

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the January Meeting of Carlow County Council, held Remotely on Monday, 10th January 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Apologies: Councillor W. Quinn

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
Mr. Kieran Cullinane, Senior Engineer, Special Projects
Mr. R. Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation
Mr. Liam Carroll, A/Chief Fire Officer
Mr. John Shortall, County Librarian
Mr. Brian O'Donovan, SEO, Housing
Ms. Suzi Doyle, Healthy Carlow Co-ordinator
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & HR
Ms. T. Hickson, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

The Cathaoirleach, Fintan Phelan, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested That a *Minute's Silence* be observed to mark the recent passing of Councillor Willie Quinn's mother, Anne (Nan) Quinn.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Geraldine Core, 60 Mount Leinster Park, Tullow Road, Carlow
- David Lyons, Rathoe, Co. Carlow

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Councillor Adrienne Wallace on her recent engagement.
- Winners of the Carlow Senior Cross Country Championships 2022
- Deirdre Heckler (née Dooley), from Highfield, Carlow who has been inaugurated as the first female mayor of Breuberg, Germany.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th December 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

'The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th December 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 A. Dalton
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill
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 Section 85 Agreement with Kilkenny County Council – Food Safety Inspections

Mr. Pádraig O'Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report and answered queries.

"That Carlow County Council extends its agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, with Kilkenny County Council until the 31st March 2022, to carry out all Statutory Food safety Functions as contracted by the FSAI on behalf of Carlow County Council from 1st January 2022 to 31st March 2022".

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy
Seconded by Councillor J. Pender
 and agreed following a show of hands.

2.2 Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments Policy

Mr. Eamonn Brophy, SEO, gave a brief outline of this policy and answered all queries.

Proposed by Councillor J. McDonald
Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

Councillor Arthur McDonald proposed to insert a clause to *'review after the next local elections in 2 years'*

Proposed by Councillor A. McDonald
Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy
 And agreed following a show of hands

A Roll Call was then requested on the original policy as amended by Councillor A. McDonald

Item No. 2.2

Proposed: J. McDonald

Seconded: T. Kinsella Date: 10/01/2022

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
John McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			

Brian O'Donoghue	√			
Tom O'Neill	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn				√
Adrienne Wallace	√			

Absent: Councillor Willie Quinn

Decision/Resolution: Passed

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

3.1 Phase 3 Approval – N80 Leagh Bends Scheme

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report.

Councillor John McDonald requested that a meeting be arranged between Council officials, concerned residents, and the TII. Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, confirmed that this would be arranged.

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, and Mr. Ray Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer, answered all queries.

3.2 TII 2022 Grant Allocations – Carlow County Council

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report. He confirmed extra funding increase from €2.3m in 2021 to €4.3m for 2022. This is good news for the county.

Members congratulated the Transportation team on their work to achieve this extra funding. They raised concerns over the status of the outer relief road, Tinryland junction, and a pedestrian crossing for Rathvilly.

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, and Mr. Ray Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer, answered all queries.

3.3 EV Charging Infrastructure – Project Update

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report and answered all queries.

3.4 Active Travel Programme 2022

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, gave this report and both he and Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services, answered all queries.

3.5 Presentation by Healthy Carlow

Ms. Suzi Doyle, Healthy Carlow Co-ordinator gave a full presentation and answered all queries.

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services, answered queries raised in relation to Ballinakelly Woods.

3.6 Circular Letter F02/22 Re: 31 January 2022 deadline for the reporting of political donations by elected members

Mr. Eamonn Brophy, SEO, confirmed that all returns are required to be submitted by the end of January 2022.

4.0 Chief Executive’s Report / Tuarascáil an Phíomhfheidhmeannaigh

Members discussed the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for the period from 1st December to 31st December 2021.

Issues raised by members included:

- Public lighting
- Dog Warden
- Part VIII
- County Development Plan
- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Flooding in Rathvilly
- Out of hours service
- Flooding in Tullow
- Broadband
- Tenant Liaison Officer
- LPT provision

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services answered queries in relation to public lighting and the Dog Warden. He confirmed that a representative from ESB will attend the February Council meeting to answer queries.

Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services, answered queries in relation to the County Development Plan and Part VIII.

Councillor Fintan Phelan (Cathaoirleach) confirmed that there is a County Development Plan workshop scheduled for this Thursday the 13th January 2022 for all members. He also proposed an additional workshop for Monday 17th January 2022 at 2.00 p.m. These would be remote workshops where all members' queries can be discussed.

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services, answered housing queries.

Mr. Pat Delaney, Head of Finance answered queries in relation to LPT.

5.0 Correspondence / Comhfhreagras

Noted.

6.0 Notices of Motion / Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Charlie Murphy

"There are 82 children with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus currently Requiring urgent Orthopaedic intervention. This was brought to the attention of the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly's in December 2020. However, no action has been instigated by the Minister to resolve this matter and these children continue to deteriorate. Lack of surgical intervention has caused their limbs and bodies to become deformed and maimed. Some of these children's legs are now so badly affected that the soles of their feet permanently rub together causing open sores and bleeding. Children who have the ability to walk are losing or have lost that ability due to the absence of timely surgical management. Others who are manual wheelchair users, due to the same issue are unable to self-propel themselves effectively leaving them immobile. The lack of timely surgical intervention means that effectively these children end up requiring more complex surgeries and failing that amputation of limbs. I am calling on Carlow County Council to write to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly and fast track these children for surgical review as a matter of urgency. We are also calling on the Minister for Health to ensure that provision of services is made to Disabled Children within elective Hospital settings as well as acute Hospital settings to avoid a repeat of this situation in the future".

Proposed by Councillor: C. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor: T. Kinsella

Agreed following a show of hands.

This concluded the business of the meeting.