

Minutes of the County Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Co. Carlow
on Monday, October 10th, 2022, at 2:00 PM

In Attendance:

- Councillor B. O'Donoghue (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 T. O'Neill
- Councillor W. Paton
- Councillor J. Pender
- Councillor F. Phelan
- Councillor W. Quinn
- Councillor A. Wallace

Officials Present:

- M. Rainey, Deputy Chief Executive
- P. Delaney, Head of Finance
- P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation, Environment, Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services
- M. Brennan, Director of Service, Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity
- F. O'Neill, A/Director of Service, Ukrainian Humanitarian Response (Remote)
- E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & HR
- K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise
- B. O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing (Remote)
- O. Barrett, Senior Engineer, Water Services
- K. Cullinane, Senior Engineer, Transportation (Remote)
- J. Shorthall, County Librarian (Remote)
- L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
- S. Byrne, Assistant Staff Officer (Acting), Corporate Affairs

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Esther Hawe, 38. St. Bridget's Crescent, Bagenalstown, Carlow.
- Lorna Hadden, The Orchards, Tullow Road, Carlow Town, Carlow.
- Eileen McDonagh, Ballykeenán, Myshall, Co. Carlow.
- Sandra Day, Cabinteely, Dublin.
- Beatrice Walsh, Ballinard House, Lower Rossmore, Carlow.
- Colette Morrissey, "Glenavon", Ballyhide, Carlow.
- Ronald J. (Ron) Clery, Carlow Town, Carlow.
- A Minute's silence in solidarity with the community of Creeslough in Co. Donegal was observed Sympathy was extended to the families and all in the community following the loss of 10 lives in last Friday's explosion in the village.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Eamonn Tracey, on Winning this year's World Ploughing championship 2022 and his fourth world win.
- Palatine, Senior Football Club on winning the Senior Football Club Championship this year.
- National Ploughing Association on a successful; Ploughing Championships this year.
- Dr. Eric Derr on his appointment as Vice President of Carlow College.
- Naomh Eoin Camogie Club, Myshall on winning this year's County Final 23 years in a row.
- Mount Leinster Rangers Camogie and Football club on Wining the Junior Camogie Championships this year.
- Carlow Dragon Boat Club, 9 years in existence.
- M. Rainey on being appointed Interim Chief Executive.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Carlow County

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 12th September 2022 at 2:00 pm, 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: A. Dalton

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 rúin an Chomhairle.

2.1 Local Property Tax – Setting of a Local Adjustment Factor 2023 in accordance with the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended)

Rate of Local Property Tax to remain unchanged from 2023 over 2022 and money ringfenced for front line services.

Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor: M. Doran

And resolved following a show of hands

“We the members of Carlow County Council hereby resolve that the Local Property Tax, (Local Adjustment Factor) for 2023 and 2024 will remain unchanged from the +5% Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) for 2022 and that the resulting income of €184,185 be ringfenced for frontline community services and supports.”

2.2 2023 Overdraft Accommodation

Proposed by Councillor: W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor: K. Murnane

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

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve Overdraft Accommodation in the sum of € 7 million for the year ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001”

2.3 Carlow County Museum – Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) application for Full Accreditation to Approve the following:

D. Mulligan briefed the Council on the Museum Standards Programmes for Ireland (MSPI) and its application for full accreditation in line with following policies.

- Carlow County Museum Strategic Management Action Plan 2022-2023
Proposed: Cllr. F. Browne
Seconded: Cllr. T. O’ Neill

- Carlow County Museum Exhibition Policy 2022-2027
Proposed: Cllr. J. Murphy
Seconded: Cllr. J McDonald

- Carlow County Museum Loan Policy 2022-2027
Proposed: Cllr. W. Quinn
Seconded: Cllr. W. Paton

- Carlow County Museum Education Policy 2022-2027
Proposed: Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded: A. Wallace

- Carlow County Museum Educational Action Plan 2022-2023
Proposed: Cllr. T. Kinsella
Seconded: Cllr. A. Dalton

- Carlow County Museum Care of Collections Strategy 2022-2024
Proposed: Cllr. J. McDonald
Seconded: Cllr. J. Pender

- Carlow County Museum Care of Collections Strategy Annual Action Plan 2022-2023
Proposed: Cllr T. O’ Neill
Seconded: Cllr. C. Murphy

- Carlow County Museum Documentation Backlog Plan 2022-2024

Proposed: Cllr. J. Cassin

Seconded: Cllr. A Dalton

- Carlow County Museum Disaster Plan 2022-2025

Proposed: Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dalton

The policies were approved and *agreed following a show of hands.*

2.4 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Proposed development of 1 unit at Leighlin Road, Carlow, Co. Carlow.

Following consideration of the CE report, it was

Proposed by Councillor: J. Cassin

Seconded by Councillor: A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands. It was resolved that we the members of Carlow County Council approve the proposed development of 1 unit at Leighlin Road, Carlow. Co. Carlow.

2.5 Part VIII in accordance with the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Proposed development of 2. No. Housing units at Lower Main Street, Borris, Co. Carlow.

Following consideration of the CE report, it was

Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

And agreed following a show of hands, It was resolved that we the members of Carlow County Council approve the proposed development of 2.d No. Housing Units at Lower Main Street, Borris, Co. Carlow.

2.6 Motion to Revoke or Rescind a Resolution under Standing Order 18

E. Brophy briefed the Members on Standing Order No. 18 as follows;

“A motion to revoke or amend a resolution of the Council can only be made on notice inserted in the Agenda, and such notice shall specify the resolution to be revoked or amended and furnish the terms of the motion to be made; but no such motion shall be allowed to appear on the Agenda to revoke or amend any resolution of Council within six months of the date of the adoption of such resolution except;

where Notice of intention to propose such alteration or revocation is signed by not less than nine members of the Council and is given in writing to the Meetings Administrator, at least ten clear days before the usual day for issuing the summons for the next meeting of the Council and

it shall be necessary for adoption of a motion to revoke or amend a resolution of the Council that not less than ten members [being not less than one-half of the total number of members of the Council] vote in favour and subject to such other requirements as may be specified in any statutory requirements.

A resolution may not be revoked at the meeting at which it has been adopted.”

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: W. Paton

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	√			

The result was 3 in favor, 14 against and 1 abstain

Motion Defeated

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

3.1 Carlow County Council Cemeteries Report – Presentation by Mr. Tadhg Madden, SEE, Environmental Section.

Mr. T. Madden, Senior Executive Engineer presented the Cemeteries Report to the members and advised the Members that the report was for noting. Orla Barrett and T. Madden answered any questions raised.

3.2 Local Authority Climate Action Plan Update

P. O' Gorman, Director of services updated the members on the Local Authority Climate Action Plan and answered all queries raised by members.

3.3 Training & Conference Approvals

AILG Autumn Training Seminar Module 5 – Preliminary Notice

Date: Saturday 22nd October 2022 (Southern Region)
Venue: Brehon Hotel, Killarney
Date: Thursday 27th October 2022, NW & EMR Assembly Region)
Content: To be confirmed.
Fee: €70.00

AILG Autumn Training Seminar Module 6 – Data Protection

Date: Thursday 17th November 2022 (Southern Region)
Venue: Tower Hotel, Waterford.
Date: Saturday 19th November 2022, NW & EMR Assembly Region)
Venue: TBC
Fee: €70.00

AILG Webinar 7 (Online)

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am
Content: “The Role of Planning in protecting Ireland’s Water Quality.”
Fee: €0.00

Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor: J. McDonald

And agreed following a show of hands.

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh Members discussed the Chief Executives Management Report

Issues raised by members include:

- Carlow Exchange Official Opening
- N80 Crossroads and accident spots, turning lanes.
- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Blueway
- Carlow Women’s Refuge

- Ukraine Supports
- Garda Resources Muinebheag
- Bridges in Muinebheag
- Kelvin Grove – Request for update by HSE at Council or MD level.
- Rural Bus Service
- Flow of Traffic, ploughing
- Car Park at County Buildings
M. Rainey advised that designs are being prepared currently on a new layout for the carpark and a Part 8 will be brought before the members.

5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

Noted.

6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"That this council supports local authority water workers in their demands for the need for a Water Referendum now and a vote within their union on the new Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water, to start in January 2023. As such this council will write to the Taoiseach to call for a referendum on the ownership of our water services and call for the following wording be used in said referendum:

'The Government shall be collectively responsible for the protection, management and maintenance of the public water system. The Government shall ensure in the public interest that this resource remains in public ownership and management'."

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: J. Cassin

Cllr. Fintan Phelan proposed an amendment to the wording

as follows: "That this council will write to the Taoiseach to examine the holding of a referendum on the ownership of our water services."

Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor: M. Doran

And agreed following a show of hands.

6.2. Standing in the name of Cllr. Fergal Browne.

“That established public right of ways be signposted throughout County Carlow.”

Proposed by Councillor: F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor: T. O’ Neill

It was agreed to refer this item to be discussed at the Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

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

M. Brennan, Director of Services advised members that the Local Economic Community Plan was now being prepared. It was agreed to invite the Consultants, People and Place to attend the November Council Meeting to make a presentation to Members.

This Concluded the business of the meeting.