

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held on line Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, at 4.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor F. Browne (Mayor)  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor T. O'Neill  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor A. Wallace

**In Attendance:** Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate Services, HR, Planning, Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development  
Mr. M Brennan, Director of Service, Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity  
Mr. P. Delaney, Director of Services, Head of Finance & ICT  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Community, Recreation & Amenity  
Mr. C. Brennan, Executive Technician, Transportation  
Mr. P. Lewis, Executive Engineer, Transportation  
Mr. P. Kavanagh,  
Mr. J. Shortall, County Librarian  
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, Roads Department  
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor F. Browne opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the January Meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

Tributes were paid by Elected Members and Executive to the late Ger O'Brien and sympathy to his family, friends and colleagues. A minute silence was observed.

**1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

- 1.1 The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 4.00p.m. were:-

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan  
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**And agreed following a show of hands**, subject to an amendment of the minutes to include that the "bye-laws will not affect the operation of 30 min free on street parking or any individual parking incentive the council may from time to time implement".

**2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting**

**2.1 Part 8 Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001(as amended), the Planning and Development Acts, 2000(as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001(as amended) - Redevelopment of No 5 and 6 Staplestown Road, Carlow.**

M. Brennan, Director of Service sought approval to the committee to initiate Part 8 process for 2 no. units at Staplestown Road, to go before the next Council meeting in February.

Approval to bring the proposed redevelopment of No. 5 & 6 Staplestown Road, Carlow to Part 8 stage were: -

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin**  
**Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

**2.2 2021 Draft CMD Roadworks programme for approval Consisting of Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance**

P. Lewis, Executive Engineer, Transportation presented the report and advised that Carlow County Council were in the final year of the 3 year monthly annual programme 2021. Approval was sought to the members subject to funding.

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin**  
**Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

**3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

**3.1 Part 8 – Presentation Buildings Regeneration Tullow Street Carlow (Library, Cultural , Civic and Learning Space)**

Approval was sought from members for the Part 8 - Regeneration of Library, Cultural, Civic and Learning Space to go on public consultation from July 2021.

P. Delaney, Director of Service noted that since the opening of the library 1998, the population of Carlow has increase by 62% and the demand for services has outgrown the footprint of the library with 155,000 visitors per annum.

Following an EU tender, Carr, Cotter, Naessens (CNN) Architects were appointed as the design team in December 2019. P. Delaney noted that the estimate cost of the project was €7.7million, grants would be sought from central government for commencement mid-2021.

J. Shortall, County Librarian presented the report together with proposed design for the regeneration of the Presentation Buildings.

B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer discussed the conservation strategy and the planning considerations. It was noted that proposed development is in an architectural conservation area and is a protected structure. The regeneration of this area will protect the current building for the future of Carlow and its citizens while providing the additional resources needed.

P. Delaney, Director of Service, J. Shortall, County Librarian and B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer responded to questions raised by members.

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**  
**Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

### **3.2 Clayton Court Disposal**

E Brophy, SEO brought to the attention of the committee that Gas Network Ireland have requested to acquire 1sqm of land at Clayton Court. This land will be transferred back into the ownership of the Council at the expense of Gas Networks Ireland should the need be no longer required

Approval sought to proceed with statutory notice and to bring to County Council meeting for approval.

**Proposed by Cllr. T. O'Neill**  
**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

### **3.3 Carlow Exchange Project**

M. Rainey, Director of Service introduced the project and background.

K. Comerford presented the report and protentional use of the development, approval was sought to bring to Part VIII and to be brought before the next County Meeting with a view to progressing to construction at the end of the year. Once approved the executive will user groups to finalise the design. It was noted that that funding was in place for the development, with two sources already secured with a third source expected later in the year. The property has been leased for 15years with an option of extension.

C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, presented the proposed design of the Carlow Exchange project to the committee.

M. Rainey, Director of Service and K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office responded to questions raised by members.

Approval was sought from members for the Part 8 and to be brought to the Council Meeting

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

### **3.4 Destination Towns Project**

K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise presented the project. It was noted that Carlow has secured funding of €500,000 through Fáilte Ireland's Destinations Towns Project. Members will be presented with a concept design at a later meeting showing a more coherent way finding strategy, trail finding and storytelling of the town centre.

Funding has been secured for this project.

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill**

**And agreed following a show of hands, to proceed to consultation.**

### **3.5 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Bennekerry**

K. Comerford informed the committee that Carlow County Council's application for funding under Towns & Village Renewal Scheme for Bennekerry was successful.

K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office responded to questions raised by members.

### **3.6 Submissions for 2021 CMD Discretionary Improvement Projects**

P. Lewis, Executive Engineer informed the committee that he will be in contact members during the week of the 7<sup>th</sup> February and asked members to present a list of up to 5 projects each to a value of €3,000 to €5,000. Each scheme will be assessed taking in consideration the funding available and the overall benefit of the schemes. Following a discussion it was agreed not to limit the number of projects each member could submit.

P. Lewis, Executive Engineer responded to questions raised by members.

### **3.7 Community Involvement and Local Improvement schemes for CMD 2021**

P. Lewis, Executive Engineer noted that CMD currently do not have any live schemes at present for 2021. It was requested that expressions of interest for schemes for 2022 be submitted within the coming weeks.

## **4.0 Notices of Motion**

### **4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace**

*"Carlow County Council calls on the government to vote against the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with Canada. As it is, the deal threatens our environment and our public health, and gives corporations the power to sue our governments in private courts for policies that*

*affect their profits. We call on the Taoiseach to put people and the environment before corporate profits and work instead to support agreements that are in the interests of all citizens. A copy of this motion should be sent to every council and to all government TDs in Carlow/Kilkenny."*

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**AND**

Following a show of hands, motion was defeated.

## **5.0 Correspondence**

**Members noted correspondence from the Health Service Executive** - in relation to free transport to and from St. Luke's General Hospital for members of public. Members were asked to review the correspondence and the free transportation that is on offer.

The reply received from The National Transport Authority was noted and it was agreed to consider same at the forthcoming County Council meeting as a related Notice of Motion had been submitted

## **6.0 Any Other Business**

Cllr J. Cassin, requested an update on the survey on the wall around Ashgrove/Woodgrove.

This concluded the business of the meeting.