

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

Present: Councillor P. Doogue (Mayor)
Councillor A. Dalton
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
Ms. L. Culleton, Economic Development Officer
Mr. N. Dillon, A/Senior Engineer, Special Projects
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Service, Community
Ms. F. O'Neill, A/Director of Service, Housing
Mr. T. Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing
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 March meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting of Carlow Municipal District held on Thursday 26th February 2026 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026 were:

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

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 Notice of Section 183 – Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211 – Disposal of site and lands at 9 Brown Street, Carlow

Ms. P. O'Brien, Director of Service, advised members that the Section 183 disposal of site and lands at 9 Brown Street, Carlow would be brought to the April Council meeting for approval.

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands

She further advised of a previous Section 183, Disposal of a site at 52a Burrin Street. Due to unforeseen circumstances the original purchasers, Bernard and Joan Heary cannot proceed with the purchase and instead it will now proceed in their son Eugene Heary's name.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Pride of Place Grants 2026 (formerly Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme)

Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Service, advised the members of the recommended schedule of grants for 2026 which had previously been circulated.

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

And agreed following a show of hands

3.2 Carlow Town Mobility Hubs Pilot – Part 8 Update

Mr. N. Dillon, A/Senior Executive Engineer presented the meeting with a comprehensive report on the Carlow Mobility Hubs Pilot outlining the location sites across Carlow and progress and timelines on the Part 8 process. He answered all questions raised by members.

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

And agreed following a show of hands

3.3 Update on Properties at Stapletstown Road, Carlow

Ms. F. O'Neill, A/Director of Service, updated members on properties on Stapletstown Road. She advised that following legal advice properties 4 and 24 will proceed to a Section 183 for disposal at the next Council meeting in April. Ms. O'Neill answered all queries raised.

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

And agreed following a show of hands

3.4 Housing Update

Mr. T. Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer, provided members with a Housing Progress Update for the Municipal District. Mr. Madden and Ms. O'Neill answered all queries raised which included:

- The increase in the number of notices to quit being served
- Lack of emergency accommodation/cold weather beds
- Tenant in situ scheme
- When will the Rent Review take place
- Grants available for windows/doors
- Allocations for Barrack Street
- The long-term plans for Toughers site

3.5 Carlow MD Engineers

Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with a detailed report which included the Roadworks Programme for 2026, ongoing enhancement works and upcoming projects in the Carlow Municipal District. He answered all queries raised which included:

- Possibility of lighting up Carlow Town on World Autism Day
- Cars speeding at Holy Angels Day Care Centre
- Footpath at Post Office in bad condition
- Road at Water Lane subsided in parts
- LIS funding for Carlow Municipal District
- Disabled parking bays at Town Hall car park
- Installation of barrier at Roncalli Place
- Planning conditions for green areas in housing estates

- Update on the roof structure at Ducketts Grove
- Possibility of installing a yellow box at The Orchards
- Installation of a footpath at the Link Road
- Possibility of installing yellow lines at the Tennis Club
- Concerns over slow progress on the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project throughout county

Members offered a vote of congratulations to the St. Patrick's Day Committee on a wonderful St. Patrick's Day Parade and thanked the staff of the Municipal District for their help and support on the day.

Members requested an update from Active Travel for the next meeting.

4.0 Correspondence

5.0 Notices of Motion

6.0 Any Other Business

The Mayor congratulated Carlow GAA on their recent success in the Senior Men's Division 4 National League and wished them the best of luck in the final.

It was proposed that the Municipal District write to An Post requesting an upgrade to the exterior of the main Post Office in Carlow Town. Ms. F. Byrne, advised she would follow up with the Chief Executive.

Ms. P. O'Brien advised the former Bank of Ireland building would be included on the Council meeting agenda for April.

There being no other business concluded the meeting.

Signed: 
Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: 30.04.2026