

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carlow Municipal District
Held in Town Hall, Carlow,
on Thursday, 28th February, 2019, at 4.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor K. Murnane, Mayor
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor. J. Deane
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan

Apologies: Councillor W. Lacey

In Attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise
Mr. R. Wickham, A/Senior Engineer
Mr. P. Kavanagh, Economic Development Officer, Carlow
Town Project
Ms. Aileen Nolan, Take A Part, Carlow Co-ordinator,
Ms. J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 31st January, 2019, at 4.30 p.m. was
Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton,
Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne
And Agreed following a show of hands

Presentation on the Tullow Road Project – Take A Part Carlow

The Mayor asked Aileen Nolan and Lisa Brooks to give a presentation on Take a Part, Carlow. Aileen and Lisa gave a powerpoint presentation. The Mayor thanked Aileen and Lisa for the presentation and they answered questions from members on the project.

Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity

Draft Annual Community Service Plan 2019

With the consent of the meeting, this item was taken next. Midge Nolan spoke on the plan which had been previously circulated. She answered questions from members on the draft service plan. The Draft Annual Community Service Plan 2019 was

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Transportation

Area Engineers Report

P. Harrington distributed a map of 2019 CIR proposals for agreement. P. Harrington answered questions from members on various CIR/LIS schemes and other roads issues.

An issue arose in relation to the provision of footpaths, lighting and a pedestrian crossing at a proposed respite centre in Tullow where development levies were not payable. A meeting to be proposed by Carlow County Council with the HSE with a view to exploring funding possibilities was agreed. The issue of footpaths at Merck was discussed where there is a two hundred metre gap.

Carlow Town Bus System Update

R. Wickham circulated a report on the proposed bus service. R. Wickham advised it was hoped to have the NTA address a forthcoming CMD meeting. R. Wickham answered questions from members on the project. Members expressed their disappointment at the slow rate of progress on the project. It was agreed to also invite Irish Rail to the next CMD meeting.

Corporate, Planning, H/R, Economic Development

Carlow Town Regeneration Project

The Mayor invited K. Comerford and Pierce Kavanagh to give a presentation on progress on the Town Regeneration Project. K. Comerford and P. Kavanagh

gave the presentation and both answered questions from the members. The Town Forum had a number of meetings and now have three sub-groups with project plans for each. Pride of Carlow Premises Awards for six streets, Shop Front Upgrade Schemes to be opened tomorrow and the third is a Paint Scheme. Green Carlow sub-group had mapped green areas. K. Comerford and P. Kavanagh answered questions from members on the proposal.

Housing Update

J. Kavanagh circulated the Housing Report and answered questions from members on the report. Members wished Lena Smith well on her retirement.

Any Other Business

B. O'Donoghue advised he had written to the Chair of Tidy Towns Group to try to develop a policy on elections posters, within speed limit signs.

Cllr. Cassin requested an update on Skate Park at next meeting.

Cllr. Cassin requested his dismay be recorded at the report on the Department of Psychiatry in Kilkenny.

Cllr. Dalton noted lack of capacity for children in ASD units in Carlow Town.

The members agreed a vote of sympathy be expressed to Cllr. Walter Lacey on the death of his mother Mary.