

COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHEATHARLACH
CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the County Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Co. Carlow
on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM

In Attendance: Councillor B. O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor F. Browne (Remote)
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: K. Holohan, Chief Executive
M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning,
Economic Development, Health & Safety
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
E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & HR
L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
P.J. Leonard, Financial Accountant (Remote)
R. Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads (Remote)

OPENING PRAYER:

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

None submitted

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Eileen Roberts – Appointment to the position of High Court Judge, Courts Service.
- The Tullow Show Organisers - For a very successful show, following the covid pandemic.
- Carlow Community Games – For a successful and well turned out games for 2022.
- Helen Doran – Raising €2,744 for donation to Éist Cancer Support Centre
- Carlow Fire and Rescue Team – Representing Carlow in the World Rescue Championships
- William Hosey - Winning the World Masters Squash over 60s Championship
- Damien McGrane – From Carlow Golf Club, for winning the Irish PGA Championship
- Cllr. Fergal Brown – For a very successful workshop at the Brownhill's Dolmen during National Heritage Week.
- Murphy's Butchers Tullow – winning world sausage competition and runner up for deboning competition.
- Outdoor staff of Carlow County Council, An Garda Síochána, Carlow Fire Station and everyone involved in the work carried out on major emergency 15/08/2022.

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 11th July 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: A. McDonald

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 rúin an Chomhairle

2.1 Membership of Carlow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The nomination of Ms Lynda Stacey, Manager of Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre was:

Proposed by Councillor: Cllr. A. McDonald
Seconded by Councillor: Cllr. A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.2 To fix dates for the Budget 2023 Meetings Proposed Schedule 2023

- Budget Workshop (1) In Committee – Monday 10th October 2022 at 12.30 a.m. 2023.
- Local Property Tax Meeting - Monday 10th October 2022 at 2.00 p.m. (October monthly meeting agenda item) 2023.
- Budget Workshop (2) In Committee - Friday 25th November 2022 at 11.00 a.m. 2023 Meeting - Friday 25th November 2022 at 2.00 p.m. Co. Carlow.

Meeting dates were agreed with the pre-budget meeting moved to 12:00pm

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

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.3 Carlow Arts Centre Ltd (Visual) – Supplementary subvention 2022

Following a discussion, it was agreed to extend an invitation to The Visual to present at an in committee workshop in advance of the Council's budget meetings.

K. Holohan, Chief Executive answered all questions raised by members.

Proposed by Councillor: K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor: J. McDonald

And agreed following a show of hands.

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

3.1 Local Improvement Scheme 2022 - Round 2

P. O' Gorman, Director of Service advised the Members that the report was for noting and answered all questions raised.

3.2 Integrated Management System Overview (ISO 45001 Safety Management System & ISO 9001 Quality Management System) - Presentation by Mr. Liam Carroll, Acting Chief Fire Officer.

L. Carroll, A/Chief Fire Officer briefed members on current application for ISO 45001 Safety Management System and proposed application for ISO 9001 Quality Management System as recommended by NSA Audit.

L. Carroll answered all questions raised by members.

3.3 Public Lighting Energy Enhancement Project - Eastern Region Update

P O'Gorman updated members on the Public Lighting Energy Enhancement Project and answered all questions raised by members.

3.4 Presentation from Comhairle Na nÓg at 4.30 p.m.

Representatives from Comhairle Na nÓg made a presentation to the Members on the work Comhairle Na nÓg carried out with the County of Carlow.

Members congratulated the speakers for their very engaging and informative presentation. They also thanked Carlow Regional Youth Services and CCC Community Section for their continued support of Comhairle Na nÓg.

3.5 Training & Conference Approvals

AILG Autumn Training Seminar “Celebrating Local Government” as part of the Irish Presidency of the Council of Europe May – Nov 2022

Date: Wednesday 14th September 2022 & Thursday 15th of September 2022
Venue: Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort, Trim, Co. Meath.
Fee: €155.00

Respond Conference

Date: 17th September 2022
Time: 8.00am
Venue: Mullingar Park Hotel, N91 A4EP
Fee: 61.50 (Early Bird)

Biodiversity Conference – How Local Authorities can address the Biodiversity Emergency' a National Conference

Date: Wednesday 21st September 2022 and Thursday 22nd September 2022
Venue: Limerick strand Hotel, Limerick.
Fee: €60.00

Celtic Conference – A Practical Guide to Budget 2023 in Carlingford, Co. Louth

Date: 30th September to 2nd October 2022
Venue: The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth
Fee: €100.00 (no meals provided)

Celtic Conference - Irish State Retirement Pensions and benefits

Date: 7th, 8th, & 9th October 2022
Venue: O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
Fee: €100.00 (no meals provided)

Celtic Conference – Innovation in Solar Energy Technology

Date: 28th, 29th & 30th October 2022
Venue: O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
Fee: €100.00 (no meals provided)

Celtic Conference – The Role of Local Authorities in addressing the needs of Older people.

Date: 28th, 29th & 30th October 2022
Venue: The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth
Fee: €100.00 (no meals provided)

Proposed by Councillor: T. O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor: A. McDonald

And agreed following a show of hands.

3.6 Report from delegations attendance to Belalp Switzerland

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue, Cathaoirleach on behalf of the delegation to Belalp Switzerland read out a report on their visit.

4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

Members discussed the Chief Executives Management Report

Issues raised by members include:

- Housing bands increases
- Traffic in Carlow town
- Upgrade of the Kilkenny Road
- Borris Fair
- Flooding at Carpenters Way
- Respond housing Oakley, Tullow.
- Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund Scheme

M. Brennan, Director of Service, M. Rainey, Director of Service, P. O'Gorman, Director of Service and K. Holohan, Chief Executive answered all questions raised

5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras

Noted.

6.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin

Following a discussion, as motions 6.1 and 6.2 both related to the same issue it was agreed by Cllr Patton and Cllr Murphy that motion no. 6.1 would be put forward.

6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. William Patton

"That this Council calls on the Department of Education to introduce a School Transport Bus Scheme which gives all students a place on a bus to go to Primary or Secondary School." Members will note that there is general dissatisfaction with the current school transport scheme each August/September. Every year there are many dissatisfied parents and students because concessionary places are not available on a particular school bus run. The announcement of free school bus transport in July 2022 spectacularly backfired when many students who availed of a paid concessionary place on a school bus for several years were denied a place on a school bus because of the massive increase in the uptake of free school bus places by those who never used school buses before. The policy

may have been well intentioned as a countermeasure to rising inflation, but it cost many loyal, fee paying concessionary school bus users a place on the bus. It is time to organise a School Bus Transport Scheme that is truly inclusive.'

Proposed by Councillor: W. Patton

Seconded by Councillor: C. Murphy

And agreed following a show of hands.

6.2. Standing in the name of Cllr. Charlie Murphy

'We the members of Carlow County Council are asking the Minister of Education/School Transport to revisit the school transport scheme immediately. This system is not fit for purpose leading to children being left on the side of the road with no school buses and working parents having to reduce their working hours to bring and collect their children from school. Bearing in mind these parents are more than willing to pay for the bus service as they have done for numerous years. '

Motion withdrawn following a discussion, as motions 6.1 and 6.2 both related to the same issue it was agreed by Cllr Patton and Cllr Murphy that motion no. 6.1 would be put forward and motion 6.2 withdrawn.

6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"This local authority resolves to ensure work on local authority projects is done by direct labour of local authority workers. Where this is not possible, the local authority in partnership with trade unions will ensure all contractors, subcontractors, and agencies operating on local authority funded projects adhere to the terms of Sectoral Employment Orders by way of - a ban on bogus self-employment, - a regular and responsive inspection regime, - a direct complaint's line to a local authority office who can to contact the inspection regime with a report available to council and the power to follow up with complainants. - access to pdfs containing information on the following at all local authority project site entry points: how to join trade union, the terms of the relevant Sectoral Employment Order and how to identify and safely report Bogus Self Employment. This local authority will also ensure that the right to independent inquiries into internal disputes for all its workers is supported and promoted."

Proposed by Councillor: A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor: J. Cassin

Cllr. A. Wallace requested a roll call on the motion.

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 J. Murphy

Decision/Resolution: Motion Defeated

7.0 Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh
None.

This Concluded the business of the meeting.