

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Carlow  
Held in Town Hall, Carlow,  
on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017, at 4.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Services  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. M. Brennan, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. M. J. Duggan, Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 was

Proposed by Cllr. A. Ahern

Seconded by Cllr J. Cassin

And resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, are hereby approved.”

The Mayor raised the matter of the possible extension of the Garda CCTV Scheme to Carlow Town Park, as discussed at the last Joint Policing Committee meeting. He advised that members had previously discussed a possible allocation from the Roads Discretionary Funding. It was proposed by Cllr. A. Ahern, Seconded by Cllr. J. Deane and following a show of hands was unanimously agreed that each of the elected members in the Carlow Town area

of the Municipal District and Councillor Pender, would allocate €1,000 each from the Roads Discretionary Funding and the balance required to be sought from Carlow County Council. This would allow the Council partner with An Garda Síochána, by providing the capital funding for the extension of the Garda CCTV Scheme to Carlow Town Park, subject to the Gardai taking responsibility for the installation, monitoring and maintenance of the CCTV.

### **Youth Consultation Report**

The Mayor reported on this initiative and circulated copy of the "Youth Needs Assessment Report" which will now act as a framework and will be used by the Council, Comhairle na nÓg and other relevant stakeholders. Cllr. Phelan was commended by his fellow members for his work on this initiative. It was agreed to forward a copy of the report to the Minister for Children.

### **Transportation**

#### ***Progress Report on Programme 2017***

P. Harrington circulated copy of his progress report. Cllr. K. Murnane advised of an issue in relation to flashing lights at the Gael Scoil in Carlow. P. Harrington advised they are one of 55 sets of lights and a commitment was given that the flashing lights would be shielded and this would be done.

Cllr. Pender raised the issue of the timing of infrastructural works, particularly around the Christmas period, which he advised was raised at a recent public meeting in Tullow. P. Harrington referred to the requirements relating to expenditure of funding and Government Grants prior to the year end and assured members that every effort would be made to programme infrastructural works so as to avoid any being undertaken in the main towns in advance of the Christmas shopping period.

#### ***CIS / LIS Schemes***

P. Harrington updated the meeting. Cllr. Paton enquired in relation to further lanes, including Kellistown East, Monastery Court and Hawkins Lane. P. Harrington replied to queries from Cllrs. Paton, Browne, and Lacey. He advised that if the members listed the items, he would cost each lane and the members could then decide. A debate took place on the order of priority for LIS and CIS Scheme. It was agreed to advertise the schemes again.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5pm to hold the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting resumed following the Annual Meeting and the newly elected Mayor, Cllr. Jim Deane, presided

### ***Phone Box at Potato Market***

The issue of Phone Kiosks was discussed. E. Brophy advised of the position of Eir, having regard to the public service obligations and view of the Commissioner for Telecoms Regulation. P. Harrington advised Eir's preference is to retain two units, one at Potato Market and one at Court Place. It was agreed to replace the phone boxes at Potato Market. P. Harrington to liaise with Eir.

### **Community**

#### ***Proposal to develop an "Outdoor Activity Hub" at Carlow Town Park***

M. Brennan and Martha Jane Duggan briefed the meeting on this proposal, details of which had been circulated with the agenda. The advertisement would be published in the coming week's paper and a meeting would be held in the Lord Bagenal. M. Brennan and M. J. Duggan responded to queries from the members, including the insurance requirement. Members welcomed the initiative. M. J. Duggan advised of the history of the project and the partnership with Carlow Youth Services and other organisations.

#### ***Community Garden - The Plots Rathnapish***

The proposal to extend the project was circulated with the agenda. M. Brennan spoke on the project and responded to questions from the members on the subject, including the matter of universal access. Proposed by W. Lacey, Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin And Resolved following a show of hands "That the proposed extension of the Community Garden at The Plots Rathnapish is hereby approved."

#### ***Carlow Town Economic Development Project***

K. Comerford circulated a report outlining projects for delivery in Carlow Town under the recent funding allocation of €150,000 received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. He specifically referred to projects on pages 10 and 11 of the report and responded to queries from the members.

Members welcomed the recent announcement relating to further expansion of the MSD facility in Carlow and referred to the importance of the facility for Carlow Town and County.

Cllr. F. Browne requested that the matter of resurfacing of Tullow Street be listed on the agenda for the July meeting, for specific detail in relation to timelines and costings.

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Standing in the name of Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue**

*“In recognition of the ongoing theft and vandalism of river lifebuoys, that Carlow Municipal District as a matter of public safety will fund the replacing of lifebuoys along the River Barrow within 24 hours of being reported.”*

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue proposed this notice of motion and Cllr. W. Paton suggested an amendment to include the River Slaney. Amendment was Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue. Further amendment was agreed to also include the River Burrin and to amend the wording to state “as soon as possible after the 24 hours”.

The following amended motion was agreed following a show of hands:

*“In recognition of the ongoing theft and vandalism of river lifebuoys, that Carlow Municipal District, as a matter of public safety, will fund the replacing of lifebuoys along the Rivers Barrow, Burrin and Slaney, as soon as possible after 24 hours of being reported.”*

E. Brophy advised of the current position and the seriousness of the matter and stated that lifebuoys have been and are being replaced.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr. A. Ahern raised the issue of a dangerous structure, in the ownership of Carlow County Council, known as the Old Mill at Maryborough Street, Graiguecullen and advised she would forward a photograph to P. Harrington, for inspection and report.

Cllr. K Murnane raised the issue of An Post erecting square boxes beside old fashioned post boxes.

Cllr. W. Lacey queried the position at Morrin's Lane/Maryborough Street – traffic exiting in Graiguecullen.

Cllr. W. Lacey raised the matter of anti-social behaviour at Cox's Lane and was advised that this matter, which is linked to a derelict building, is being pursued by personnel in Planning

Cllr. W. Paton queried the possibility of concluding the completion of the lease for the Men's Shed in Tullow. E. Brophy advised that the statutory process relating to the lease will be placed on the agenda for the July meeting of the MD.

Cllr. W. Paton referred to the problem of fly posting in Carlow town and referred specifically to the posters placed on the windows of the Barrack Street houses recently acquired by the Council under C.P.O.

Cllr. J. Cassin queried when the Council would be deciding on plans for development of the derelict site at Barrack Street. B. O'Brien advised that the site forms part of the recently commissioned Carlow Town Centre Public Realm Enhancement Plan.

Cllr. J. Pender raised the issue of dangerous bends at Friarstown and outlined his concerns in relation to skid resistance and signage at the said location. P. Harrington replied, advising of scrim testing etc. and agreed to arrange for further inspection.

This concluded the business of the meeting.