiversity Project and answered questions raised.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Casey for his comprehensive presentation.

### **3.4 Carlow Mobility Hub Network Pilot**

P. O’Gorman made a presentation to the meeting and stated that this pilot project is approved in principle by the department and is 100% funded. Questions raised were answered by P. O’Gorman.

### **4.0 Chief Executives Report**

Questions raised by the members included Housing Grants and the proposal of a delegation to meet with the Housing Minister; the amount of live grant applications in Carlow; house extensions; possibility of holding events in the late afternoon to suit working people; Ballyknocken Manor allocations; pyrite; Electoral Commission report; Discretionary fund - Invoices/receipts; local print media lack of reporting on Pyrite; first point of contact with council staff; modular homes; Barrow Navigation boats not able to travel due to sand banks.

Questions raised by members were answered by the Management Team.

## **5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

Members noted letter from Senator Malcolm Noonan thanking Carlow Members and Staff for the letter he received in February congratulating him on being successful with becoming a Member of the Seanad.

Members noted resolution passed by Sligo County Council on the Government to start the process to have the right to housing enshrined in the constitution.

Members noted resolution passed by Donegal County Council in relation to the non-wearing of high vis vests, arm bands.

Members noted resolution from Leitrim County Council calling on the Department of Transport to secure funding for the removal of Ash trees along local and regional roads.

Members noted resolution from Kerry County Council for a defined calendar for grant application so groups have time for preparing applications.

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

### **6.1 Standing in the name of Adrienne Wallace**

“This council calls on the Minister for Housing to reinstate the Tenant-in-Situ Scheme in full and to restore the cuts to the funding. A copy of this motion should be sent to every Local Authority”

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

And agreed following a show of hands.

### **6.2 Standing in the name of Adrienne Wallace**

“The international court of justice stated on the 19th of July 2024 that the creation of illegal settlements in Palestinian territories and exploitation of resources is unlawful and illegal under international law.

The international criminal court following an investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity, issued arrest warrants for two Israeli officials, Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant.

The genocide convention imposes a legal obligation on States to take responsible action to contribute towards preventing genocide.



Because of the gravity of the ongoing situation this council will write to Government TDs in Carlow/ Kilkenny, and an Taoiseach and ask them to pass the Occupied Territories Bill without watering it down and without further delays.”

A copy of this motion should be sent to every local authority, North and South, in Ireland.

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**  
**Seconded by Cllr. J. Deane**

**The following amendment was**  
**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran**  
**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

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The Amended Notice of Motion was  
**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran**  
**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**  
And agreed following a show of hands.

### **6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue**

“That Carlow County Council writes to HIQA, requesting the authority to initiate paediatric coeliac disease screening in Ireland as soon as possible”

A copy of this motion to be sent to every Local Authority to consider.

**Proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

And agreed following a show of hands.

### **Any Other Business**

- Thank you to the staff of Carlow County Council for hosting delegation from 15 Universities from America, co-organised by SETU.
  - Thank you to the housing staff of Carlow County Council for hosting a workshop for the Elected Members.
  - Housing Grant Applications – Will priority 2s & 3s applications be looked at?
  - Forty Nine houses on the Carlow Road out of Tullow, query on infrastructural issues.
  - Millrace and Cox's Lane date for allocations.
  - Possibility of running a Food Festival in Carlow with producers from Dole in France attending.
  - Housing – working with private contractors to build more houses in Carlow. Can a workshop take place to see what the problems are? Need to encourage private development.
  - Congratulation to Bríd de Róiste and the Pan Celtic Committee on its huge success in 2025.
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