

**Minutes of July Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow  
on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 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  
Councillor T. Kinsella  
Councillor K. Murnane Cathaoirleach  
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 *Remotely*

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, Director of Finance  
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer  
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer  
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner  
Ms. S. O'Neill, Administrative Officer  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise  
Mr. L. Carroll, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr N. Carroll, A/Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. T. Madden, Acting Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*  
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer *Remotely*  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Ms. N. Lawlor, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Officer *Remotely*

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Kearney Family on the death of their son and brother, Ryan Kearney, Ballinaboley, Leighlinbridge, Carlow.

Mrs. Kate Jordan and family on the death of Bernard “Everton House”, Old Derrig, Carlow.

Ms. Bernadine Callinan on the death of her father Joe, “The Field”, Pollerton Little, Carlow.

Mrs. Teresa McEvoy and family on the death of her husband John, Ashgrove, Carlow.

John and Jessica Maguire on the death of their mother Sharon, Oakview, Carlow.

Walsh Family on the death of their mother Bernadette , Cois Abhainn, Burrin Road, Carlow.

### **Votes of Congratulations**

Congratulations to the organisers of the hugely successful Columbanus Weekend which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The collaboration from Carlow Tourism, Carlow County Council, local groups and the Myshall Community made the event run extremely efficiently for the weekend. Letter of congratulations to be issued to Bishop Denis Nulty, Father David Kenneally and Eileen O’Rourke, Carlow Tourism.

Congratulations to John Paul Payne and committee on the success of the Carlow Pride Festival 2025.

Congratulations to the Nigeria Community Group on Culture Day which was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July in An Gairdin Beo.

Congratulations to Carlow Community Games and the successful event in Ardattin.

Congratulations to Tinryland GFC on the organisation of the Southeast Sevens annual tournament.

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

**Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**Proposed by Cllr. B. O’Donoghue,  
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton,**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the June monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”.

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

### **Approval of Minutes of Annual meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton,**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran,**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed: -

“That the Minutes of the Annual meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 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 Approval of Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025 – 2029**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan,**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran,**

Following a roll call, it was agreed: -

“We the Members of Carlow County Council having considered the Chief Executives report on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025 – 2029, in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the members agree, by resolution, to make the Plan, as recommended by the Chief Executive at the Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 on the proposal of Councillor Fintan Phelan, seconded by Councillor Michael Doran, with all 18 members voting in favour to proceed in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to publish notice of the making of the Development Contribution Scheme 2025 – 2029, effective date of the Development Contribution Scheme 2025 -2029 being 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.”

<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 18 For. The Development Contribution Scheme 2025 – 2029 was passed.

## **2.2 Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) Queen of the Universe - Safe Routes to School Scheme, Long Range Road, Bagenalstown**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Gladney,  
Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn**

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 2001 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) Queen of the Universe - Safe Routes to School Scheme, Long Range Road, Bagenalstown.”

## **2.3 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) - Disposal of land contained in Folio CW32830F (0.31 hectares) at Cappawater, Myshall, Co. Carlow**

**Proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue,  
Seconded by Cllr. W. Paton,**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve in accordance with the Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) - Disposal of land contained in Folio CW32830F (0.31 hectares) at Cappawater, Myshall, Co. Carlow.”

## **2.4 Loan for CCEC for Solar Project**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Paton**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve a loan of €74,850 to Carlow Community Enterprise Centres CLG in respect of an Energy Upgrade at Enterprise House, repayable over a seven-year term at zero interest.”

## **2.5 Planning and Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) Disposal of freehold on land at Grave Lane, Shaw Park, Athy Road, Carlow. (0.239 Acres / 0.096 Hectares)**

**Proposed by Cllr. F Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) Disposal of freehold on land at Grave Lane, Shaw Park, Athy Road, Carlow. (0.239 Acres / 0.096 Hectares) to Patrick and Patricia O’Keeffe for €50,000 and all associated costs. The consent of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal.”

## **2.6 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) Disposal of freehold on land at 5 & 6 Staplestown Road, Carlow.**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve in accordance with the Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local

Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) Disposal of freehold on land at 5 & 6 Staplestown Road, Carlow. To (Shamrock) Burren Homes Limited, Milltown, Garryhill, Co. Carlow for €50,000. (Shamrock) Burren Homes Limited, Milltown, Garryhill, Co. Carlow will be responsible for their own legal costs. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal.”

## **2.7 Taking-in-charge of roads and services at Carrigbrook, Tullow Road, Co. Carlow. Phase 1, Units 5 – 87**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne**

Following a show of hands, it was 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 Act, 2000 as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 - Taking-in-charge of roads and services at Carrigbrook, Tullow Road, Co. Carlow. Phase 1, Units 5 – 87.”

## **2.8 Local Property Tax - Setting of a Local Adjustment factor 2026 in accordance with the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended)**

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposal of increasing Local Property Tax upwards by 15% which will generate €669,837 in 2026.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne**

And agreed following a roll call;

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby resolve to vary the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) upwards by 15% for the year 2026 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Carlow County Council and that the variation in the Local Property Tax rate applies for a 4-year period of 2026 – 2029 inclusive”

<i><b>Member of Carlow County Council</b></i>	<i><b>For</b></i>	<i><b>Against</b></i>	<i><b>Abstain</b></i>	<i><b>Absent</b></i>
---	-------------------	-----------------------	-----------------------	----------------------

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 14 For and 4 Against. The Local Property Tax - Setting of a Local Adjustment factor 2026 - 2029 was passed.

## **2.9 Extension of Section 85 Agreement with Kilkenny County Council, Paulstown Dog Shelter.**

It was agreed to invite the Dog Warden Services to attend the MD meetings in the coming months.

**Proposed by Cllr. F Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Extension of its Agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with Kilkenny County Council, Paulstown Dog Shelter for one year until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2026 to administer the Control of Dogs function”.

## **2.10 To note the resignation of Cllr. Andy Gladney as Chairperson and Member of the Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports,**

## **Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.**

The resignation of Cllr. A. Gladney was noted.

### **2.11 Appointment of new Elected Member to the Community Development, Recreation Amenity Sports, Arts & Culture Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.**

Cllr. William Quinn was appointed onto the Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the appointment of Cllr. William Quinn onto the Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee”.

### **2.12 Appointment of Chairperson to the Community Development, Recreation Amenity Sports, Arts & Culture Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.**

Cllr. William Quinn was appointed Chairperson to the Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the appointment of Cllr. William Quinn as Chairperson to the Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee”.

<i><b>Member of Carlow County Council</b></i>	<i><b>For</b></i>	<i><b>Against</b></i>	<i><b>Abstain</b></i>	<i><b>Absent</b></i>
---	-------------------	-----------------------	-----------------------	----------------------



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 17 For and 1 Absent. Cllr. William Quinn was appointed Chairperson to the Community Development, Recreation, Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee”.

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

#### **3.1 Training & Conference Approvals**

Training and Conferences as circulated were noted.

1. AILG	The Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan	“Planning 2025 – The Councillor and the New Context for Development Plans.”	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2025	€90
---------	-----------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------	-----

### **4.0 Chief Executives Report**

Questions raised by the members included queries on water safety and adequate ring buoy in the county, designated bathing areas near Carlow Town. emergency accommodation, safe houses, Tenant in Situ Scheme, increase in student fees and the possibility of writing to the Minister for Further and Higher Education and the Taoiseach to dispute this increase, Private Housing Grant Applications, pyrite, handing out of keys for Ballyknockan Manor, disability

access and wheelchair users on footpaths, disability parking spaces, modular 1 & 2 bedroom houses, Disability Access Officer

Questions raised by members were answered by C. O'Reilly and Management Team.

## **5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

Members noted resolution adopted by Limerick City and County Council to call on the Government to ban mobile phones with access to the internet and social media among youths under 16 years of age.

Members noted resolution of Galway County Council – Review of Affordable Housing Policy.

Members noted the adoption of the resolution of Donegal County Council – dismay at the stated intention and policy of the Government of the Dismantling of the Triple Lock.

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

### **6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin.**

“That this Council writes to Greencore Group plc, requesting that they consider gifting the site of the former Carlow Sugar Factory back to the people of Carlow, in recognition of the historic, social and economic significance the factory has had in the development of the town and the wider region.”

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**Seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace**

The members were informed that a meeting has been scheduled to meet with Greencore and that it would be advisable to defer this motion until after the meeting date.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

And following a roll call it was agreed,

“That we the members of Carlow County Council agree to defer the motion until after the meeting occurs with Greencore.”

<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 13 For and 4 Against 1 Absent. Defer motion to write to Greencore Group plc until after the Executive meet with Greencore Group plc was agreed.

### **Any Other Business**

- Cllr. Paul Doogue advised that the Community Games National Finals for 2025 is taking place over two days Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> in Carlow. The main events will be held at the SETU arena in Carlow.
- The Cathaoirleach made a presentation to Cllr. Pender to mark his 40<sup>th</sup> year as an Elected Member. Fiona Byrne read out a letter received from An Taoiseach Micheál Martin to Cllr. John Pender recognising his commitment as a Public Representative and Elected Member for 40 years. The Members and Carlow County Council Executive congratulated Cllr. Pender on his achievement and his dedication to County Carlow and his constituents. Cllr. Pender thanked his family and his former and current colleague for their support over the past 40 years.