

**Minutes of December Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow,  
on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor A. Dalton (Cathaoirleach)  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cahill  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor M. Doran  
Councillor A. Gladney  
Councillor T. Kinsella  
Councillor A. McDonald  
Councillor J. McDonald  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor C. Murphy  
Councillor J. Murphy  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor T. O'Neill  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor W. Quinn

**In attendance:** Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service  
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service  
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Service  
Mr. P. J. Leonard, Acting Head of Finance  
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Services  
Mr. K. Cullinane, Senior Engineer *Remotely*  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer  
Mr. K. Comerford, Director of Service  
Ms. M. Loughnane, Acting Broadband Officer  
Mr. E. Lyng, Head of Information Technology  
Mr. J. Shorthall, County Librarian  
Mr. J. O'Gorman, Executive Librarian  
Ms. A. Hogan, Branch Librarian  
Mr. C. Power, Clerical Officer  
Mr. M. O'Rourke, Library  
Ms. D. Condrón, Senior Executive Librarian  
Mr. J. McDarby, Staff Officer

Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner *Remotely*  
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Co-ordinator  
Ms. E. Slattery, Senior Engineer  
Mr. R. Wickham, A/Senior Engineer  
Mr. S. Casey, Environmental Awareness Officer  
Ms. A. Byrne, Environmental Awareness Officer  
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Mr. J. McKenna, IS Technical Support Officer  
Mr. S. Guinan, Assistant Technical Support Officer  
Ms. M. Quinlan, IS Project Leader  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer  
Ms. C. Healy, Staff Officer

### **1.0 Book Launch “The Carlow Decade of Centenaries”**

Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the meeting and called on Cllr. Charlie Murphy Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council Decade of Centenaries Committee to launch the book “The Carlow Decade of Centenaries”.

Cllr. Murphy spoke on the tasks of commemorating the events of the Decade of Centenaries – encompassing such momentous and turbulent events of The Great War, The 1916 Rising. The War of Independence and the Civil War – the Decade of Centenaries Committee was dedicated to exploring the events of a century ago in a balanced and inclusive manner. The contents of this book will stand as evidence that we were successful in achieving that aim and proud of the work and delighted to see it recorded for posterity here. He thanked K. Holohan former Chief Executive, Coilín O'Reilly, Pat Delaney, Centenaries Committee, County Library, Museum, Arts Office, Alhaus Publishing for DOC book – Alison, Alex and Caitrina and all people involved in the research, preparation and publication of this beautiful book.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Deirdre Condrón on the death of her father, Patrick Condrón, Kilmeaney.

Maureen Daly on the death of her father, Quek Tee Kim.

Victoria Mary Clarke on the death of her husband, Shane McGowan.

Neighbours of James (Patsy) Keegan, Corries, Bagenalstown.

Doyle Family on the death of Richard (Dixie) Doyle, 8 Pollerton Road, Carlow.

Doody Family on the death of Gerald (Ger) Doody, Riverside, Carlow.

Coburn Family on the death of Philip Coburn, Dunleckney, Bagenalstown.

Cunningham Family on the death of Seamus Cunningham, Leighlinbridge.

Dudley-McEvoy Family on the death of Thomas Dudley-McEvoy, Bagenalstown.

Reilly Family on the death of Brigid (Bridie) Reilly, Collins Park, Rathvilly.

Kehoe Family on the death of Kathleen Kehoe, JKL Avenue, Carlow.

Comerford Family on the death of John Comerford, St. Brigid's Crescent, Bagenalstown.

### **Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. F. Phelan and Sinead on the birth of their son, John

Murphy family on reaching the final of Carlow's Fittest Family competition

Hannah Kehoe on finishing 45<sup>th</sup> in the U20 European Cross Country

Championships and Ireland's fifth place finish in the team event held recently in Brussels.

Community Section on the holding of the Pride of Place Awards Ceremony and the Tidy Towns Groups, Residents Associations, Community Groups, Clubs and Businesses who took part in the competition.

Ballon Improvement Group on winning the overall town and village category at the Pride of Place Awards

Local Enterprise Office on organising "Lightfest" Fireworks and Live Music event in Carlow Town Hall Car Park.

Carlow Little Theatre on a very successful staging of their production of "*The Steward of Christendom*" in the George Bernard Shaw Theatre.

Adam Dee on reaching the final of the WDF Boys World Championships which took place in Lakeside, Gibraltar.

EnC re on a very successful performance of their first solo concert held recently in the George Bernard Shaw Theatre.

Carlow County Library Service who were shortlisted in the Communications category at the recent Age Friendly Achievement and Recognition Awards for the Talking Newspaper Podcast Project, one of only 27 shortlisted projects nationally.

Environment Section on winning the Age Friendly Environment Award

Category for their "Access for All Project" at the recent National Age Friendly Achievement and Recognition Awards ceremony.

The elected members expressed their concerns on the current works on the Hacketstown Road with signage, traffic issues and impact of same on local businesses and road users. They asked that this matter be rectified with Irish Water immediately. C. O'Reilly undertook to contact Irish Water on the matter.

## **2.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí**

### **2.1 Approval of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill**

**Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed:-

‘That the Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting 2024 of Carlow County Council held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Doran**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed:-

‘That the Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting 2024 of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

## **3.0 Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of Council/Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle**

### **3.1 Carlow Enterprise Campus Part VIII Amended Proposed Part VIII Development, Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part XI Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - Part VIII**

**Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane**

Following a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed:-

“Carlow Enterprise Campus approval of amended proposed Part VIII development to be proceeded with in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display and to any such minor and immaterial alterations of these plans and particulars, and subject to the conditions as set out.”

**3.2 Section 11 of Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, Section 59 of Planning & Development Act 2010 - Commencement of the public consultation process for the Taking-in-charge of roads and services at De Lacey Abbey, Rathvilly (Phase 2)**

**Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donovan**

**Seconded by Councillor J. Pender**

Following a show of hands, it was resolved:-

“To approve in accordance Section 11 of Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, Section 59 of Planning & Development Act 2010 - Commencement of the public consultation process for the Taking-in-charge of roads and services at De Lacey Abbey, Rathvilly (Phase 2)”

**3.3 Section 11 of Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, Section 59 of Planning & Development Act 2010 – Taking in Charge of roads and services Ard Bhaile, Rathvilly.**

**Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghue**

**Seconded by Councillor W. Paton**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“To approve in accordance with Section 11 of Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, Section 59 of Planning & Development Act 2010 – Taking in Charge of roads and services Ard Bhaile, Rathvilly.”

**3.4 Carlow Litter Management Plan 2024 - 2027 - Approval for public consultation stage**

Cllr. Browne, Chair of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee updated on the Carlow Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2027.

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor W. Paton**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“To approve Carlow Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2027 to proceed to public consultation stage.”

### **3.5 Approval of Allocations under the Festival & Event Funding 2024**

K. Comerford briefed on Festival and Event Funding 2024.

**Proposed by Councillor J. Cassin**

**Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“Approval of €40,000 in respect of Pan Celtic 2024 and €40,000 in respect of Lightfest 2024 from the approved fund of €154,000 for the Festival & Event Scheme 2024.”

### **4.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations/Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Mholtaí**

#### **4.1 New Council Website Demonstration**

M. Loughnane gave a detailed presentation on the New Council Website. Questions raised by the members were answered by M. Loughnane.

#### **4.2 Community Climate Action Fund – Presentation**

A. Byrne gave a presentation on the Community Climate Action Fund and questions raised by the members were answered.

### **5.0 Chief Executives Report /Tuarascáil an Phríomheidhmeannaigh**

The Chief Executives Report was noted. Queries raised by the members included lack of Wastewater Treatment Plant in Borris, Enterprise Centre in Bagenalstown, Pyrite/Mica issues, Southern Relief Road, Tullow Relief Road, Planning Objections, Waterways Ireland, Bends at Leagh and Residential Zoned Land Tax.

Questions raised by the members were answered by the Management Team.

### **6.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

Members noted resolution passed by Clare County Council that as part of the planning process, there should be a planning condition on all new housing applications stating that traffic calming measures would be part of the development, as a matter of safety.

Members noted resolution passed by Clare County Council regarding introduction of Primary Medical Certificates (PMCs) to all individuals with physical disabilities.

Members noted correspondence passed by Cavan County Council expressing opposition to a proposal to remove Cavan, Fermanagh, Leitrim, Longford and Louth from the Allianz Hurling League in 2025.

## **7.0 Notices of Motion/Fógraí Rúin**

### **7.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cahill**

"That Carlow County Council launch a 'Sensory Services' pilot program in 2024 to include Autism Friendly hours, in collaboration with national and local services."

**Proposed by Councillor J. Cahill,**

**Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald**

And agreed following a show of hands

## **8.0 Any Other Business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh**

Cathaoirleach noted that this was Cllr. Cahill last meeting as substitute elected member. Cathaoirleach and elected members wished him well in the future.

Cllr. Cahill thanked elected members and staff in the Council for their co-operation and assistance during his term on the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.