

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

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

In Attendance: Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, Corporate Services, Human Resources, Planning, Regeneration, Health and Safety, Economic Development /LEO and Information Systems
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise (Remote)
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. N. Carroll, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Housing
Ms. B. Deenihan, Administrative Officer, Housing
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor P. Doogue welcomed all and opened the July meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**

And agreed following a show of hands

1.2 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 5.00 p.m.

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Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton**

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2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Update on Pan Celtic Festival 2026

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise, presented members with an update on the Pan Celtic Festival and advised that Carlow County Council, in partnership with the Pan Celtic International Committee and local stakeholders will proudly host the festival in both 2026 and 2027 which is worth €1m to the Local Economy. He continued that the festival has been confirmed for April 2026 with preparations already underway. Members thanked all involved for making this year's festival such a success and welcomed the news that Carlow will host for the next two years. Mr. K. Comerford answered all queries raised by members.

3.2 Update on Carlow Town Festival, Event Programme & Streetfest

Mr. K. Comerford presented members with an update on the Festival and Events Programme for 2025 which also included the Streetfest Programme for 2025. He advised that three Streetfest events have been scheduled throughout the year with each event aligned with a festival or community milestone to ensure strong footfall. These included the Pan Celtic Festival, Carlow Arts Festival and finally the Community Games National Finals to be held on the 6th and 7th September. Mr. Comerford answered all questions raised by the members.

3.3 Carlow MD Engineer's Report

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with a report on surfacing works, completed/ongoing enhancement works and upcoming projects in the Carlow Municipal District area. Members expressed their thanks for the installation of handrails on Graigue Bridge and the removal

of graffiti at Carpenters Way. Mr. Madden and Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, answered all questions raised by members which included the following:

- Disintegration of road surface at Carpenters Way
- Update on additional funding for Inner Relief Road
- Works on pedestrian crossing at Browneshill
- Update on waterhub at Barrow Track
- Positioning of street lighting on Kilkenny Road
- Possibility of pedestrianising Bridewell Lane
- Cobblelock in Town Park needs refilling as impacting on wheelchair accessibility
- Update from Clúid on issues at Cois Abhainn
- Possibility of the Liberty Tree site to be moved

3.4 Housing Section Update

Ms. B. Deenihan, Administrative Officer Housing, presented members with a detailed Housing Progress Report and answered all queries raised. These included:

- Allocation of housing units at Cox's Lane
- Wait times for 2/3-bedroom housing
- Housing Adaptation Grants - availability
- Timeline on works on Barrack Street, The Numbers & Tanner Hall
- Availability of land for development
- Notice of allocations to be forwarded to Cllrs who make representations
- Number of mortgages approved by Council in previous year
- Number of houses purchased through the Incremental Purchase Scheme
- Possibility for CPO process to be considered for a house on Carlow/Kildare border
- Barrack Street – chimneys only on some units, why?

4.0 Correspondence

Noted

5.0 Notices of Motion

Noted



6.0 Any Other Business

Members raised queries on the following items:

- Update on the former Bank of Ireland building
- Possibility of the Little Theatre Group using the Town Hall Civic Space
- Site visit to the Former Sugar Factory
- Pedestrian crossing at Barrack Street

The Mayor advised members of K. Cullinane's final Carlow Municipal District meeting as A/Director of Services. Members expressed their congratulations and gratitude for all his work and wished him the very best.

There being no other business the Mayor concluded the meeting.

Signed: Paul Dooge

Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: 20th October 2025