

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 28th September, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development & Corporate Services
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. M. Moore, Senior Executive Officer (Acting) Community
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, Transportation
Mr. E. Sullivan, Heritage Officer
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor T. O'Neill welcomed all to the September meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor A. Dalton
Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan**

And agreed following a show of hands

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

2.1 Agree date for Carlow Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan – General Municipal District Allocation 2024 Meeting (Suggested date Thursday 26th October at 3.30 pm)

**Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor: A. Dalton**

And agreed following a show of hands

That the General Municipal District Allocation 2024 Meeting will take place on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 3.30p.m. The members requested an in-committee budget meeting at 3.00 p.m. on the same date and an ordinary Meeting at 4.00pm This was proposed by Councillor F. Phelan, seconded by Councillor A. Dalton, and agreed following a show of hands.

2.2 Draft Local Economic & Community Plan 2023-2029

Ms. M. Moore gave a presentation on the Draft Local Economic & Community Plan which was commended and noted by the members.

4.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 MD Engineers Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the members with an update on progress on current projects in the district and answered all queries raised. The members raised a number of issues which included:

- eBikes - map of locations to be circulated to members/cycle lanes to be kept clean
- Recruitment of General Operatives
- Brownhill Road – resurfacing & traffic calming measures required
- Carlow Town Bus – The addition of extra buses at peak times
- Green Road – Pedestrian crossing at school to be reviewed/extra signage to be procured through discretionary funding
- Post Office – requires maintenance and enhancement – write to An Post with request
- The seats outside Carlow Post Office
- Overgrown Hedges – landowners obligated to maintain
- Braganza – Safety measures
- Kernanstown Industrial Estate parking facilities
- Insects at the lake trail in Oak Park

- Public lighting on the Dublin Road

Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, answered queries on Carlow Town Post Office and Mr. E. Brophy, Meeting Administrator, advised members of the recruitment process and of staff transitioning from Irish Water.

3.2 Carlow MD Housing Update

Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the members with a detailed Housing Progress report and advised that an application for additional funding has been made for homeless services due to the increase in presentations. He answered all queries from the members. A query was raised on a planning application at Staplestown Road and Mr. M. Rainey advised that he could not comment due to it being a live application.

3.3 URDF Update

Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, gave a comprehensive report on the Project Carlow 2040 scheme and outlined the proposed intervention areas in Carlow Town and answered all queries from the members. Mr. M. Rainey advised that Mr. K. Cullinane, Senior Engineer, had recently updated the Town Forum on this scheme and advised he would attend the next Carlow MD meeting to update members.

3.4 Historic Towns Initiative

Mr. E. Sullivan, Heritage Officer, briefed members on Historic Town Initiative and answered all queries from the members. A query was raised from the members regarding the restoration of the old pillar post boxes by An Post. Mr. E. Sullivan to follow up on this request with An Post.

5.0 Correspondence

Members noted a response from the Minister of Health regarding A & E services in Carlow Town.

6.0 Notices of Motion

6.1 Standing in the name of Councillor Fergal Browne

“That Carlow MD call on TII to install a pedestrian crossing at Netwatch Cullen Park so that people attending GAA games, accessing and egressing from Oaklawns Estate, can do so safely”.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne
Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan
And agreed following a show of hands

6.2 Standing in the name of Councillor Fergal Browne

“That Carlow MD begins formal talks with the OPW and or other interested parties to renovate and restore Duckettsgrove Mansion”.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne
Seconded by Councillor T. O’Neill
And agreed following a show of hands

7.0 Any Other Business

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.