



COMHAIRLE CONTAE
CHEATHARLACH

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

July 13th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend **Council Meeting** to be held on **Monday, 13th July 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

- 1.1 Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
- 1.2 Annual Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 at 4.00 p.m.

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 Planning and Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) - Lease of Tullow Road Multi Functional Community Hub
- 2.2 Planning and Development Act 2000 Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) - Disposal of freehold on strip of Land at Tullow Road, Carlow.
- 2.3 Approval to place Draft Carlow Biodiversity Action Plan 2026 - 2031 on public display.
- 2.4 Approval of Travel to Dole France for Chat Perché Gourmet Weekend
- 2.5 Approval of Local Enterprise Development Plan 2026-2027
- 2.6 Filling of Vacancy of Chairperson of Community Development, Recreation & Amenity, Sports, Arts & Culture, Libraries, Museum and Heritage Strategic Policy Committee

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

- 3.1 Urban Speed Limit Review - Presentation by O. Barrett
- 3.2 Bus Stop Enhancement Programme Update - Presentation by O. Barrett
- 3.3 The IPB Insurance Local Authority LEAF Fund 2026 - Presentation by Jenny Collier, Community Climate Action Officer

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. A. Wallace

"Noting that since the introduction of online Council meetings, Carlow Council has the technical equipment to record county council meetings. Accordingly, in the name of transparency and in an attempt to modernize council meetings. This council agrees to publish video recordings of Carlow County Council meetings on the official website."

6.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. J. Cassin

That this Council calls on the Minister for Health and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to urgently abolish parking charges at all public hospitals.

This Council notes

That patients, families, and visitors are being forced to pay excessive parking charges at times of illness, distress, and financial strain.

That St. Luke's General Hospital in Kilkenny generated €461,145 in parking revenue in 2025, an increase of over €60,000 from €397,962 in 2024, representing a rise of more than 15%.

That nationally, hospital parking charges reached a record €17 million last year, marking a 140% increase from €7 million in 2021.

That this sharp increase in revenue is occurring during a cost-of-living crisis, placing additional and unjust financial pressure on patients and their families.

That the current approach effectively penalises people for accessing essential healthcare services.

That the Programme for Government commits to "explore further ways" to reduce hospital parking fees, yet costs continue to rise significantly.

The Council further recognises:

That access to healthcare should be free at the point of need, including the ability to attend hospitals without incurring additional financial burdens.

That many families must attend hospitals frequently due to chronic illness, disability, or long-term treatment, compounding these costs.

Therefore, this Council calls on the Ministers to:

Abolish parking charges for patients, families, and healthcare workers at all public hospitals as a matter of urgency.

Introduce interim measures, including fee caps and free parking for long-term patients and frequent visitors, pending full abolition.

Provide Exchequer funding to hospitals to replace lost parking revenue, ensuring no negative impact on hospital services.

And that this motion be forwarded to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, and all local authorities.

6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. J. Cassin

"That this Council calls on Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien to immediately intervene in relation to the unacceptable delays being experienced with ESB connections for new business developments and council-led projects, including essential public lighting installations such as the lighting at Burrin Manor in Carlow Town.

This Council notes with serious concern that these delays are causing unnecessary hold-ups to economic development, undermining public safety, delaying housing and community infrastructure, and creating significant additional costs for both businesses and the local authority. Such a situation is wholly unacceptable and is having a direct negative impact on the delivery of vital services and projects within this county.

This Council further notes that local businesses seeking to expand or establish themselves are being left in limbo by a slow, opaque, and ineffective connection process, while council projects of clear public benefit are being delayed without proper accountability or urgency. The failure to provide timely connections is not a minor administrative issue; it is a barrier to growth, a barrier to progress, and a barrier to public confidence in the delivery of essential infrastructure.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Minister to:

urgently engage with ESB and all relevant stakeholders to address these delays without further delay;

direct that a clear, transparent, and time-bound process be put in place for business and council connections;

ensure that public lighting and other safety-critical infrastructure is treated as a priority;

report back on what immediate steps will be taken to remove the bottlenecks currently holding back development.

This Council is clear that the current situation is not good enough. Communities, businesses, and local authorities cannot continue to be left waiting indefinitely for basic infrastructure connections. Immediate ministerial action is now required."

This motion is circulated to all local authorities.

6.4 Standing in the names of Cllr. J. Deane and Cllr. A. Gladney

Motion: Opposition to Ireland Playing Israel in International Football Fixtures

That Carlow County Council notes:

- the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and Palestine, including the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians and the destruction of civilian infrastructure, including sporting facilities;
- notes reports that hundreds of Palestinian footballers and athletes have been killed during the conflict;
- acknowledges widespread concern among football supporters, players, unions, activists and civil society groups regarding proposed Ireland v Israel fixtures in the UEFA Nations League.

Carlow County Council calls for:

1. The Football Association of Ireland (FAI) to oppose and seek the cancellation of any forthcoming fixtures involving Ireland and Israel;
2. The Irish Government to make its position clear and actively encourage the selected venue and relevant authorities to reconsider hosting the fixture, and use all diplomatic channels available to it to convey that the Irish people and Government do not wish to see this match proceed in light of ongoing genocide in Gaza.

6.5 Standing in the name of Cllr. F. Browne

"That Carlow County Council explore the option of developing a 50m swimming pool in Carlow town in partnership with other stakeholders to meet the huge need in the region that currently exists for same."

6.6 Standing in the name of Cllr. J. Cassin and Cllr. J. Deane

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Government to respond to all Notices of Motion submitted by local authorities within six weeks of receipt. In the event that no response is received within that period, the Council will write to the relevant Department seeking a reply, and a further update will be provided to Councillors at the Council meeting held approximately two months after the motion is submitted."

This motion is to be circulated to each Government Department and to all local authorities."

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