

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 19th June 2025, at 4.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor F. Phelan (Mayor)
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor P. Doogue
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. P. O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transportation,
Environment and Climate Action, Capital Projects, Building
Control & Emergency Services.
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. N. Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor F. Phelan welcomed all and opened the June meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 4.00 p.m. were

Proposed by Councillor A. Dalton

Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane

And agreed following a show of hands

Mayor F. Phelan welcomed students from Tempe, Arizona and Carlow who are involved in the Student Exchange Programme. He thanked all involved in the Student Exchange Programme for their support and work promoting links between Tempe and Carlow. He paid special tribute to Dick Newhauser for his commitment to the programme and a minute's silence was held in his honour following his recent passing.

A presentation was made to each student participating in the programme.

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 Regeneration Update

Ms. N. Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer, presented members with a detailed presentation on how the Regeneration and Housing Teams are working collaboratively to tackle vacant and derelict properties in towns and villages in the county. Ms. Lawler answered all queries raised by members.

3.2 Carlow MD Engineer's Report

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, updated members on resurfacing works, footpath works and upcoming improvement projects within the District. These included footpath repairs at Maple Court, gully repairs, footpath widening at Hacketstown Road, installation of a dog fouling bin at Browneshill Dolmen and the commencement of works on the Bennekerry walkway. Members welcomed and fully supported these works.

A query on mobility hubs was raised and Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services, advised the meeting that the Minister for Transport published a new National Policy Statement on Shared Mobility and the Provision of Hubs advising that Carlow Town has been identified as one of five locations countrywide for the roll out of the shared mobility hub scheme. Members welcomed this announcement but also raised concerns that some parts of town are not accessible for some with mobility issues.

The following queries were raised:

- Painting of shop fronts on Dublin Street, scope to increase to other parts of town
- Possibility of pedestrianising entrance at Carrigbrook
- Entrance at River Court very steep, can it be levelled
- Update on the Tullow Road roundabout
- Handrail at Graigue Bridge, can it be extended
- Traffic lights at Old Dublin Road, can they be reviewed
- Footpaths at Cois Abhainn
- Possibility of safety improvement works at Sion Cross
- Entrance at Willow Park – will it remain open?
- Improvement works at Shaw Park

4.0 Correspondence

Members noted correspondence received from Greencore regarding a site visit to the former Sugar Factory and agreed to liaise with Ms. F. Byrne on suggested dates for visit.

5.0 Notices of Motion

5.1 Standing in the names of Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Adrienne Wallace and Cllr. John Cassin

“The Elected Members request the Executive to separate the (L4058) Snoddy Road from the proposed Southern Relief Road. This action is required so this very important stretch of road can be completed in this Council Term. This road was originally a standalone project. In 2016 CPOs were ready to be issued but due to circumstances outside the Councils control these CPOs were never issued.

The Council took possession of the footprint of this road in December 2024 with agreement from the receiver. This very important 2km stretch of road cannot be delayed any further and will be a game changer for the residents of the Tullow Road, 19.5% of the population of Carlow Town and traffic on the Tullow Road.

The finance from this road can be financed 50% Development Levies and 50% from a long term loan.”

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

A response from the Executive was circulated to the meeting outlining Carlow County Council's commitment along with the Department of Transport to advancing the delivery of the Carlow Southern Relief Road which includes the L4058 section.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that this motion be brought to the Transportation, Environment & Emergency Services and Capital Projects Strategic Policy Committee meeting for review.

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands

6.0 Any Other Business

Mr. O'Gorman, Director of Services, advised the members that following the Part 8 public consultation process for the Rail Link Project, three submissions were received for review.

There being no other business the Mayor concluded the meeting.