

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the July Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 8th July 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J. Pender (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 F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn
Councillor A. Wallace

In attendance: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive
Mr D. McInerney, Director of Services, Transportation, Environment & Water Services
P. Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr. M. Brennan, Acting Director of Services, Housing
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Service – Corporate, Planning, Economic Development, Health and Safety
Mr. R. Wickham, Acting Senior Engineer, Transportation
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of LEO
Mr. J. Shorthall, County Librarian
Ms. J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr B. O'Donovan, Acting Senior Engineer.
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.
Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

Also, in attendance was Deputy Pat Deering.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the July meeting of Council and requested the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Anna May McHugh, Director of the National Ploughing Championships, address the Members.

It was proposed by Councillor Browne and seconded by Councillor A. McDonald and unanimously agreed following a show of hands to suspend Standing Orders.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms McHugh to the meeting and invited her to address the Members. Ms McHugh gave an overview of the Ploughing Championships and said she was delighted that the 2019 event is being held in County Carlow in September. She updated the Members on all aspects of staging this major event and thanked Carlow County Council for their advice and assistance in preparing for the event.

The Members thanked Ms McHugh for her presentation and complimented her on the success of the Ploughing Championships. The Members offered their support to the event and to promoting County Carlow at every opportunity during the event. Questions raised by the Members were addressed by Ms McHugh.

The Chief Executive thanked Ms McHugh and acknowledged her co-operation with the Local Community Co-ordination Committee chaired by D. McInerney. She said the Local Authority will take every opportunity to promote Carlow and that a Carlow Tent will be on site.

The Cathaoirleach made a presentation to Ms Hugh in recognition of her dedication and work with the National Ploughing Championship.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Marian Fitzgerald & Family, Hanover, Carlow on the death of her husband Liam, former Senior Engineer with Carlow County Council.
- Oliver Kehoe, Ganger on the death of his sister Lily McBrearty, 13, Castlewood Gardens, Carlow
- Coletter Harper, Finance on the death of her brother Danny Pender, 21 DeLacey Abbey, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow

- Gerard O'Neill, Foreman on the death of his brother Richard O'Neill.
- Carmel Harmon & Family, Link Road, Browneshill, Carlow on the death of her husband Johnny.

The Cathaoirleach paid tribute to the late Liam Fitzgerald, former Senior Engineer with Carlow County Council. The Cathaoirleach spoke of the central role Liam played during his service with Carlow County Council across various departments. The Cathaoirleach invited the Members to pay tribute to Liam. The Members spoke of Liam's work ethic, his dedication to Carlow County Council and of his willingness to assist at every opportunity. Members said he was a gentleman and a pleasure to deal with. Members expressed their sympathies to his wife Marian, his three children and extended family.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Jack Malone, Raheendoran, Carlow on competing with the Irish Squad in the 2019 Men's European Soccer Championship for Deaf and Hearing Impaired.
- Dean Kelly, Carlow and Lauren Dwyer Carlow on being chosen as part of the soccer teams for Team Ireland at the 2019 World University Games.
- Steve Lennon of Carlow and Willie O'Connor on their success as runners up in the World Cup of Darts 2019.
- Graiguecullen Swimming Pool on celebrating 25 years in operation.
- The u/15 Girls Soccer Academy on winning the Gaynor Shield Final.
- All teams that competed in the Leinster Finals of Community Games 2019, hosted by Carlow..
- Paddy Byrne on the launch of his book 'From Kylehill to Pennsylvania', documenting the rise of Burnside Engineering Company.
- BEAM, Muinebheag on their annual gala fundraiser dog night.

1(a) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
'That the Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 13th May 2019 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
'That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Friday 7th June 2019 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

2. Circulars

There were no circulars for consideration.

3. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

(a) Appointment of Members to the Centenary Committee

P Delaney advised that the Carlow County Council Centenary Committee was established by resolution at the February 2018 monthly meeting to assist and advise the Council in relation to the Decade of Centenaries. At the March 2018 monthly meeting it was resolved that all eighteen elected members would sit on the committee.

Following a show of hands it was resolved to vary the number of members on the committee to fourteen as follows.

'Councillors Browne, Cassin, Dalton, Doran, Kinsella, A. McDonald, J. McDonald, Murnane, C. Murphy, J. Murphy, O'Donoghue, O'Neill, Pender and Phelan be appointed to the Centenary Committee.'

Councillors Wallace, Paton, Quinn and Gladney did not seek appointments to the Centenary Committee.

It was noted that the quorum for the committee was five.

(b) Appointment of Members to the New Oak Community Centre Steering Group (3 members)

Proposed by Councillor M. Doran
Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald
AND

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that Councillor F. Browne, Councillor K. Murnane and Councillor F. Phelan be appointed to the New Oak Community Centre Steering Group.”

(c) Appointment of Members to the South East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force SERDATF (1 member)

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald
AND

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve the appointment of Councillor J. Pender to the South East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (SERDATF).”

(d) Appointment to Twinning and Diaspora Committee

M. Brennan advised in his report of 26th June that the Membership of the Twinning and Diaspora Committee was approved to include any Members who were interested in participating on the Committee. He advised of proposals to streamline the workings of the Committee and advised of proposed recommendations.

Councillor Dalton proposed Councillors Phelan and Murnane.

This was seconded by Councillor A. McDonald

Councillor T. O’Neill proposed Councillors A. McDonald, M. Doran, B. O’Donoghue and J. Pender.

This was seconded by Councillor F. Browne.

Councillor Phelan proposed Councillors Dalton, Kinsella, Browne and C. Murphy.

This was seconded by Councillor B. O’Donoghue.

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that Councillor F. Phelan, K. Murnane, A. Dalton, T. Kinsella, F. Browne, C. Murphy, A. McDonald, M. Doran, B. O’Donoghue and J. Pender be appointed to the Twinning and Diaspora Committee.”

(e) Draft Strategic Policy Committee and Corporate Policy Group Scheme 2019-2024.

Members had for consideration draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Scheme 2019-2024 for consideration and approval.

Councillor Paton queried the designation of the SPCs and the areas of responsibility for each of the SPCs. Councillor Paton urged the CPG to re-examine the areas of responsibility for each of the SPC's in order to align a strategic overview of relevant policy.

The Chief Executive advised that the previous SPC Scheme was reviewed. She outlined the rationale in coming to a decision on the areas of responsibilities for each SPC. She advised that each SPC will agree its annual programme, taking account of the Council's overall corporate policy and objectives, and comply with statutory provisions. The CPG will decide the work programmes of the SPCs. The Chief Executive advised that a public consultation process in relation to the Draft Scheme is required to be undertaken in accordance with the SPC guidelines.

Members' approval was sought to the Draft SPC Scheme being put to public consultation.

Proposed by Councillor M. Doran

Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme go to public consultation in accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 41 of the 2014 Act."

(f) Audit Committee 2019-2024 - Membership – Recommendation from Corporate Policy Group

Members had for consideration and approval nominations by the Corporate Policy Group to the Audit Committee 2019-2024.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve the appointment of

Jim Deane to the Audit Committee 2019-2024

Denis Foley to the Audit Committee 2019- 2024

Eleanor Rea to the Audit Committee 2019- 2024

Peter Scully to the Audit Committee 2019- 2024

Susan Kearney to the Audit Committee 2019- 2024

as per recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group and in accordance with the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014.'

(g) Disposal of part of the Property at 51 St Fiacc's Terrace, Graiguecullen, Carlow (0.0057 acres – 0.0023ha)

Members approval was sought to the disposal of part of the property at 51 St. Fiacc's Terrace, Graiguecullen, Carlow 0.0057 Acres (0.0023).

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve the disposal of part of the property at 51, St. Fiacc's Terrace, Graiguecullen, Carlow 0.0057 Acres (0.0023 Ha) to David Geoghegan & Majella Geoghegan, in consideration of the sum of €1.00 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001, Section 183 (1), Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government is not required for the said disposal.

(h) Section 85 Agreement between Carlow County Council and Kilkenny County Council – Food Safety Inspections

Members had report from B. O'Donovan, Acting Senior Engineer, requesting Members' approval to continue arrangement with Kilkenny County Council for the carrying out of food safety inspections on behalf of Carlow County Council. Members' approval was sought to extend the Agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that Carlow County Council extends its Agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with Kilkenny County Council until the 31st March 2020, to carry out all Statutory Food Safety Functions as contracted by the FSAI on behalf of Carlow County Council.'

(i) Section 85 Agreement between Carlow County Council and Kilkenny County Council – Flood Relief Works at Graiguenamanagh/Tinnahinch

Members had report from D. McInerney requesting Members' approval to enter a Section 85 Agreement between Carlow and Kilkenny County Councils to facilitate the design and construction of a Flood Relief Scheme for Graiguenamanagh/Tinnahinch.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that Carlow County Council enter a Section 85 Agreement with Kilkenny County Council to facilitate the design and construction of a Flood Relief Scheme for Graiguenamanagh/Tinnahinch in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001.

(j) Development of 9 Housing Units at Pound Lane, Borris, County Carlow

Members had for consideration Chief Executive's report on proposed development of 9 Housing Units at Pound Lane, Borris, Co. Carlow. Members approval was sought to the proposed development as recommended in the Chief Executive's report.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve the proposed development of 9 Housing Units at Pound Lane, Borris, Co. Carlow including all Site Development Works with Vehicular Access as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report and in accordance with Part 8 Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)'.

(k) Redevelopment and Upgrading of the Borris Viaduct, Borris, Co. Carlow

Members had for consideration Chief Executive's report on the redevelopment and upgrading of Borris Viaduct, Borris, Co. Carlow.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve the proposed redevelopment and upgrading of Borris Viaduct, Borris, Co. Carlow as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report and in accordance with Part 8 Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)’.

4. CORPORATE, PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

(a) Agriculture

Members expressed concerns over invasive plant species such as hogweed and Japanese knotweed identified in various parts of the county.

D. McInerney advised that a register of complaints of incidents of invasive species is being maintained and it is hoped that a handbook will be available in September on invasive species and how to treat them.

D. McInerney also referred to problem of crayfish on the river Burrin. The members also queried appropriate time to carry out hedgecutting and the cutting of grass margins along the River Barrow.

Councillor Doran requested that hedges be cut in advance of schools reopening in September as bus drivers have difficulty operating bus routes due to overgrown hedges.

D. McInerney advised that the issue of cutting grass margins along the river Barrow was raised at Muinebheag Municipal District meeting. The issue is to be raised with Waterways Ireland.

Members expressed serious concern for the Irish Beef Industry if the EU agreement with Mercosur goes ahead with beef as well as poultry and pig meat being imported as part of a trade deal. Members said the Irish Beef Industry would be wiped out in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

Councillor Cassin proposed and it was seconded by Councillor Kinsella that the Council write to the Minister for Agriculture expressing Members concerns and suggesting that the Minister meet with a deputation from Carlow to address their concerns.

(b) Conference Attendance Approvals

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve the following Conference Attendance.

- *AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2019, Monaghan.*

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Members considered Chief Executive Monthly Management Report for the period to 30th June 2019.

Councillor Browne raised issue of blanket ban on development on regional roads and urged that this policy be amended to remove this blanket ban to allow for discretion where individual applications could be considered. Councillor Browne requested a report for the September meeting of Council on clarification of blanket ban on development.

Councillor C. Murphy also referred to one off housing issues on the N/80, N/81 and expressed concern in relation to the role of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in planning permissions and queried the requirement to refer applications to TII.

Ms F. O'Neill advised of policy in County Development Plan based on National Guidelines. She will examine the issue of TII planning referrals and revert to the Members.

Councillor Phelan welcomed the successful appeal by Carlow County Council under the Better Energy Communities grant scheme for the replacement of a further 678 public lights by low energy high-efficient LED lanterns.

Councillor Quinn queried commencement date for Local Development Plan for Borris. Ms F. O'Neill advised of tenders sought as part of the review of County Carlow Development Plan in relation to requirement for SEA Screening report and associated Environmental reports. Ms O'Neill advised that the Carlow County Development Plan is due for review December 2019 with the review suspended where it is in progress until not later than 13 weeks after the relevant Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy is made.

Councillor Doran queried if there has been an update on the Barrow Blueway proposals.

Councillor Wallace queried the number of Compulsory Purchase Orders on properties and if there was room for improvement and queried the number of vacant properties in Carlow referring to the number indicated by the Central Statistics Office. The Chief Executive advised that following extensive research by larger local authorities there were major differences in the visual survey and the desk top survey. M. Brennan advised of 457 vacant properties in County Carlow that can be pursued under derelict sites legislation. This figure is based on an exercise carried out by Carlow County Council to determine the number of vacant properties. Councillor Wallace requested a copy of the statistics report.

Ms J. Kavanagh, Housing Officer advised that a comprehensive report on vacant properties will be prepared for the September meeting of Council. M. Brennan advised that properties on Barrack Street are being looked at as an early exercise as part of a Master Plan.

Councillors Dalton and Cassin expressed their dissatisfaction with Carlow not being designated as a rent pressure zone. The Graiguecullen – Portarlinton Electoral area has been included and will see yearly rent increases capped at 4%. M. Brennan, acting Director of Housing, outlined the criteria to be designated as a rent pressure zone. Councillor Cassin requested that a copy of the criteria be circulated to the members.

Councillor Dalton referred to the 18 people who recently presented homeless and to the crisis in the rental market with HAP payments not meeting rent demands.

Ms J. Kavanagh, Housing Officer spoke of the varying reasons for homelessness and of the Council working closely with Focus Ireland to put the necessary supports in place.

Councillor Gladney welcomed funding for Bagenalstown Fire Station. D. McInerney advised that following discussions with the Department the available funding is for refurbishment of the station.

Councillor C. Murphy queried update on site at Ardattin. M. Brennan advised that proposals for the site are currently being examined.

Councillor Phelan queried time frame for completion of watermain works on Dublin Street as the works are causing major disruption. D.

McInerney advised that it is expected that works will be completed within the timeframe given.

Councillor Paton expressed his frustration at the slow process of works at Tullow Footbridge. D. McInerney advised that the completion of the works is imminent.

Councillor Paton queried the removal of a small statute, that stood outside the Bridge Hotel in Tullow, and has not been replaced following the works.

Councillor Browne queried update on courthouse railings.

Councillor O'Donoghue queried removal of traffic lights from the square Tullow. D. McInerney to raise issue with the Area Engineer.

Councillor Cassin raised issue of on-going dumping at Springdale, Carlow and queried the disposal of piece of land. D. McInerney advised that the dumping is a localised issue and of carrying out door to door inspections. He advised that to dispose of piece of land would hinder the future access to Askea drain.

6 a. CORRESPONDENCE

Member noted correspondence from Lobbying.ie in relation to information regarding the legislation and further guidance on the Lobbying Act 2015 and Transparency Code.
SPC is to adopt Transparency Code.

(b) Members supported Notice of Motion from Carrickmacross-Castleblaney Municipal District. Rates and Rateable Valuation causing serious problems for business owners and is not an appropriate way to raise revenue for local government.

(c) Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in response to Member's letter in relation to the provision for children with autism in Carlow.
Members expressed dissatisfaction with the response from the Minister's Office and requested that Carlow County Council again write to the Minister requesting a pro-active approach as there is a clear need as demand for support units has risen in Carlow. Also, the need for ASD classes in Tullow was raised as children must be brought to neighbouring schools to avail of special educational needs.

(d) Members noted acknowledgement from TUSLA regarding the issue of a Women's Refuge in Carlow.

Councillors Wallace and Murnane queried reason why TUSLA report could not be made available to members. The Chief Executive advised that the report is a Draft Report and could not be released.

The Chief Executive further advised that the role of the Council is to support obtaining Capital Funding. The Council can work with Approved Housing Bodies to acquire capital funding, but operational funding is required from Tusla to support the Refuge. Members requested that this issue continue to be pursued with the relevant bodies.

See amendment [in red] hereunder to July Minutes made at September 2019 Council Meeting

Amendment to July Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on 8th July, 2019 under item 6 (d).

Councillor Wallace suggested that the old Bank of Ireland building be considered as a suitable location for a Women's Refuge.

(e) Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government in response to Members' letter regarding homelessness.

(f) Members noted resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council about the danger of 5G.

(g) Members noted resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council for the roll out of free folic acid for women of childbearing age.

Councillor Browne raised issue of Kelvin Grove suggesting CPO of the property and requested that an update on Kelvin Grove be brought to the September meeting of Council.

The Chief Executive advised that her understanding is that Kelvin Grove may be developed as a centre for The Holy Angels and that any surplus land would leave little room for development.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

“Following a presentation from MSD John Cassin calls on Carlow County Council to complete the footpath/cyclepath out to MSD and give a time frame for the same.’

D. McInerney advised that the issue will be examined in the context of Budget planning and timeline and will revert to Members.

Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

A discussion took place on the following Notice of Motion and Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that Carlow County Council again calls on the Irish government to review the rent pressure zones as a matter urgency and include Carlow”

The following Notice of Motion was discussed and noted.

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby calls on Carlow County Council to host a major housing conference with Carlow Councillors, Housing Bodies, Department Officials, Council Officials, Construction Federation Officials and any other interested bodies. Carlow needs more social and affordable housing. I welcome all the great work done to date by our own housing section. We are still in the midst of a housing crisis here in Carlow and I want the same efforts put into Carlow as has been put into solving it in Dublin.”

Standing in the names of Cllrs. Fergal Browne and John Murphy

“That Carlow County Council ensure that the following is in place at Duckettsgrove for summer 2019; tea and coffee facilities every weekend and public holiday, open access to castle and the excellent garden facilities are maintained and further developed to current high standard and hedging on approach road to Duckettsgrove be cut back to make safer for road users.”

M. Brennan advised that due to Health and Safety reasons access to the castle cannot be permitted. Tea and coffee facilities will be provided at weekends and a tour guide will be available.

Members requested a briefing and update on strategy for Ducketts Grove. The Chief Executive advised that a workshop will be arranged for September and that Failte Ireland Funding may be considered.

Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

Members welcomed the Notice of Motion and a discussion took place on Carlow’s Climate Change Strategy.

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor M. Doran

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve that this Council declares a climate emergency.

Following Central governments declaration of a climate emergency we call on the government to immediately take the radical measures necessary to drastically and sustainably reduce our carbon emissions. That all future policies and possible solutions are in keeping with a just transition, and that this just transition is taken within a global context.

We further call on central government to take all steps needed to profoundly reduce our contribution to anthropogenic climate change, and to aid the international effort of preventing irreversible global warming and climate catastrophe.”

Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health Simon Harris T.D, to introduce as soon as is possible “safe access zones” around healthcare facilities that are providing for the termination of pregnancies.

Carlow County Council believes that “safe access zones” are necessary to protect women against unnecessary distress and

anxiety, and indeed harassment, intimidation and bullying when accessing what is a lawful medical service.

Carlow County Council acknowledges and respects the right of a citizen to engage in peaceful protest but believes that those engaging in anti-abortion protests in and around healthcare facilities are not engaged in legitimate public protest but rather they are targeting service users and healthcare professionals".

A discussion took place on this Notice of Motion with some Members expressing reservations as to the wording of the Notice of Motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor F. Browne that the Notice of Motion be amended to read as follows:-

"Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health Simon Harris T.D, to introduce as soon as is possible "safe access zones" around all healthcare facilities.

Following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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		√		

15 for, 1 against, 1 abstention, 1 absent

The Motion was carried

“ Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health Simon Harris T.D, to introduce as soon as is possible “safe access zones” around all healthcare facilities.”

Councillor Paton advised of Carlow Pride Parade taking place on 20th July. Councillor Paton requested Members support on the day, that Carlow County Council fly the Rainbow Flag on the week leading up to the parade and that Carlow County Council Members march behind a banner. He urged the Cathaoirleach, the Mayor and Cathaoirligh of Municipal Districts to support the parade.

Councillor A. McDonald raised the issue of people not having a choice of GP they wish to attend.

There was no further business to be transacted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.