

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 26th February 2026, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Ms. P. O'Brien, Director of Service, Corporate Services, Human Resources, Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development /LEO
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Community (Remote)
Ms. D. Foley, Local Sports Partnership Co-ordinator
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor P. Doogue opened the meeting by welcoming all to the February meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting of Carlow Municipal District held on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2026 were:

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

And agreed following a show of hands

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

2.1 Economic Development – Annual Service Plan 2026

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development, outlined the Annual Service Plan for Economic Development which included a summary of the budget for 2026 and how it would be allocated. This included Christmas Lights, Streetscape Enhancement Scheme and Maintenance & Management of Industrial Estates. Mr. Comerford answered all queries raised. The Annual Service Plan 2026 was:

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

And agreed following a show of hands

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Active Carlow Update

Ms. D. Foley, Active Carlow Co-ordinator presented members with an update on Active Carlow.

Members thanked all the team in Active Carlow for their work and in particular for the inclusion of the communication boards in Carlow Town Park and for their updates on Five Bullet Friday. A query was raised on the use of the lake at Oak Park for water activities and for an update on the Waterhub. Ms. Foley advised that Irish Water Safety would not approve the use of Oak Park's lake as it is unsuitable for swimming. Mr. B. Knowles updated members on the Waterhub advising that a financial assessment has been completed and it is hoped that a consultant will be appointed shortly with a contractor on site at the end of Q4.

3.2 Festivals and Events Update

Mr. K. Comerford, presented members with a detailed report on upcoming festivals and events for the year. This included Pan Celtic, Carlow Arts Festival, Féile Lonrach and Samhain Festival. Members thanked Mr. Comerford and his team and looked forward to welcoming visitors from abroad to the Pan Celtic Festival. A query was raised on the incorporation of Carlow Castle more as a location for these events. Mr. Comerford answered all questions raised.

Cllr. K. Murnane advised the meeting that the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade would be much bigger than last year with the inclusion of more entertainers.

3.3 Carlow MD Engineer's Report

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with a report on ongoing enhancement works and upcoming projects in the Carlow Municipal District. Mr. Madden commended staff for their work during a labour-intensive period of flooding in the district during Storm Chandra with the clean-up expected to last for the next two to three weeks. Mr. Madden answered all issues raised which included:

- An update on Bridewell Lane and lighting at Carlow Town Park
- Update on budget allocation for repairs to roads following Storm Chandra
- Cats eyes on motorway to Carlow not visible
- Footpaths in town very dirty
- Barrier at alleyway on Roncalli Place to be re-instated
- Overgrowth on River Burrin needs to be addressed urgently
- Update on removal of mounds of clay at Carrigbrook Estate
- Update on Carlow Little Theatre using the Town Hall
- Footpaths from Credit Union to Tullow Road in bad repair

Members raised concerns over the long delays being experienced by motorists at roadworks on the Kilkenny Road. Ms. P. O'Brien advised members that an update on these works had been circulated on Tuesday 24th February from Director of Services, P. O'Gorman. She added she would take members concerns back to the Roads Section and for a further update to issue.

4.0 Correspondence

5.0 Notices of Motion

6.0 Any Other Business

There being no other business concluded the meeting.



COMHAIRLE CONTAE
CHEATHARLACH
CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Signed: Paul Dwyer
Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: 26-3-26