

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in Town Hall, Carlow, on Thursday 22nd October 2020, at 4.00 p.m.**

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. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect
Mr. G. O'Brien, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation
Mr. P. Curran, Facilities Manager, Corporate Services
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. M. Hand, Assistant Staff Officer, Human Resources

Mayor F. Browne opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the October Meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Councillor A. Wallace asked for an amendment to the September minutes, under any other business as follows; Cllr A. Wallace advised of letter issued to HSE re doctors charging for blood tests.

The Amended Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2020 were; -

Proposed by Cllr. T. O'Neill

Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan

And agreed following a show of hands.

Members asked if a reply had been received, to the letter issued to Waterways Ireland from the main Council meeting, regarding the upkeep and maintenance of the barrow track. E. Brophy advised that no reply had been received to date.

Members also raised concerns regarding the capacity at St. Mary's cemetery and asked for a report to be brought to the next Carlow Municipal District meeting.

2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting

Business prescribed by statute, standing orders, or resolutions of the Municipal District Members.

2.1 Part 8 Process – Destination Towns Public Realm

K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office and Conor Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect presented this report. Carlow County Council propose to upgrade the space between Visual and Carlow College as part of a Destination Towns Project part funded by Failte Ireland. The works include resurfacing, provision of seating, lighting upgrade, signage upgrade, construction of wall (including integrated seating) and associated ground works.

This project is aimed to enhance the visitor experience to Carlow Town and forms part of an overall tourism development investment in Carlow Town supported by Failte Ireland. K. Comerford, C. Moriarty and M. Rainey responded to questions raised by members.

A proposal to submit a report to the November Council Meeting in accordance with Part 8 Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) was;

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin

Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.2 Draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws

M. Brennan, Director of Service presented this report. As requested by members, a revised map with extended boundary for the Carlow Municipal area for the Draft Control of Horses Bye-laws was presented to members. M. Brennan explained if map which delineated the control area was agreed, the Draft Control of Horses Bye-laws would go on public display for public consultation for a four week period, followed by a two week observation period. The Draft Bye-laws would then go back to be agreed by members at the Strategic Policy Committee. Member of Council will then consider and adopt the Draft bye laws.

A roll call vote for the Draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws to go on Public Consultation was;

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan
Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane

A roll call vote was taken

Member of Carlow Municipal District	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Tom O'Neill	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
Adrienne Wallace	√			

All members voted in favour for and this was unanimously passed.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 Carlow Town Park – Multi Activity Hub

K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office presented this report. Maps of the proposed development was circulated to members. Carlow County Council is currently in the process of developing to planning and funding stage a Multi-Activity Hub in Carlow Town Park. Following a consultation process a revised design of the proposed building is presented for the members comments.

K. Comerford and C. Moriarty responded to queries raised by members. Report was noted.

4.0 Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. F. Browne

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

AND

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

“That Carlow County Council explain the inexplicable delay in redevelopment of houses on Staplestown Lower even though a motion was passed over two years ago and to give a detailed breakdown of ownership of properties on that road and timeline to develop same.”

M. Brennan and M. Rainey answered queries raised by members.

4.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. F. Browne

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan

AND

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

“That Carlow County Council allocate funding to improve the section of the Link Road (800m) from Murphy’s corner to Browneshill crossroad to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists who currently use it.”

G. O’Brien undertook to have a survey done on this section of road and revert to the Carlow Municipal District once the survey is complete.

4.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. A. Wallace

Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

AND

Following a show of hands, it was resolved: -

“That this council writes to the HSE to ensure there is a free transport service for non-emergency patient/client/service users to safeguard timely access to St. Luke’s General Hospital from Carlow. Where such a service already exists, this council should request information on the scope and reach of said transport service to ensure it can adequately meet the needs of the people in Carlow.”

5.0 Correspondence

Members paid tribute to Marie Murphy for all her hard work and dedication to Carlow County Council during her forty years’ service working for the local authority and wished her all the best on her retirement.

6.0 Any Other Business

Issues raised by members as follows;

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Dog Fouling Signage
- HSE wall on Barrow track
- Kelvin Grove

M. Rainey, E. Brophy and G. O’Brien responded to queries raised by members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.