

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 28th May 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 Economic Development & Enterprise
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. T Madden, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. L. Byrne, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

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

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

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

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

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

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 To Agree a Date and Time for Annual Meeting



It was agreed that Carlow Municipal District will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25th June 2025 at 5.00 p.m. after the monthly Municipal District meeting at 4.00 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doogue
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne

And agreed following a show of hands

2.2 Notice of Section 183 – Proposed Lease of Lands at O’Brien Road, Carlow to Southeast Catalyst Innovation Company CLG (trading as Catalyst HQ) – O’Brien Road.

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development, gave a brief report and advised of the Section 183 proposed lease of lands at O’Brien Road, Carlow for approval.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doogue
Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan

And agreed following a show of hands

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Housing Section Update

Housing Section Update

Mr. T Madden Senior Executive Officer Housing Department, presented members with a detailed Housing Progress Report and answered all queries raised. These included:

- Supply of houses - private sector.
- Housing stock – approach landowners for cost effective houses.
- HAP allocations.
- Emergency accommodation.
- Green field sites.
- Notice to Quit – numbers.
- Tenants in Situ scheme.
- Homeless accommodation - Ukrainian state provided accommodation coming to an end.

3.2 Carlow MD Engineer’s Report

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



- Bridwell Lane – speed of vehicles on lane and more lights needed.
- Millrace to be included in cleaning works.
- Road Works Kilkenny Road
 1. Difficulty of navigating for large lorries Kilkenny
 2. Blocking of slip road onto Barracks Street
 3. Suggestion of phase works when schools return in September
- Askea Lawns and water cut off – advance notice needed in future.
- Hanover Park – antisocial behaviour.
- Weed spraying opposite Post Office near river.
- Brown Street and Charlotte Street CPO.
- Small Roundabouts - junction off Granbury Row, Blackbog Road and Green Road.
- Litter schedule.
- Entente Floral works.
- Cutting back vegetation on riverbanks.
- Flower baskets on Graiguecullen Bridge.
- Cycle Lane - line markings.
- Speeding of vehicles on local roads.
- Pedestrian Crossing – Hacketstown Road.
- Clearing of gullies.
- Linear Walk – maintenance.
- Milford Cross line markings.
- Pedestrian crossing Green Land to St. Josephs Road.
- Graffiti.
- All Elected Members congratulated the team on the success of the upgrading works and reopening of Oak Park. Suggestion of a new sign to be erected with acres and Carlow County Council investment.

4.0 Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Paul Doogue.

That the Municipal District of Carlow calls for the immediate return of the Mayoral Chain of office to Carlow County Council Museum, for preservation, civic history, heritage and for safe keeping.

Given its historical significance and as an artifact of Carlow Town Council which was abolished in 2014 under Local Government Reform Act 2014.

I also request that Carlow County Council Museum put the Mayoral chain on display and put the names of all who wore the chain on a plaque underneath the chain for all to see.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doogue
Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin



Roll Call

Meeting	Carlow Municipal District
Date	28th May 2026
Item No	4.1
Proposed	Cllr. P. Doogue
Seconded	Cllr. J. Cassin

Member of Carlow Municipal District	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne		✓		
John Cassin			✓	
Andrea Dalton		✓		
Ken Murnane		✓		
Paul Doogue	✓			
Fintan Phelan		✓		
Adrienne Wallace			✓	
Absent:				
Sum Total:	1 For	4 Against	2 Abstained	
Decision/Resolution:	Motion Defeated			



5.0 Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

6.0 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised;

- Closure of St. Patricks College
- Bus Éireann – cancelling of the last night bus from Dublin to Carlow
- Review on Town Bus
- Holy Angels site – invalid planning permission

There being no other business concluded the meeting.

Signed: Paul Doogan

Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: 25.06.2026

