

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held on line Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
Mr. P. Lewis, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation  
Mr. C. Brennan, Executive Technician  
Mr. N. Kinsella, A/Senior Executive Engineer

**1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 4.00p.m. were;-

**Proposed by Cllr. T O’Neill**

**Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton**

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

**2.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

**2.1 *URDF Funding***

M. Rainey advised of funding received for the URDF projects of €9.79 million excluding Potato Market. It was subsequently confirmed by the Minister that there is some additional funding subject to design alterations and this process is underway and M. Rainey is optimistic of receiving approximately a further €5 million subject to agreement. He advised of the necessity of also having the Masterplan. M. Rainey answered questions from members on this item.

## **2.2 Proposal for Hanover to Granby Row Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme**

N. Kinsella advised of proposals in relation to this proposal which is awaiting funding and will then proceed to Part 8. N. Kinsella shared a number of computer generated images of the proposal. He answered questions from members on this matter.

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin**

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

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

## **3.0 Notices of Motion**

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

"That this Council commits to lighting up Carlow Town Hall and other public buildings red on May 1st, which is traditionally known as workers day. Covid-19 has shed a light on the nature of essential workers and the role they played in keeping people safe and society running during the Pandemic. As such we should celebrate the work of nurses, teachers, retail workers and the many others who played vital roles throughout the pandemic. "

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**AND Following a show of hands, motion was passed.**

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

"That this council writes to the government and demands an increase in the minimum wage to that of a living wage of €15 with immediate effect."

Amended proposal by Cllr. J. Cassin in relation to social justice Ireland – amend rate of €12.30 per hour. Amendment Agreed.

**Motion as amended agreed following a show of hands.**

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

"That this MD writes to the Taoiseach to ask him to classify family reunification, including the reunification of long-distance couples whether married or not, as essential travel for the duration of this pandemic. As such it would stand that anyone travelling for this purpose will still have to abide by every other health and safety regulation including quarantining and testing but would not face any criminal convictions or fines."

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**Motion defeated following a show of hands.**

The meeting resolved to go into committee.

P. Lewis shared a draft 2021 roadworks scheme spreadsheet on regional roads, low cost safety, bridge repair projects and drainage improvement works. He answered questions from members on the draft programme.

The meeting resumed public session and the 2021 Draft Roadworks Scheme was  
**Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin**  
**Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton and**  
**Agreed following a show of hands.**

#### **4.0 Any Other Business**

Cllr. F. Phelan proposed amending standing orders to limit notice of motions to one per person per meeting. Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton.

Motions must relate to business of Carlow Municipal District. A discussion took place on this subject.

Cllr. F. Browne suggested Notices of Motion be limited to two motions per month and Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

Amended Standing Orders to be drafted for the April Council Meeting.

Staff answered questions from members on matters such as monumental works, footpaths at Gaelcholaiste, structural report on wall at Ashgrove/Mount Leinster Park and requested a HAP Report for next M D Meeting, Update on Barrack Street houses and CPO of derelict sites.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**