

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting at Carlow Municipal District

held in the Town Hall Chamber on

Thursday 26th May 2022 at 4.00pm

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

In Attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs, Planning, HR, Economic Development, Health and Safety
Mr. B Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. S. Byrne, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor Ken Murnane opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the May Meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Deputation from Carlow Town Community First Responders Group

A presentation was made by Carlow Town Community First Responders Group to the members to highlight the launch of their new website to promote the location of defibrillators in Carlow Town.

The Members thanked CFR for their presentation and commended them on their work on this life saving initiative.

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 *The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 28th of April 2022 at 4.00p.m. were,*

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

And agreed following a show of hands.

3.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

3.1 *Part 8 – Proposed Construction of a single house at Leighlin Road, Carlow.*

Mr. Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing briefed the committee and answered all queries.

Proposed by Councillor: J. Cassin
Seconded by Councillor A. Wallace

And agreed following a show of hands.

3.2 Agree Date for Annual Meeting

It was agreed that Carlow Municipal District will hold their AGM on Friday the 17th of June at 4.00p.m. after the Monthly Municipal District Meeting at 3.30p.m.

4.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

4.1 Road Works Programme Update

Mr. Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, gave a comprehensive report on road resurfacing projects planned and answered all queries.

5.0 Notices of Motion

5.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"Noting that Carlow Council and Dáil Eireann both declared a Climate Emergency this MD will write to the Taoiseach and Eamonn Ryan TD to call for the upcoming bus link in Carlow to be free of charge to help reduce emissions and encourage more to move away from private transport."

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace
Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

Councillor F. Phelan proposed an amendment as follows;

"Noting that Carlow Council and Dáil Eireann both declared a Climate Emergency the Council would discuss at its next Town Bus Link engagement with TII the best pricing structure with a view to having this service as affordable as possible and explore the option of a 'leap' card and maximum daily fare to help reduce emissions and encourage more to move away from private transport."

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne

AND following a show of hands, the amended motion was passed.

6.0 Correspondence

No correspondence for noting

7.0 Any Other Business

- Carlow Fire on business Premises, (commend resilience of businesses)
- St Patrick's College – Pending gift to the State
- Woodies to Blackbog Road, (any plan for future road)
- Barrow Track and Board Walk (Carlow Regatta)
- Signage Warning Dangerous Junction Milford
- Additional signage requested for Water Tap Refill around Carlow
- Footpath at Carlow Library, Tullow Street
- Safety Crossing at Braganza
- Waterways Ireland – Trees report
- Burrin Manor Lighting
- Outdoor Furniture
- Affordable Housing Scheme
- Improvement works at the back of the Liberty Tree
- Rubbish Collection, River Barrow at the weir
- New Road Layout at Aldi
- Filter Road for cars turning up to Hanover
- Penny's Car Park Drive

Mr. Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, answered queries in relation to Barrow Track, new road layout at Aldi, car parking and advised of plans with safety at its core for all road users. He also outlined projects that had gone to tender and where contractors were yet to be appointed.

Mr. Brian O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, answered queries in relation to the affordable housing scheme and advised that the Housing Department will provide members with more detail prior to seeking expressions of interest.

Following a proposal from Cllr. Fergal Browne and subsequent discussion it was agreed that an invitation letter issue to St. Patrick's College advising the Board of Governors that when the College were able to advise of plans, they were welcome to attend an In-Committee meeting of Carlow Municipal District or Plenary Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting