

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the December Meeting of Carlow County Council, held Remotely on Monday, 13th December 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

In Attendance: Councillor F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor J. McDonald
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor T. O'Neill
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor J. Murphy
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor A. Wallace
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor W. Quinn
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor J. Pender

Guest: Mr. Peter Scully, Chair of Audit Committee

Present: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning,
Economic Development, Health & Safety
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation,
Environment, Water Services, Building Control & Emergency
Services
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Service, Housing, Community,
Recreation & Amenity
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr. P.J. Leonard, Financial Accountant, Finance
Ms. K. Farrell, Internal Auditor
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, Environment
Mr. R. Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation
Mr. J. Shortall, County Librarian
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & HR
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. T. Hickson, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

The Cathoirleach, Fintan Phelan, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked for all present to observe a Minute's Silence as a mark of respect on the first Anniversary of Mr. Ger O'Brien, Senior Executive Engineer (RIP), whose anniversary occurred on the 12th December.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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- Kylie Murphy, Wexford Youths captain, named Player of the Year at the 2021 SSE Airtricity Women's National League Awards.
- Carlow Fire Service – winning a silver medal in the ROI Trauma Challenge
- The Christmas Firework display in Rathvilly
- The Bennekerry/Tinryland football team on winning the 2021 Carlow Ladies Senior Football final
- Clíodhna Ní Shé on winning the Zucar Golden Boot award

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

'The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 2.00 p.m., having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy, and accordingly signed, were **Proposed by Councillor W. Paton, Seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill**, and agreed following a show of hands.

1.2 Approval of Statutory Budget Meeting 2022 of Carlow County Council held on Friday 26th November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

'The Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting 2022 of Carlow County Council held on Friday 26th November 2021 at 2.00 p.m., having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy, and accordingly signed, were **Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill, Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy**, and agreed following a show of hands.

2.0 Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of Council/Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó ruin an Chomhairle

2.1 Filling of Vacancy on the Regional Health Forum South

Councillor M. Doran was **Proposed by Councillor F. Browne, Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald**, and agreed following a show of hands.

2.2 Audit Committee – Section 60 report to Council on 2020 Annual Financial Statement

Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance, welcomed Mr. Peter Scully, Chair of Audit Committee to the meeting. He then gave his report and answered all queries. Mr. Scully confirmed that the following points were raised by the audit committee;

- Registration of fixed assets
- Differential rents review
- Procurement

2.3 Audit Report 2020 Annual Financial Statement

This issue was taken with item 2.2 and both were **Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill, Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy**, and agreed following a show of hands.

2.4 Taking in Charge, River Court (Phase 2) & Sleaty View Park

Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993; Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 – Taking-in-charge of roads and services at;

- 1. River Court (Phase 2), O'Brien Road, Carlow**
- 2. Sleaty Park View, Sleaty Street, Graiguecullen, Carlow**

Proposed by Councillor: K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor: T. O'Neill

And following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council formally resolves the taking-in-charge of roads and services at River Court (Phase 2), O'Brien Road, Carlow, and, Sleaty Park View, Sleaty Street Graiguecullen, Carlow.'

- 2.5 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Proposed development of 5 No. houses at Bahana, Glynn, Co. Carlow**

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella
Seconded by Councillor W. Qiunn
And agreed following a show of hands.

- 2.6 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Single Rural Dwelling at Drumphea, Co. Carlow**

Proposed by Councillor A. McDonald
Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella
And agreed following a show of hands.

- 2.7 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Tullow Road Community Hub**

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor T. O’Neill
And agreed following a show of hands.

- 2.8 Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1), Planning & Development Act 2000 Section 211, the lease of 5.4 acres at Knockanna Road, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow.**

Proposed by Councillor B. O’Donovan
Seconded by Councillor W. Paton
And agreed following a show of hands.

- 2.9 Lands at Castlemore, Tullow – Proposed granting of sporting lease to Tullow Rugby Club**

Approval of extension of one year lease to Tullow Rugby Club for lands at Castlemore, Tullow, from 01/12/2021 to 30/04/2023 in the sum of €100.00.

‘That we the members of Carlow County Council approve the granting of an extension of one year lease to Tullow Rugby Club for lands at Castlemore, Tullow, from 01/12/2021 to 30/04/2023 in the sum of €100.00’

Proposed by Councillor J. McDonald
Seconded by Councillor W. Paton
And agreed following a show of hands.

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

3.1 Carlow County Council – Winter Services Plan 2021 / 2022

Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave a full report.

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton
Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands.

3.2 County Carlow Heritage Forum

Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance, gave this report and answered all queries. He advised that it is now a requirement to establish a Heritage Forum. This forum would include the sitting Cathaoirleach, plus 4 members from the Culture, Libraries and Digital Development, Tourism, Enterprise and Economic Development SPC. This forum would rotate annually and be approved by Plenary Council. A total of 23 members would sit on this forum, to include external agencies.

Proposed by Councillor A. McDonald
Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane
And agreed following a show of hands.

3.3 Training and Conferences Approvals

Proposed by Councillor T. O’Neill
Seconded by Councillor M. Doran
And agreed following a show of hands.

4.0 Chief Executive’s Report / Tuarascáil an Phíomhfheidhmeannaigh

Members discussed the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for the period from 1st November to 30th November 2021.

Issues raised by members included:

- Funding for Tullow Master Plan
- Funding for South Carlow
- Tenant Liaison Officer
- Homelessness
- Allocation of social houses
- Blessed Well, St. Mullins
- AILG training 2022
- Housing Aid for Elderly

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services, and, Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services answered all queries.

5.0 Correspondence / Comhfhreagras

None.

6.0 Notices of Motion / Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

“That this Council writes to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs to request additional funding for a women’s refuge/additional safe units in Carlow and join the call from *Safe Ireland* for a National Services Development Plan”.

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: W. Paton

Agreed following a show of hands

6.2 Standing in name of Cllr. Charlie Murphy

“That we the members of Carlow County Council formally reject Green Party M.E.P. Ciaran Cuffe’s request that Irish Financial Institutions should not engage with the Farming Community in relation to supports and loans”.

Proposed by Councillor: C. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor: T. Kinsella

Agreed following a show of hands

6.3 Standing in name of Cllr. Tommy Kinsella

“That we the members of Carlow County call on the Minister for Agriculture to review the present Cap proposal towards Eco Schemes. We request that he reduce the present proposal of 25%, to 18%, to ensure the sustainability of farming in Carlow”.

Proposed by Councillor: T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor: B. O’Donoghue

Agreed following a show of hands

6.4 Standing in name of Cllr. Fintan Phelan (Cathaoirleach)

“This Council calls on the Government to urgently put in place a support package for all pantos, theatre groups and other arts organisations that have been impacted by the recent additional restrictions on capacity at venues. These groups have given huge voluntary hours and have commitments with local suppliers. A copy of this motion to be sent to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and An Taoiseach”.

Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor: J. Pender
Agreed following a show of hands

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

- Manor House, Bagenalstown – security gate
- EV upgrade status
- Name place committee status
- Carlow Southern Relief Road
- 1921 Centenary of Signing of the Treaty
- Minister for Housing, Mr. Darragh O'Brien's visit to Carlow today

Cathairleach Fintan Phelan confirmed that it was agreed at the last CPG meeting to draw up a policy in relation to naming of places etc. Mr. Eamonn Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, confirmed that a draft policy would be ready for consideration at the next Carlow County Council meeting in January 2022.

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services, and, Mr. Pádraig O'Gorman, Director of Services, answered all queries.

This concluded the business of the meeting.