

**Minutes of June Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow  
on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor F. Browne Cathaoirleach  
Councillor J. Cassin  
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  
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. 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. C. Healy, Staff Officer  
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner  
Ms. L. Byrne, Assistant Staff Officer  
Mr. L. Carroll, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr N. Carroll, A/Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. J. Shortall, County Librarian *Remotely*  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise *Remotely*  
Mr. T. Madden, Acting Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*  
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Coordinator *Remotely*

Fergal Browne, Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

McNally Family on the death of their mother, Mary McNally, Barrett Street, Bagenalstown.

Dowling Family on the death of John Dowling, Linkardstown, Carlow.

Brennan Family on the death of Peter Brennan, Dublin Street, Carlow.

### **Votes of Congratulations**

Eire Óg on the successful organisation of an U14 Boys and U14 Girls Football tournament over the weekend.

Rathanna Community on their recent judging in the national North-South Co-Operation Pride of Place competition and also on organising the recent very successful Community Open Day.

Ballymurphy Celtic AFC on organising the recent Frank Murphy Memorial Soccer Tournament.

Congratulations to Borris/St. Mullins Community Games on their return to partake in the Community Games competition.

Tinryland Football Club on winning the Senior Football League Division 1 Football final.

Congratulations to all involved in organising the very successful Bagenalstown in Bloom Festival.

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

### **Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton,**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Deane,**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the May monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”.

**2.1 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:-**

- **Station Place, Pound Lane, Borris;**
- **Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 1) and**
- **Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 2)**

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn,  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella,**

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 – the taking in charge of roads and services at Station Place, Pound Lane, Borris.”

**2.2 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:-**

- **Station Place, Pound Lane, Borris;**
- **Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 1) and**
- **Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 2)**

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton,  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender**

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 – the taking in charge of roads and services at Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 1).”

**2.3 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:-**

- **Station Place, Pound Lane, Borris;**
- **Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 1) and**
- **Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co. Carlow (Phase 2)**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Pender,**

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

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 – the taking in charge of roads and services at Phelim Crescent, Tullow, Co Carlow Phase 2).”

**2.4 To note the Chief Executive's Report on the Request for a Zoning Variation for a site in Myshall on foot of a statutory submission to the Residential Zoned Land Tax – Final Map for 2025**

Cllr. Murphy welcomed the report to initiate a Proposed Variation of the Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 to change the zoning from Existing Residential / Infill to Agriculture and noted that the application of the Residential Zoned Land Tax to landowners in Small Towns and Villages was an unfair imposition in circumstances where the market for residential development doesn't exist.

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Murphy**

**Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella**

And agreed following a show of hands:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby note the Chief Executive's Report to initiate a Proposed Variation of the Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 for a site in Myshall on foot of a statutory submission to the Residential Zoned Land Tax as circulated.”

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

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed disposal of land at Grave Lane, Shaw Park, Athy Road, Carlow.

**Proposed by Cllr. F Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane**

And following a show of hands “

“This matter be referred to the next Carlow Municipal District meeting.”

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

#### **3.1 Register of Electors Update**

Michelle Griffin and Laura Byrne gave a presentation on the Register of Electors. Questions raised were answered by L. Byrne and C. O'Reilly.

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

Training and Conferences as circulated were noted.

**AILG Athlone Spring Hotel “New Elected Members Induction Training Day”**

**Thursday 29th May 2025 €90**

#### **4.0 Chief Executives Report**

Questions raised by the members included queries on emergency accommodation, National Development Plan Review, Bus Service for Ardattin, HAP inspections, Tullow Road Community Centre, GDPR, Housing Grants, unauthorised fence at Aghade Bridge, Sewerage System for Grange and Pyrite.

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

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

Members noted resolution passed by Fingal County Council to introduce ban on fox hunting on council-owned lands in Fingal.

Members noted motion adopted by Donegal County Council calling on the Central Bank of Ireland to end all complicity in genocide. Council therefore call on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the regulation of the Israeli Bond Insurance Programme.

Members noted correspondence from Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Ambassade á Dublin expressing deepest sympathy to the people of Carlow on the events that unfolded in Carlow on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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

### **6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. William Paton**

"That this Council request the Chief Executive to provide a report to Elected Members:

- (i) listing all the known "historic graveyards" in County Carlow;
- (ii) outlining the Council's role in the maintenance and upkeep of "historic graveyards" and
- (iii) listing possible sources of funding for local committees to maintain and upkeep "historic graveyards."

The Chief Executive responded to the Notice of Motion. Copy of response was circulated to the elected members.

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn**

And agreed following a show of hands.

### **6.2 Standing in the name of Cllr A. Wallace**

"This Council is gravely concerned that the Central Bank of Ireland is regulating the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme and, thereby, facilitating the sale throughout Europe of bonds which are funding genocide in Gaza. The Council believes that the Central Bank of Ireland must end all complicity in genocide. Council, therefore, calls on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the regulation of the Israeli Bond Issuance Programme.

A copy of this motion should be sent to all local TDs, Minister of Finance and every council, North and South."

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Deane**

**Cllr. F. Phelan proposed an amendment to the wording as follows:**

"This Council is gravely concerned about the actions of the Israeli government in Gaza. This Council calls on the Israeli government to stop military actions against the people of Gaza agree an immediate ceasefire and to allow in necessary aid."

The amended Notice of Motion was:

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**  
**Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender and**  
Agreed following a show of hands.

**6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Daniel Pender, Cllr. Tommy Kinsella,  
Cllr Michael Doran and Cllr. Charlie Murphy**

"We the elected members of Carlow County Council are asking the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently request the publication of updated Wind Energy Development Guidelines, in light of the fact that the current guidelines, dating from 2006, remain in effect despite being widely acknowledged as outdated and no longer fit for purpose and noting the prolonged delay since the draft guidelines were issued in 2019.

Furthermore, in recognition of the uncertainty caused by the absence of an up-to-date national policy/regulation, this Council calls on the Minister to introduce a temporary pause on all large-scale onshore wind farm developments, pending the finalisation and adoption of revised Wind Energy regulation."

This motion reflects the councils commitment to ensuring that renewable energy development proceeds in a manner that is appropriately planned, environmentally sustainable, respects peoples rights and protects health and wellbeing of local communities and in light of the recent Wexford Court Cases the need for robust regulation in urgently required."

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran**  
**Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender**  
And agreed following a show of hands.