

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carlow Municipal District
Held in Town Hall, Carlow,
on Thursday, 12th September 2019, at 4.30 p.m.**

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: Ms. F. O’Neill, A/Director of Service
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. M. Brennan, A/Director of Service
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a change in the order of the agenda to facilitate M. Brennan. This was agreed.

Confirmation of Minutes:

Subject to the following amendment to draft Minutes of 17th June, 2019:-
Cllr. F. Phelan Proposed Cllr. Dalton as Mayor

The Minutes of Meeting held on 17th June 2019, at 4.30 p.m. were
Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne,
Seconded by Cllr. T. O’Neill
And Agreed following a show of hands

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(b) Community – Update on proposed Skateboard Park

M. Brennan circulated an update on the Skateboard Park of €226,423 which included a bowl. He advised the Contractor would now commence. He answered questions from members including CCTV, use of BMX bikes, Carlow Youth Services, public lighting, timeline for

construction and flooding. It was agreed to proceed with the project as circulated following a show of hands.

M. Brennan committed to installing CCTV in conjunction with the construction process.

Notice of Motion

Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

Extensive report into vacant homes

That this council conduct an extensive report into the number of vacant homes in Carlow.

This report should build on any data already available with regards vacant or idle homes in Carlow. It should explore any difficulties arising with regards enacting Compulsory Purchase Orders and Vacant Site Levies and lay-out solutions to overcome these obstacles.

The report, where possible, should also look at how other Local Authorities like Louth County Council, were able to effectively use CPOs and vacant site levies to bring more social housing on stream.

The report should be concluded in a timely fashion.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And Resolved following a show of hands.

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

To consider draft Standing Orders of Carlow Municipal District

The Mayor advised of the proposed review and a discussion took place on the draft Standing Orders. The Mayor and Director of Service and Meetings Administrator answered questions from members on the issue.

The adoption of the draft Standing Orders as issued were

Proposed by Cllr. K. Murnane

Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill

And Resolved following a show of hands.

To fix date and time for Carlow Municipal District Meetings

It was agreed to hold meetings on the last day of month at 4.30 p.m. with exception of October which is to be held on 16th October and the December Meeting to be held on 19th December.

Proposed by Cllr K. Murnane

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And Resolved following a show of hands.

To fix date to consider draft Carlow Municipal Budget Plan 2020 (dates for consideration 16th October 2019 or 18th October 2019)

The Municipal Budget Plan 2020 Meeting on 16th October at 3.00 p.m.

Agreed following a show of hands.

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Transportation

(i) To consider car parking arrangements for Christmas 2019

Carpark arrangements to be agreed similar to last year.

Proposed by Cllr J. Cassin

Seconded by Cllr F. Phelan

And Agreed following a show of hands.

(ii) To consider Closing of Right of Way at Grange Court, Pollerton

P. Harrington spoke on this issue and advised the cost if the process was successful would be circa €6,000

Proposed by Cllr. Cassin that a public consultation process be commenced

Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton

And Agreed following a show of hands.

Cllr. A. Dalton advised that a right of way was extinguished at Tintean Coille and that works need to be done to carry out a physical works the cost of which is to be included in the Discretionary Improvement Scheme.

F. O'Neill advised of the position in relation to a right of way at Sandhills and advised of the minutes of a Municipal District Meeting in 2014.

It was agreed on the Proposal of Cllr. Cassin, Seconded by Cllr. T.

O'Neill to place revocation of the 2014 motion on the next Municipal District agenda. Agreed following a show of hands.

(c) *Economic Development – Update on Carlow Town Projects*

The Mayor invited Pierce Kavanagh to address the meeting and Pierce gave a presentation the Town Forum, Shopfront Scheme, Paint Scheme, Enterprise Town Awards, Rising Star Awards, Ireland 2040, Workshop between consultants and elected members, Carlow Library Extension, Water Activity Hub, Biodiversity Project, Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns, Duckett's Grove Project.

P. Kavanagh answered questions from members on various aspects of the report.

Notices of Motion

Standing in the name of Cllr. Fergal Browne:

'That Carlow County Council clarify the ownership of the graveyard at the Barrowtrack and ensure regular funding and support for maintenance of same'.

The motion was discussed. It was noted the National Graves Association may have some knowledge of the ownership.

Proposed by Cllr. Fergal Browne,

Seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace

And the motion was passed following a show of hands.

P. Harrington advised he would do the works if the money was provided and it can be proposed in the Discretionary Improvement Works in 2020.

Standing in the name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

Pride Street Art

That this council commits to supporting the development of a Pride specific mural in co-junction with the Carlow Pride Festival Committee. Following the historic and hugely successful Pride festival that took place in Carlow in July, this council will commit to developing a Pride specific mural in Carlow town to not only mark the event, but to create a beacon of hope and encouragement to the LGBT+ Community in Rural Ireland who still have to overcome numerous difficulties.

This council should work with the Pride Festival Committee who has already provided research on the issue.

Cllr. F. Browne advised that the matter was approved in the minutes of the 17th June 2019 in relation to a mural. Cllr. A. Wallace spoke on the motion.

Proposed by Cllr. A Wallace

Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne

The motion was approved following a show of hands.

Any Other Business

F. O'Neill advised that Irish Water wished to hold a clinic at 3.30 p.m. before the November Meeting. Councillors requested that an agenda be agreed in advance.

Members wished Dan McInerney all the best in his retirement.

Cllr. Cassin requested the Executive write to Minister Creed

Seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace

And Agreed following a show of hands.

Members wished everyone all the best at the National Ploughing Championships.