

**Minutes of October Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor K. Murnane, Cathaoirleach  
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 C. Murphy  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor W. Paton *Remotely*  
Councillor D. Pender *Remotely*  
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 Service  
Ms. P. O'Brien, Director of Service  
Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services  
Mr. P. J. Leonard, Director of Finance  
Mr. Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner  
Ms. A. Nolan, Arts Officer  
Ms. Martha Jane Duggan, Administrative Officer  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer  
Ms. C. Healy, Staff Officer  
Ms. Deborah Foley, Local Sport Partnership Coordinator  
Mr. G. Bonner, Sports Communications Officer  
Mr. W. Keogh, Senior Executive Planner *Remotely*  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. L. Carroll, Senior Executive Officer, *Remotely*  
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer *Remotely*  
Mr. J. Shortall, County Librarian  
Ms. S. O'Neill, Administrative Officer

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

### **(i) Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”.

### **(ii) Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran,**

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

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the special meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) - Disposal of site and premises 27 Dublin Street, Carlow.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**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 Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211, Local Government Act 2001, Section 183 (1) the disposal of site and premises situated at 27 Dublin Street, Carlow, R93AW90 a plot of ground being part of the Townland of Carlow, registered under Folio CW32978F to Declan O'Loughlin and Rachel Dolan, The Old Rectory, Ballickmoyler, Co. Carlow, in consideration of the sum of €285,000 in accordance with the statutory notice as circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal.”

**2.2 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183(1) - Disposal of site and premises at Tinryland, Co. Carlow.**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Deane**

**Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211, Local Government Act 2001, Section 183 (1) the disposal of site and premises situated at Tinryland, Co. Carlow, R93A589, a plot of ground being part of the Townland of Tinryland, Co. Carlow, registered under Folio CW32993F to Paul Thompson Building & Plastering Limited, Garryhundon, Milford, Co. Carlow, in consideration of the sum of €210,000 in accordance with the statutory notice as circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal.”

**2.3 Part XI of the Planning and 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) Proposed Development of 4 Units at Cúlan Éanna, Sleaty Street, Graiguecullen, Carlow.**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

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) development of 4 units at Cúlan Éanna, Sleaty Street, Graiguecullen, Carlow, be proceeded with in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display and to any such minor and immaterial alterations to these plans and particulars, and subject to the conditions as set out.”

## **2.4 Approval of Carlow County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025 - 2030**

Karen Coulter, Outscape, gave a presentation on the County Carlow Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025 – 2030. Questions raised were answered by Karen and Deborah Foley and members of the Management Team.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn**

And agreed following a show of hands:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Carlow County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025 – 2030.”

## **2.5 Approval of Draft Age Friendly Carlow Strategic Plan 2025 – 2029**

Martha Jane Duggan gave a presentation on the Draft Age Friendly Carlow Strategy 2025 – 2029 and answered questions raised.

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

And agreed following a show of hands:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Age Friendly Carlow Strategic Plan 2025 – 2029.”

## **2.6 Approval of Draft Carlow Strategic Arts Plan 2025 - 2035**

Aileen Nolan gave a presentation on the Draft Carlow County Strategic Arts Plan 2025 – 2035 and answered questions from the members.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne**

And agreed following a show of hands:-

“That we the members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Carlow County Strategic Arts Plan 2025 - 2035.”

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

### **3.1 Chief Executives Report pursuant to the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued under Section 28 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)**

Anita Sweeney briefed the members on NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines and answered questions raised.

### **3.2 Training and Conference Approvals**

The Training and Conference approvals were:-

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

And Agreed following a show of hands.

### **4.0 Chief Executives Report**

The elected members raised questions regarding Fireworks, Archive Section, Register of Electors, Barking Dog, Killerig to Carlow road surface, Garda Vetting, Hedge cutting, acknowledgment of great work around Carlow town, Lack of Lighting at motorway exits to Carlow, Housing Inspections, Relet House timeframes, Traveller Liaison Officer, Housing Updates, Housing Allocation Funding, House Inspections, Housing Grants, Vacant Rented Council Houses and Hedge Cutting.

### **Extension of time**

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Murphy**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“We the members of Carlow County Council, in accordance with Standing Orders, approve the continuation of the meeting until 6.00 p.m.”

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Mrs. Attracta Carbery and family on the death of Dan Carbery, Green Road, Carlow.

Jim & Mary Healy and family, on the death of Cathal Healy, Rath, Tullow.

Curran Family on the death of Catherine Curran, Oak Park Road,

Mary Canavan and family on the death of Brendan Canavan, Ballinkillen.

Margaret Kelly and family on the death of Shem Kelly, Borris.

Mrs. Pauline Brady & Family on the death of Tony Brady, St. Patrick's Avenue, Carlow.

Mr. Bill Conran & Family on the death of Margaret Conran, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny.

## **Votes of Congratulations**

Old Leighlin Ladies on winning the Senior County Football Championship 2025.  
Carlow Mental Health Association on the recent Launch of “Lets Talk about the Elephant in the Room” held recently in Seven Oaks Hotel.

Majella Swan, Carlow College of Music on celebrating 35 years in business.

Kylie Murphy on her recent retirement from soccer.

Mount Leinster Rangers on winning the Ladies Senior Camogie County Final.

Richard Kearney on being crowned Airport Cars Formula Sheane Champion.

## **5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

Members noted resolution passed by Sligo County Council requesting support from Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the Minister for Rural Affairs for the Town and City Gift Card rollout across every county.

Members noted acknowledgment from Office of Taoiseach to Council’s letter regarding college fees.

Members noted resolution passed by Limerick City & County Council requesting increased investment in counselling and psychotherapy services.

Members noted resolution from Kerry County Council calling for introduction of a ban on vaping in all workplaces, on the grounds of protecting public health and ensuring safe, aerosol-free working environments.

Members noted resolution adopted from Limerick City and County Council calling on the Ministers for Agriculture and for Forestry to provide an appropriate scheme to compensate for the loss of their livelihoods suffered by landowners due to Ash Dieback disease.

Members noted correspondence from NOAC regarding publication of 11<sup>th</sup> annual local authority performance indicator Report.

Members noted correspondence from Wexford County Council regarding urgent review of Ash die back situation on public roads.

Members noted correspondence from Roscommon County Council requesting the Minister for Local Government to waive development fees for applicants who served a commencement notice prior to the required deadline of 2024.

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

As this Meeting marked the final attendance of Senior Engineer Kieran Cullinane, the elected members expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation for his outstanding service and dedication to the Council over the years. They described Mr. Cullinane as a gentleman, an outstanding colleague, professional, hardworking, courteous, helpful, knowledgeable, focused, consistently reliable, practical approach, and ability to deliver results.

They acknowledged that his departure represents a significant loss to the Council and extended their best wishes to Mr. Cullinane for continued success and happiness in the future.