

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 27th November 2025, at 4.00 p.m.**

- Present:** Councillor P. Doogue (Mayor)
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor F. Phelan (Remote)
Councillor A. Wallace (Remote)
- Apologies:** Councillor K. Murnane
- Absent:** Councillor J. Cassin due to technical difficulties
- 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. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services, Transportation, Environment and Climate Action, Capital Projects, Building Control & Emergency Services
Mr. N. Dillon, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel/Special Projects
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, Transportation
Mr. S. Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation
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 November meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Budget Meeting of Carlow Municipal District held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 3.30 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Budget meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 3.30 p.m. were

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

And agreed following a show of hands

1.2 Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

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

And agreed following a show of hands

1.3 Matters Arising

Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Services, advised the members that a Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. K. Murnane, Cllr. A. Wallace and Cllr. J. Cassin in relation to the L-4058 road had been referred to the Transportation, Environment, Emergency Services & Capital Projects SPC. He added that following discussion at the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2025, no changes were recommended to the current delivery mechanism for the Carlow Southern Relief Road. The Carlow Southern Relief Road Public Consultation 2: Route Corridor Options is currently open for submissions with a closing date of Monday 1st December. Mr. P. O’ Gorman and Ms. P. O’Brien answered all queries raised by members. Copy of presentation on Carlow Southern Relief Road to be circulated to members.

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

2.1 Commencement of the Part 8 Public Consultation process for Carlow Town Mobility Hubs Pilot

Mr. N. Dillon, A/Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with a detailed report on the National Mobility Hubs Pilot. This project proposes 270 mobility hubs across 5 candidate areas nationwide with Carlow chosen as one of the smaller urban areas along with Dundalk and Sligo. The mobility hub will include shared E-Bikes, E-Scooters, E-Cargo Bikes and EV Car Share vehicles supported by EV charging infrastructure.

Members welcomed this pilot scheme and raised the following queries which were addressed by Mr. N. Dillon and Mr. P. O’Gorman.

- The option of renting E-Scooters and E-Bikes
- Provision of safety wear
- Policing of use of E-Scooters
- Issues with ESB connections
- Will funding be provided by the NTA?
- Timeline on completion of project

The Part 8 Public Consultation process was

Proposed by Councillor A. Dalton
Seconded by Councillor P. Doogue

And agreed following a show of hands

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendation

3.1 Carlow Town URDF Update

Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Services, updated members on Carlow Town URDF projects and answered all queries raised.

3.2 Active Travel Update

Mr. S. Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with an update on Carlow Municipal District Active Travel Projects and answered all queries raised which included:

- Will Carlow to SETU Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme be impacted by Uisce Éireann works
- Graiguecullen Bridge difficult for people with mobility issues
- Quality control on works at SETU Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
- Surveys to collect data on users of cycle lanes
- Issues with types of bollards used on cycle lanes
- Input from elected members on Active Travel projects
- Rising costs of Active Travel projects

3.3 Roads Projects 2026/Bridewell Lane

Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, presented members with progress on the Roads Programme for 2025 within Carlow Municipal District area and on Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland Schemes and Projects for 2026. This report also included an update on Bridewell Lane. Ms.

O. Barrett answered all questions raised by members. The following issues were discussed:

- Installation of lighting, ramps and signage on Bridewell Lane
- Installation of periodic reduced speed limits during school hours
- Brightening up of Charlotte Street
- Maintenance of graves at St. Marys Cemetery
- Lack of no turn right advance warning signs on Kilkenny Road
- Link Road at Browneshill

3.5 Christmas Parking Arrangements

Noted

3.6 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. The Mayor conveyed his thanks and that of residents to the Executive and staff for works completed at Cois Abhainn. He also expressed his thanks for being present at the opening of Hanover Park playground and the enhancement works at Deerpark roundabout. Mr. C. Madden and Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, answered all questions raised by members which included the following:

- Possibility of additional parking at Anglers Walk
- The issue of willows planting blocking sight lines at Deerpark
- Update on faulty lights at Oakpark
- Lengthening of footpath at EPT
- Are staff given the opportunity to complete contract works
- Possibility of the installation of a roundabout at Golf Club
- Budget for additional litter picking at weekends

4.0 Correspondence

Noted

5.0 Notices of Motion

5.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

Notice of Motion was dropped as per Standing Orders no. 22 Motions and Amendments, Cllr. J. Cassin was not present at meeting and had not authorised an elected member in writing to propose, in his absence, on his behalf.

5.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Paul Doogue

"That Carlow County Council install lights in Carlow Town Park Graiguecullen.

The park is used by so many people young and old and its quite dangerous in the winter months.

A large number of children use this walkway as a means of getting to and from school, and with after school study until 6pm, it's too dark and dangerous to use the park and not just for children but for anyone using the park.

With the water hub coming, this is all the more reason to light up the park".

The following response was circulated to members:

Carlow Town Park is locked and closed to the public during the hours of darkness. As a result, it is not in use at the times when lighting would be required. Given that the park is not accessible after dark, the installation of public lighting within the park is not considered necessary.

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

And agreed following a show of hands

6.0 Any Other Business

The Mayor paid tribute to Eileen O'Leary, Montgomery Street, Carlow who turned 100 years of age during the week and was presented with a commemoration medal. He also conveyed his congratulations to business owners of Carlow Cabs, Patsy and Helen Whelan, on their forty years in business in Carlow and to St. Leo's College Young Social Innovators on receipt of their Community Safety Award in Laois last week.

Other items raised included:

- New businesses opened on Dublin Street and how well it looks following the painting
- Elected members urged all to Shop Local this Christmas
- Next meeting date 11th December
- Circulation of project list for 2026 with submissions received prior to next meeting

A request was made for an in-committee meeting to be held to discuss the Tullow Road.

There being no other business the Mayor concluded the meeting.

Signed: *Paul Doogee*
Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: *29-1-2020*