

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Monday 20th October 2025, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

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

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

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2025 at 4.00 p.m. were

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

And agreed following a show of hands

1.2 Matters Arising

The Mayor, Cllr. P. Doogue, queried if there had been any update on the pedestrianisation of Bridewell Lane, following discussion at the last Carlow MD meeting. Ms. P. O'Brien, Director of Services, advised that she had received a report from Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, outlining potential solutions but the pedestrianisation of Bridewell Lane was not included. Following discussion, it was agreed that this item be included on the agenda for the next MD meeting in November.

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

2.1 Notice of Section 183 – Disposal of Freehold Notice – Property at Castle Hill Centre, Castle Hill

Ms. P. O'Brien advised the members of the disposal of a property at Castle Hill, Carlow which had been previously used as office space which is now being sold on the open market. The Director of Services answered all queries raised by members.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Review of Casual Trading Bye Laws

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise, advised members that it is proposed to undertake a comprehensive review of the current Casual Trading Bye-Laws following several requests seeking the designation of additional casual trading locations across the county. Mr. K. Comerford advised of the proposed process and timeline and asked that members make recommendations regarding the operation of the current bye laws and proposals for changes or new trading locations within the Carlow Municipal District. He answered all queries raised.

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

And agreed following a show of hands

3.2 Carlow MD Winter Services Plan 2025/2026

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with the Carlow MD Winter Services Plan for 2025/2026 and advised that now is the

time to get Winter Ready. He added that all schools within the county had been written to advising them to be Winter Ready. A concern was raised over the Tullow Road, that if blocked, many residences would be left stranded as there is only one road out. Mr. C. Madden and Mr. K. Cullinane answered all queries raised.

A request was made that a detailed report on the Tullow Road be made available for the next meeting.

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

- Installation of handrails at Oakpark toilets
- Lights not working on Graiguecullen bridge on one side
- Illegal parking on match days at St. Mary's Cemetery
- Update on when the roof will be reinstated at Duckett's Grove
- Issue of leaves gathering behind the cycle lane bollards
- Possibility of the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Netwatch Cullen Park
- Bad pothole at Woodgrove/Ashgrove estate
- Graigue Bridge accessibility issues
- Dublin Street painting scheme – are vacant buildings included?
- Delay with appointment of caretaker for St. Mary's cemetery

A request from several members was made that the Active Travel Team attend the next MD meeting to discuss parking issues at St. Mary's Cemetery.

4.0 Correspondence

Noted

5.0 Notices of Motion

5.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Fintan Phelan

"That Carlow County Council:

1. Recognise the vital role played by school secretaries and caretakers in the daily running of schools across County Carlow and the wider State, and

acknowledges their dedication, professionalism and essential contribution to the education system.

2. Expresses concern at the long-standing inequities faced by these workers in relation to pay, pension provision, job security, and other basic entitlements when compare to their public sector colleagues.
3. Calls on the Minister for Education and the Minister for Public Expenditure to urgently address these inequities. A copy of this motion be sent to said Ministers.”

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne

And agreed following a show of hands

6.0 Any Other Business

Members raised queries on the following items:

- Barrow Track is underutilised
- Need to encourage new businesses to Carlow Shopping Centres
- Possibility of getting extra trains from Carlow for matches/concerts
- Greencore site visit – release of independent report
- Request TII to light up junction 5
- Schedule of MD meetings

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 in his new role.

There being no other business the Mayor concluded the meeting.

Signed: 

Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: 27-11-2025