

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
Held in Town Hall, Carlow, held on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at 4.30 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer  
P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
F. O'Neill, A/Director of Service

***Confirmation of Minutes***

The Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were

***Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne***

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

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

**Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members**

***Revocation of Motion of Carlow***

E. Brophy and F. O'Neill briefed the meeting on the requirement for legal advice. F. O'Neill undertook to have the legal advice for the December meeting.

**Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

***Presentation from Students Union Institute of Technology Carlow***

The Mayor welcomed Tawyna Foster and Thomas Drury, President Carlow Student's Union (Carlow IT) who gave a presentation on the Student accommodation crisis. The Mayor thanked Thomas and Tawyna for the presentation and then answered questions from members on this accommodation issue.

### ***Community Text Alert Pollerton Area – Signage***

Members requested assistance be provided to the community text alert group to erect signs in the Pollerton area. P. Harrington replied advising of a large number of signs in a small area. Concern was expressed in relation to setting a precedent in relation to the erection of the signs. It was agreed to erect a sign at main access points to estates and review after six months, using the Jake's Legacy signs where possible.

It was

**Proposed by Cllr K. Murnane**

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

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

Cllr. Phelan raised an issue of a meeting cancelled yesterday and advised of concerns in relation to the scheduling of meeting and the cancellation of yesterday's meeting.

Councillors expressed concern in relation to the cancellation of the meeting. F. O'Neill replied that the meeting was cancelled and this was unusual and apologised for same. It was agreed to align the next meeting with consultants with other meetings scheduled.

### **Notices of Motion**

#### **Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace**

"That this council writes to I.T. Carlow calling on them to increase car-park spaces to help stop Green Road estate and surrounding areas being used as an unofficial overflow car-park which has resulted in dangerous and illegal parking in the area."

The Motion as specified on the agenda was

**Proposed by Cllr A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**And agreed following a show of hands**

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

"That this council writes to Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy to stress that the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAPS) is currently not fit for purpose and to call for an increase in the amount people in Carlow can receive. The average listed rent in Carlow is now €963, up 62% from its lowest point. Yet the amount available to a couple or 1 adult with 3 children in Carlow is only €630."

Cllr. Adrienne Wallace spoke on the motion.

**Proposed by Cllr A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**And agreed following a show of hands**

### **Any Other Business**

It was agreed to invite the HSE to attend a Municipal District meeting to discuss proposals for Kelvin Grove.

The Mayor raised an issue of derelict properties to be acquired.

Cllr. Wallace requested a report on vacant properties for the December meeting.

The issue of having a December Municipal District meeting was discussed and it was agreed to hold the meeting and have a comprehensive housing report to include vacant properties. No engineers report will be required as the Tullow Municipal District is on the same day. F. O'Neill advised she would circulate an update on CPO for derelict sites.

Cllr. Browne raised an issue of the Chain of Office of the former Town Council and writing to the Museum Board to request the former Carlow Town Council chain of office back.

It was

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne**

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

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

This concluded the business of the meeting.