

November 7th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend **Council Meeting** to be held on **Monday, 10th November 2025** at **2:00 pm** in **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Athy Road, Carlow.**

F. Byrne,

Senior Executive Officer/Meetings Administrator.

Agenda

- 1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí of meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025
- 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 Planning & Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) - Disposal of freehold on land - Castle Hill Centre, Castle Hill, Carlow.
 - 2.2 To consider the Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 2 (Muine Bheag/Royal Oak District Town Plan) of the Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied) and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received pursuant to Section 13(5) Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
 - 2.3 Filling of Vacancy on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
 - 2.4 Approval of Travel to the Columbanus Festival in Bangor
 - 2.5 Approval of Amended Speed Limit on N80 / N81
- 3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations/Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Mholtaí
 - 3.1 Community Climate Action Programme Launch Presentation from Aine Byrne
 - 3.2 Visual Carlow Arts Centre Presentation at 4.30 p.m.
 - 3.3 Training and Conference Approval
- 4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh
- 5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras
- 6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin
 - 6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. J. Cassin

Proposing a One-Week Tax Holiday in December

That the Minister for Finance be requested to introduce a one-week tax holiday for all

taxpayers, lasting one calendar week in December 2026, during which no income tax shall be collected; and that this tax holiday be established as an annual permanent measure for every December henceforth. This motion is proposed on the grounds that:

A December tax holiday will provide immediate financial relief to families and individuals during the holiday season. It will encourage increased consumer spending, thereby stimulating economic growth and supporting businesses across Carlow and the country. This initiative will contribute towards improving economic fairness at a critical time of year. Establishing this policy annually would create enduring social and economic benefits.

6.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. William Paton

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to urgently review the planning and legislative framework used for the development of International Protection Accommodation (IPA) Centres, particularly those established using emergency planning exemptions in accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 376/2023 - Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No.4) Regulations 2023 in exercise of powers conferred by Sections 4(2) and 262 of the Planning and Development Action 2000, to ensure that, going forward, the siting of IPA centres involves transparent engagement with local authorities, democratic input from elected councillors and meaningful public consultation."

6.3 Sanding in the name of Cllr. William Paton

"That Carlow County Council applies to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for THRIVE (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) funding for the development of Tullow Court House into a sustainable, vibrant cultural and community hub."

6.4 Standing in the names of Cllr. Thomas Kinsella & Charlie Murphy

We the members of Carlow County Council are asking all our MEP's and TDs to vote against the Mercosur Trade deal. This deal has the potential to decimate the Irish beef industry through cheap and inferior imports from South American countries.

The commitment to not support this deal was given in last year's Dail Election and the European Elections. We are asking for these election promises to be upheld.

"That Carlow County Council identify and establish camper van parking areas within Carlow town and county that provide parking, wastewater and electrical facilities such as provided by other local authorities in Clonmel, Kilkenny city and Graiguenamanagh. This will provide a much needed boost to tourism and the restaurant businesses in the area."

7.0 Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh