



COMHAIRLE CONTAE
CHEATHARLACH

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

April 8th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend **Council Meeting** to be held on **Monday, 13th April 2026** 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 9th March 2026

📎 *Draft March Council Meeting Minutes.pdf*

Not included

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 To consider Proposed Variation No. 4 to 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)".

📎 *CE Report Var. 4.pdf*

Not included

2.2 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) Disposal of site and premises at 9 Brown Street, Carlow.

📎 *Signed Section 183 Notice 9 Brown Street.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Land Registry Map 9 Brown Street.pdf*

Not included

2.3 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) Disposal of site and premises at 52A Burrin Street, Carlow.

📎 *Signed Section 183 Notice 52a Burrin Street.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Land Transfer Map 52a Burrin Street.pdf*

Not included

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

📎 *Signed Section 183 Notice Cappawater.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Land Transfer Map Cappawater.pdf*

Not included

2.5 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) Disposal of freehold on land, house no's 4 and 24 Staplestown Road, Carlow Town.

📎 *Section 183 Notice 4 & 24 Staplestown Road.pdf*

Not included

- ▢ *Section 183 map 4 and 24 Staplestown Road.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.6 Approval of Draft Annual Report 2025 in accordance with Section 221 (a) Local Government Act 2001**
 ▢ *Draft Annual Report 2025.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.7 Approval by Carlow County Council to submit application to join the WHO European Healthy Cities Network for Phase VIII as a Designated Member**
 ▢ *WHO European Cities.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.8 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 Carlow Town Mobility Hubs Pilot.**
 ▢ *NMHP Carlow Part 8 - CE Report Mobility Hub.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.9 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 redevelopment of the former Bank of Ireland premises, Court Place, Carlow.**
 ▢ *Part 8 Former Bank.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.10 Approval to change status of Carlow Arts Centre Ltd (CAC Ltd from Company limited by Shares to a DAC Designated Activity Company)**
 ▢ *CAC move to DAC.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.11 Approval of Festival and Event Allocation 2026**
 ▢ *Festival and Event Allocation 2026.pdf* *Not included*
- 2.12 Annual Financial Statement 2025 (as circulated) Section 104 Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)**
 ▢ *Annual Financial Statement 2025 (Unaudited).pdf* *Not included*
- 2.13 Commercial Rates Collection 2025 (as circulated) Section 26 (2) Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014**
 ▢ *Rate Collection Report 2025.pdf* *Not included*

3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations/Breithníú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Mholtaí

- 3.1 Carlow Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2025**
 📄 *LCDC Annual Report 2025 (003) (002).pdf* *Not included*
- 3.2 Presentation from Alzheimer's Society of Ireland at 4.00 p.m.**
- 3.3 Presentation from Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) at 4.30 p.m.**
- 3.4 Training and Conference Approvals**
 📄 *Conference Training Listing at Pleanary Meeting April 2026.pdf* *Not included*

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

- 📄 *March 2026 Chief Executives Report.pdf* *Not included*

5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

- 📄 *Correspondence.pdf* *Not included*

6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Daniel Pender

Carlow County Council notes that the State's gambling laws were written before the rise of modern betting prediction markets such as Polymarket. These platforms allow people to place wagers on a wide range of speculative events, from whether the Iranian Ayatollah will remain in power by the end of the month to whether Jeff Bezos will attend the Super Bowl. Such markets are dynamic, constantly shifting, and fundamentally different from the types of bets traditionally offered by bookmakers.

In light of this, Carlow County Council is calling for urgent reform of gambling legislation to outlaw these grotesque and immoral markets, which risk serving as a gateway to gambling addiction.

Carlow County Council will write to the Department of Justice to request that these reforms be brought forward.

6.2 Standing in the name of Cllrs. J. Cassin, W. Paton, A. Wallace, J. Deane, W. Quinn, F. Phelan and M. Doran

Carlow County Council calls on Bus Éireann to retain Expressway Route 4 (Dublin Airport–Waterford) and not proceed with the planned withdrawal from 24 May 2026, recognising the significant importance of this service to passengers in Carlow and

surrounding areas

- Carlow County Council notes the announcement that Expressway Route 4, along with parts of Routes 40 and 52, is due to be withdrawn from 24 May 2026;
- Recognises that Route 4 provides a vital connection between Carlow, Dublin Heuston, Busáras and Dublin Airport;
- Further notes that the service currently operates 12 times daily and is used by commuters, students, hospital users, workers and airport passengers;
- Carlow County Council believes the withdrawal will have a serious negative impact on regional connectivity and accessibility;
- Calls on Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority to urgently engage with affected communities and representatives to keep the service in operation;
- Requests that alternative measures, supports or service adjustments be explored before any final decision is implemented.
- Examine, as a matter of urgency, the introduction of a Public Service Obligation (PSO) on this route to ensure the continued provision of a reliable and accessible service between Waterford and Dublin via Carlow.

6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. M. Doran

That we the members of Carlow County Council request from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, that annual local representative clinics and a local representative dedicated reporting service be provided from ESB Networks. This would be a similar service provided to local representatives by Uisce Éireann.

6.4 Standing in the name of Cllr. F. Browne

That Carlow County Council undertake legal action against the Courts Services for failure to maintain and repair the railings at Carlow Court House.

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