

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 24th April 2025, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development, Regeneration & Corporate Services
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

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

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 4.00 p.m. were

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

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

2.1 Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183 (1) Disposal of freehold on land at Grave Lane, Athy Road Carlow.

Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, briefed members on a proposed disposal of land at Grave Lane, Athy Road and answered all questions raised by members.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Planning Update

Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, presented members with a Planning Update for Carlow Municipal District which included Development Management, Planning Enforcement and Estates Taken in Charge. Several queries were raised by members including the delays with taking in charge of Castleoaks Estate. Mr. O'Donovan answered all queries raised.

3.2 Carlow MD Engineer's Report

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, updated members on resurfacing works, footpath works and upcoming improvement projects within the district and answered all queries from the members. The following queries were raised:

- Possibility of litter picking at weekends during summer months
- Installation of a dog fouling bin at Brownshill
- Progress on footpath at Crotty's/Presentation College
- St. Mary's Cemetery – progress on caretaker/byelaws, meeting arranged for next week
- Pothole repairs in the Orchards
- Toilets at Oakpark – can upgrade include wheelchair friendly
- Installation of seats at bus stops
- Use of weedkiller by council staff
- Drainage issues at Presentation College
- Damaged roads at Cois Abhainn
- Installation of a bus shelter at Tyndall College
- Cleaning of monument at Croppy Graves
- Increasing the number of murals around town

Members requested issues at St. Mary's Cemetery be included as a separate agenda item for the next meeting and a report on the public lighting scheme be made available.

3.3 Update on 25 Dublin Street, Carlow

Mr. O'Donovan gave a brief update on this issue. He advised that following a court judgement and appeal, this longstanding issue is now at the design phase and is progressing. He answered all queries raised by members.

4.0 Correspondence

None

5.0 Notices of Motion

None

6.0 Any Other Business

The Mayor welcomed the recent announcement that the Pan Celtic Festival would be returning to Carlow for the next two years and congratulated all on their efforts, with a special mention to Bríd de Róiste.

A query was raised on the possibility of including epi pens in all defibrillator boxes and the provision of training in the use of epi pens particularly in SETU and the Order of Malta.

An update on a site visit to the former Sugar Factory was requested.

There being no other business the Mayor concluded the meeting.