

## CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the June Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in  
G.B. Shaw Theatre, Visual, Old Dublin Road, Carlow  
on Monday 08<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 2.00 p.m.**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor J. Murphy

**In attendance:** Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive.  
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning,  
Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development.  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation,  
Environment & Water Services, Building Control & Emergency  
Services.  
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing, Community,  
Recreation & Amenity  
Mr. Pat Delaney, Head of Finance.  
Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office.  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate  
Services/Human Resources.  
Mr. P.J. Leonard, Financial Accountant.  
Mr. Paul Curran, Facilities Manager, Corporate Services  
Ms. Marian Hand, Assistant Staff Officer, Human  
Resources

**Also Present:** Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

## **OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

A minute silence was held in respect to those who died during the Covid-19 pandemic and also for George Floyd, R.I.P.

A minute applause took place for all those working in the frontline.

## **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- Death of Garry Sinnott, Clonogan, Clonegal, father of Richie Sinnott, Technician, Housing Department.
- Death of J. George Fitzgerald, 25 Riverside, Carlow Town, Carlow, father of Dugald Fitzgerald, Staff Officer, Finance Department.
- Death of Luke (Lukie) Lacey, Heather Hill Avenue, Graiguecullen, Carlow, father of Margaret Quinlan (I.T.), Brenda Lacey (Finance), Julie Brophy (Roads) and Walter Lacey.
- Death of Brian Harrington, Castlefield Manor, Ballina, Co. Mayo brother of Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Department.
- Death of Michael Slye, Coolnaseachta, Myshall, Carlow/Bunclody, father of Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Department.
- Death of Margaret (Peggy) Jackman, Barrack Street, Tullow, Carlow mother of Bernie O'Brien (retired Director of Service).
- The Malone Family, 42 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow, on the death of their father Seamus (client of the Community Call Centre.)
- Siobhan Doyle, 21 College Gardens, Granby Row, Carlow on the death of her brother William (Willo).
- In Poland: Jozef, father of Malgorzata (Margaret) Goska, Contract Cleaner, Carlow County Museum.
- Clare Walsh, Crettyard, Carlow on the death of her husband Jimmy.
- Marie Bermingham, 16 Kernanstown, Bennekerry, Carlow, mother of Anna Duggan, Carlow Fire Station.

- Deepest Sympathy to Wayne Taylor, General Services Supervisor, on the death of his mother Susan Shelly, Chadwell, Essex, England.
- Patsy Kelly, 3 Woodlawn Park, Borris, Co. Carlow on the death of his dad Hugh, and his brother Willie, Co Mayo and formerly of Woodlawn Park, Borris.
- Patsy Lennon Tinnecarrig, Ballyrouken, Borris, Co. Carlow on the death of his brother Martin.
- Margaret Huff, Station Yard Borris, Co. Carlow on the death of her father Patrick, Patsy.
- Jim Hickey Scorteen, Borris, Co. Carlow on the death of his wife Joan.
- Olive Quigley, 1 Woodgrove, Tullow Road, Carlow, on the death of her daughter Kim.
- Benjy Quigley, 10 Killerig Lodges, Carlow on the death of his daughter Kim.
- Sheila Scully, 50 Fr. Byrne Park, Graiguecullen, Carlow on the death of her husband James (Jimmy).
- The Dillon Family, 86 Riverview Close, Carlow Town, Carlow on the death of their mother Angela.
- Kathleen Dowling, Quinnagh, Green Road, Carlow Town, Carlow on the death of her husband Patrick (Pat).
- Mary-Ann & Johnny Walsh, 31 Askea Lawns, Carlow Town, Carlow on the death of their son Travis.
- Ann Mooney, Bournlum Wood, Green Road, Carlow Town, Carlow on the death of her husband Tom (Tex).
- The Reilly Family, 2481 Conroy Park, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare on the death of their father Paddy.

- Kathleen Minchin, Seskin Cross, Leighlinbridge, Carlow on the death of her husband James (Jim).
- John McHugh, Gurteen Grone, Castledermot Road, Carlow on the death of his mother Margaret.
- Pat Brennan, 41 Oakley Park, Tullow Road, Carlow Town, Carlow on the death of his wife Joan.
- Teresa English, Mount St. Jude, Mortarstown, Kilkenny Road, Carlow on the death of her grandson Cian.
- Bobby & Yvonne Webster, 15 Springdale, Tullow Road, Carlow on the death of their grandson Cian.
- Margaret Devine, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown, Carlow on the death of her husband John D (Dominic).
- Margaret Byrne, Senior Library Assistant, on the death of her sister Colette.

## **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Sergeant Joseph Hanley who retired as Sergeant in charge of Tullow Garda Station on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 after serving 20 years in Tullow.
- Congratulations to Turlough O'Brien on his tenure as Carlow Senior Football Manager.
- Carlow Arts Festival on being innovative and moving their festival offering online.
- Congratulations to Bennekerry National School on their award for Global Citizenship Litter and Waste as part of the Green Schools competition.
- Carlow Regional Youth Services on their Eco-Unesco Young Environmentalist Awards for their project River Clean Up under the Water – Senior, Category.

- Dermot Mulligan and staff of Carlow County Museum on their recent accreditation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland by the Heritage Council.
- Darren Hasset, Carlow Live, on his new appointment with the Clonmel Nationalist.

## **1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **(1.1) ‘Approval of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2pm.’**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **T. O’Neill**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                  **A. Dalton**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

*‘That the Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.’*

### **(1.2) ‘Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in the Foyer of Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Carlow on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 2pm.’**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **M. Doran**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                  **A. McDonald**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

*‘That the Minutes of Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Foyer, Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.’*

## 2.0 CIRCULARS

### (2.1) Circular LG 03/2020 – ALLG Training Events for Elected Members

*The Members of Carlow County Council noted Circular LG 03/2020 – ALLG training events for elected members.*

## 3.0 BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

### (3.1) To approve Annual Financial Statement 2019 – Financial Review (as circulated)

**Annual Financial Statement 2019 – to approve expenditure pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014.**

SERV	SERVICE	BUDGET 2019	OUTTURN 2019	BUDGET V OUTTURN 2019	DETAILS
A01	MAINTENANCE & IMP. OF LA HOUSING	2,285,488.81	2,676,851.33	391,362.52	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
A05	ADMIN. OF HOMELESS SERVICE	428,364.09	673,981.03	245,616.94	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
A07	RAS & LEASING PROG.	5,760,077.00	6,946,589.21	1,186,512.21	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
A08	HOUSING LOANS	479,420.46	523,423.93	44,003.47	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
B03	REGIONAL ROAD - MTCE & IMP.	1,826,983.69	2,636,122.91	809,139.22	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
B04	LOCAL ROAD - MTCE & IMP.	6,316,584.58	6,612,884.96	296,300.38	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
B07	ROAD SAFETY ENGINEERING IMP.	152,184.81	200,747.02	48,562.21	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
C08	LOCAL AUTHORITY WATER SERVICES	-	40.20	40.20	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
D01	FORWARD PLANNING	173,723.76	184,732.33	11,008.57	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
D02	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	1,027,748.47	1,052,232.14	24,483.67	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
D09	ECONOMIC DEV. AND PROMOTION	1,913,606.56	2,341,169.74	427,563.18	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
D10	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	82,580.57	85,424.38	2,843.81	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
E01	LANDFILL OPERATIONS & AFTERCARE	304,752.17	346,939.61	42,187.44	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
E09	MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS	323,720.68	368,494.38	44,773.70	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
E11	OPERATION OF FIRE SERVICE	2,848,439.22	3,039,344.67	190,905.45	ADDITIONAL FUNDING / OFFSET
F01	LEISURE FACILITIES OPERATIONS	79,050.00	79,107.68	57.68	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
G01	LAND DRAINAGE COSTS	78,614.29	80,990.66	2,376.37	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
G04	VETERINARY SERVICE	237,500.00	269,906.39	32,406.39	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS
H07	MARKETS AND CASUAL TRADING	18,553.88	23,768.57	5,214.69	OFFSET - SAVINGS IN OTHER SERVS

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne  
Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane  
AND**

Following a show of hands it was resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, hereby approve in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Local Government (Reform )Act 2014 expenditure in excess of the 2019 Budget per the schedule and note that the expenditure was funded by additional receipts, grants/recoupments or savings in other services.’*

P. Delaney responded to all questions raised by members.

**(3.2) To approve Arts Grants 2020**

**Proposed by Councillor                      W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Councillor                  F. Browne**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the report on the Arts Act Grants – Individual Artists Scheme and report on the Arts Act Grants – Group/Community Grants Scheme.’*

**(3.3) Approval of Draft Annual Report 2019 – In accordance with Section 221 (a) Local Government Act 2001**

**Proposed by Councillor                      W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Councillor                  A. Dalton**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Draft Annual Report 2019, in accordance with Section 221 (a) Local Government Act 2001.’*

**(3.4) Review of Standing Orders**

Report presented by E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services. E. Brophy responded to questions raised by members.

**Amendment**

Councillor A. Dalton asked that Item 53 on the Standing Orders be amended to include “all mobile phones should be put on silent during Council meetings and no calls should be taken during the meeting.”

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **A. Dalton**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **A. McDonald**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -  
*'That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve the amendment to Item 53 on the Standing Orders.'*

Councillor W. Paton proposed that Item 20 on the Standing Order be amended to five members need to approve a motion for urgent business to be heard at the Council Meeting.

**Proposed by Councillor**    **W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Councillor**   **J. Cassin**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, this proposal was defeated.

Approval of Standing Orders as circulated with the agenda and further amendment by Councillor A. Dalton was;

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **A. Dalton**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **A. McDonald**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -  
*'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve with amendment the review of the Standing Orders.'*

**(3.5) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Section 138 of Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) – Proposed Development of a Rural House at Spahill, Borris, Co. Carlow.**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **W. Quinn**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **A. McDonald**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -  
*'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the notice of intention to proceed with the proposed development of a Rural House at Spahill, Borris, Co. Carlow.'*



**(3.6) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Section 138 of Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) – Proposed Development of Rural House at Brownbog, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **B. O’Donoghue**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **J. McDonald**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the notice of intention to proceed with the proposed development of a Rural House at Brownbog, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow.’*

**(3.7) Disposal of Freehold of Site No. 4 Muinebheag Industrial Estate**

Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183 (1) Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211 the disposal of Freehold of site No. 4 Muinebheag Industrial Estate, Moneybeg, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow to Carlow Craft Brewery limited in consideration of the sum of €2,000 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **A. McDonald**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **A. Gladney**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the disposal of Freehold of site No. 4 Muinebheag Industrial Estate, Moneybeg, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow to Carlow Craft Brewery limited in consideration of the sum of €2,000 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.’*

**(3.8) Disposal of Plot CS1z at Cloghrick Milford**

Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183 (1) Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 211 the disposal of Plot CW1z at Cloghrick Milford to Mr. Liam Walsh in consideration of the sum of €250 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.

**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 approve the disposal of Plot CW1z at Cloghrick Milford to Mr. Liam Walsh in consideration of the sum of €250 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.’*

**(3.9) Taking in Charge of Grinawn Court, Station Road, Bagenalstown, Kilree Street, Bagenalstown, Maple Court, Carlow Town and The Fairways, Carlow Town**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **F. Phelan**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **A. Dalton**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the recommendation for Council to formally resolve the taking in charge of:*

***Grinan Court, Station Road, Bagenalstown, Carlow  
Kilree Street, Bagenalstown  
Maple Court, Carlow Town  
The Fairways, Carlow Town.’***

**(3.10) Taking in Charge of Road at Killyshane Palatine**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **F. Browne**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **T. O’Neill**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the recommendation for Council to formally resolve the taking in charge of:*

***Road At Killyshane, Palatine, Co. Carlow.’***

### **(3.11) To approve Climate Alliance Membership**

**Proposed by Councillor**

**W. Quinn**

**Seconded by Councillor**

**A. Wallace**

**And**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

*‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the Climate Alliance Membership.’*

***The council meeting was adjourned to facilitate the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 3.30pm.***

***The meeting resumed with the new Cathaoirleach Councillor Tom O’Neill in chair.***

#### **4.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT**

Members discussed Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for the period to 01<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

Issues raised by the Members included: -

- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Application – acknowledgement of application received
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Road from Eire Og to Ballinacarrig
- Local Community Development Committee – Leader Funding
- Town & Villages Renewal Scheme – Chief Executive will circulate details of a new scheme
- Homeless Representations – Safe accommodation units for those who suffer domestic violence
- Carlow Covid 19 Community Response Call Centre
- Joint Policing Committee meetings
- Strategic Policy Committee meetings
- Application process for Community Groups – K. Comerford providing advice for groups
- Lidl Bagenalstown – development charges. M. Rainey will come back to Cllr. A. McDonald
- Town Link Bus Scheme
- Carlow I.T. University Status
- Illegal Dumping – acknowledgement of the hard work done by volunteers in the community who clean up illegal dumping

The Chief Executive and Directors answered questions from members on the chief executive’s report.

## 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

**Members noted correspondence from Foras na Gaeilge** – thanking those on Carlow County Council’s team who met Éamonn ÓhArgáin, Foras na Gaeilge’s Development Services Director and Seán Ó Coinn last year in relation the Government’s policy in relation to Irish language planning. Foras na Gaeilge would welcome an opportunity to make a short presentation on this subject to the members in 2020.

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **F. Browne**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **J. Cassin**  
**AND**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

*‘That we the members of Carlow County Council, welcome Foras na Gaeilge to make a short presentation on Irish language planning to members in 2020.’*

**Members noted motion from Cork County Council** – that Cork County Council write to the Department of Health, the Department of Justice and Equality and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and request recognition be given to Parental Alienation as a child-welfare issue and to call on the Government to implement the recommendations of The Report on Reform of the Family Law System, October 2019.

**Members noted resolution from Sligo County Council** – proposing that local authorities be funded by the Government, in order to maintain the services to make good the rates shortfall in a similar manner in which Government have supported SMEs with regard to Covid payments.

**Members noted correspondence from Office of the Taoiseach** – acknowledging Carlow County Council’s letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

## 6.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

**(6.1) Standing in the name of Councillor**      **A. Wallace**

**Proposed by Councillor**                      **A. Wallace**  
**Seconded by Councillor**                **J. Cassin**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

*“That this Council calls on central government to guarantee that as a result of Covid-19, the financing of our services continue as planned and that central government make up any shortfall in council revenue.”*

**(6.2) Standing in the name of Councillor J. Cassin**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Cassin**  
**Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**  
**And**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously resolved: -

*“Carlow County Council calls on the Irish Government to make available the back to school allowance to all families who have children going back to school to alleviate the pressure on all parents taking into account so many parents have been unable to work due to Covid-19.”*

## **7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH**

- Barrow Track Closure – P. O’Gorman to speak with Waterways Ireland re no prior notice of closure to track.
- Coillte – members would like to invite Coillte to attend a meeting of Carlow County Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.