

**Minutes of June Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in the
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow,
on Monday 12th June 2023 at 2.00 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Cllr. Andy Gladney

In attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Interim Chief Executive
Mr P. J. Leonard, Acting Head of Finance
Mr. K. Cullinane, Acting Director of Service
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Services
Mr. B. O'Donovan, A/Director of Services
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Services
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Healy, Staff Officer
Ms. Laura Kelly, Community Development Officer
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Co-Ordinator
Mr. J. Shortall, County Librarian (Remote)
M. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer (Remote)
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer (Remote)
Mr. C. Brennan, Executive Technician (Remote)
Mr. R. Wickham, Acting Senior Engineer (Remote) ??
Deputy J. M O'Connor

Votes of Sympathy

Martina Loughnane & Family on the death of her father, Martin Loughnane, 78 Kennedy Park, Roscrea, Tipperary.

O'Brien Family on the death of Gerry O'Brien, Blackbog Road, Carlow.

McDonald Family on the death of Eddie McDonald, Oldtown Clonmore.

Quirke Family on the death of Seamie Quirke, Ballintrane, Fenagh.

Michael Doran & Family on the death of his father, Mr. Paddy Doran.

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. J. Cassin congratulated Carlow Girls Juvenile Soccer League Team on their win in the Gaynor Cup.

Cllr. A Dalton congratulated Ciara Milton & on Golden Boot Winner Award in the Gaynor Cup

Cllr. J. Cassin congratulated the Carlow Hurling Team on winning the Joe McDonagh Cup and wished them all the best in their match at the weekend.

Cllr. John McDonald congratulated the Girls Carlow Juvenile Soccer Team, Alan Smith and Management Team on winning The Gaynor Cup.

Cllr. John McDonald congratulated the Carlow Hurling Team on winning the Joe McDonagh Cup and wished them continued success in the Liam McCarthy Cup.

Cllr. John McDonald congratulated the Carlow Football Team on their win at the weekend and wished them continued success in the upcoming quarter final of the Tailteann Cup.

Cllr. A. Wallace congratulated Winnie Lyons on her retirement from staff of St. Patrick's College and wished her well.

Cllr. A. Wallace congratulated Justin Kelly on the launch of his album.

Cllr. A. Wallace congratulated Carlow Arts Festival on a very successful festival at the weekend.

Cllr. Quinn congratulated the Carlow Hurling Team on their success.

Cllr. A. McDonald congratulated Organisers of the Tractor Run from Carlow to Cork in aid of Crumlin Hospital.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill

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 8th May 2023 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

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 Appointment of Temporary Substitute Elected Member

Due to the taking of maternity by Cllr. Adrienne Wallace, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

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

“That we the members of Carlow County Council approve the appointment of Mr. John Cahill, Ballyconnell, Tullow, Co. Carlow, as Temporary Substitute Elected Member with effect from 1st July to 30th December 2023”

The members extended best wishes to Cllr. A. Wallace.

2.2 Filling of Vacancies on the Infrastructure & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

- (i) Following the resignation of Cllr. William Paton from the Membership of the Infrastructure & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, Cllr. A. Wallace was

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

And agreed following a show of hands.

- (ii) Following the resignation of Cllr. William Paton from the Chairmanship of the Infrastructure & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, Cllr A. Wallace was

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.3 Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 – Lease of lands at Gleann na Bearú, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

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 in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183, the lease of lands at Gleann na Bearú, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, to Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre CLG for a period of 35 years in consideration of the sum of €10 per annum in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.

2.4 Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183 (1) – Burden on Folio CW 16298F at Kilbrannish

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor C. Murphy

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

“That we the members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 Section 183, the disposal of Right of Way over lands registered under Folio CW16298F to John Hendrick & Emma Mullins, Kilbrannish, in consideration of the sum of €1.00 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.

2.5 Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) - Renovation & Development of the former Phoenix Centre, Rathvilly into the School House Community & Enterprise Centre,

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue, Cathaoirleach, declared his interest with the project and withdrew from the meeting while this matter was being dealt with and Cllr. Michael Doran, Leas Cathaoirleach took the Chair.

K. Cullinane advised on the project and answered questions raised from members.

**Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy,
Seconded by Councillor J. McDonald,**

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

“In accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), the proposed development be proceeded with in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display as amended by the conditions outlined and to any such minor and immaterial alterations to these plans and particulars, as appropriate”

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue returned to the meeting as Chair.

The meeting adjourned to commence the Annual Meeting.

The June monthly meeting reconvened.

Cllr. Andrea Dalton took the Chair.

2.6 Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

Mr. B. O'Donovan, A/Director of Services briefed on the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangement and answered questions from the members.

Proposed by Councillor J. Pender
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne

And following a show of hands, it was resolved to approve the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements.

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

3.1 Update on Carlow Climate Action Plan – Pre-Draft Stakeholder Engagement

Jannette O'Brien, Climate Action Co-Ordinator gave a presentation on Climate Action Plan – Pre Draft Stakeholder Engagement and answered queries raised.

3.2 Report on New York Visit for St. Patrick's Day 2023

The report was noted.

3.3 Healthy Carlow Presentation

Ms. Laura Kelly, Community Development Officer gave a presentation on Healthy Carlow and answered queries from the members.

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

Noted – questions raised by the members were answered by Chief Executive and Directors of Service.

5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

Members noted correspondence from Mayo County Council seeking support in petition to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase grants for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme for vacant property and derelict vacant properties.

Members noted correspondence from Clare County Council regarding Macra na Feirme campaign entitled “The Rural Revival, Steps for the Future”.

Members noted correspondence from Kerry County Council calling on the Government to immediately initiate a National Pension Scheme for the State.

Members noted correspondence from Kerry County Council to change their correspondence with elected members to a paperless, electronic system for those who wish to avail of it to reduce paper trail and to make it easier from a GDPR perspective.

Members noted reply from Health Service Executive regarding urgent need for primary care centres in Carlow County.

Members noted reply from office of Minister Simon Harris regarding proposed amendment to the Higher Education Authority Act 2022 to provide automatic representation of local authorities to University Boards and Higher Education Institutions.

Members noted reply from office of Mr. James Browne TD Minister of State regarding Firearms Expert Committee.

6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Councillors William Paton, Brian O'Donoghue, Adrienne Wallace and John Cassin

"That we, the Elected Members of Carlow County Council support our Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off and call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations."

Proposed by Councillor M. Doran

Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donovan

And agreed following a show of hands.

6.2 Standing in the names of Cllr. William Paton

"That Carlow County Council creates an overflow car parking area in the grass area next to the tarmacadam car park at Duckett's Grove in the event that the main car park is full, vehicles can be parked on the overflow car park."

This motion was withdrawn.

The Cathaoirleach advised the meeting would have to be extended for ten minutes to complete the meeting and this motion was:

Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donovan

Seconded by Councillor A. Wallace

And Agreed following a show of hands.

6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"That this Council will write to Túsla to request a deputation from them to update members about the progress of a women's refuge in Carlow for the next council meeting."

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor W. Paton

And agreed following a show of hands.

6.4 Standing in the name of Cllrs. Brian O'Donoghue, Andrea Dalton, John Cassin and Tom O'Neill

"That Carlow County Council follow the example of other local authorities and erect appropriate signage in all council owned public parks and open spaces warning of the risks of Lyme disease in 2023"

Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue,

Seconded by Councilor J. Cassin

And agreed following a show of hands.

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

This concluded the business of the meeting.