

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 26th January 2023, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development & Corporate Services
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing, Community,
Recreation & Amenity
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. B. O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer, Housing (Remote)
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
(Remote)
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor F. Phelan welcomed all and opened the January meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 4.00 p.m. were

Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 MD Housing Report

Mr. B. O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer, presented the members with an updated housing report and answered all queries raised. These included:

- Recruitment of Homeless Support Officer/Tenant Liaison Officer
- Delay with housing applications
- Land Registration– Ownership of derelict properties
- Update on Barrack Street & Staplestown Road
- Plans for the Old Mill, Graiguecullen

Mr. K. Cullinane, Director of Services, answered queries in relation to the Vacant Site Scheme and the proposals for the Old Mill in Graiguecullen.

3.2 Update on Duckett's Grove

Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, presented the members with a comprehensive report on Duckett's Grove and answered all questions raised.

3.3 MD Engineer's Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the meeting with an update on completed and ongoing works in the district. Mr. B. Knowles and Mr. K. Cullinane, Director of Services answered all queries raised by the member including:

- Carlow Town Bus Park
- Oak Park Funding
- Tullow Street pedestrianisation
- Footpaths at Hacketstown Road
- Works at Shamrock Plaza
- Living bus shelter roof
- Temporary bus stop at Toghers

3.4 Carlow Municipal District 2023 Footpath Improvement Projects

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the members with a comprehensive report on Footpath Improvement Projects for 2023. He advised the meeting that funding of €900,000 was allocated to footpath improvement works for 2022/23 with €400,000 already spent and the remaining €500,000 to be used on footpath improvement projects this year. List of all footpath improvement projects to be distributed to the members.

3.5 Irish Business Against Litter Survey (IBAL) Year end results 2022

A discussion took place on the results of the IBAL Survey 2022 which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. A number of concerns were raised including the following:

- Carpark at Mr. Price – improvements required
- Inadequate amount of bins at SETU
- Bottle banks at Askea – area only cleaned when emptied

4.0 Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Councillor John Cassis

“John Cassin is calling on Carlow County Council to reinstall the cats eyes on the Athy Road similar to the cats eyes that Kildare County Council installed last year.”

Proposed by Councillor J. Cassin

Seconded by Councillor T. O’Neill

And agreed following a show of hands

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

Members raised several issues including:

- Update from the HSE regarding the A & E department
- Demolition of shop on Dublin Street

This concluded the business of the meeting.

