

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 29th February 2024, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Planning, Economic
Development & Corporate Services
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. B. Deenihan, Vacant Homes Officer, Planning
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, URDF
Mr. E. Sullivan, Heritage Officer, Culture
Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Action Coordinator, Environment
M. M. Moore, A/Senior Executive Officer, Community
Department
Ms. L. Kelly, Community Development Officer, Community
Department
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor T. O'Neill opened the February meeting welcoming all in attendance. The Mayor offered his condolences to Mr. Eammon Brophy on the passing of his mother.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**

And agreed following a show of hands.

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

2.1 Draft Community Annual Services Plan 2024

Ms. M. Moore, A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Department, presented the members with the Annual Service Plan – Community 2024 for their approval. Ms. M. Moore answered questions from the members on the draft services plan.

The Annual Services Plan – Community Development 2024 was;

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.2. Part VIII – St. Enda’s – Volunteer Hub

Ms. B Deenihan, Vacant Homes Officer, Planning presented the members the Part VIII on St. Enda’s, Volunteer Hub proposal for their approval and answered all questions.

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XI

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part VIII

Part VIII – St. Enda’s – Volunteer Hub was;

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.3. Part VIII – Carlow Railway Link

Mr. C Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, URDF made a presentation to the members for their approval and answered all questions.

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XI

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part VIII

Part VIII – Carlow Railway Link;

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace

Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

Members requested the map of plans that was developed for 121 College Street be circulated to the members.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 Historic Towns Initiative Plan – Heritage-led Regeneration for Carlow Town

Mr. Eoin Sullivan, Heritage Officer presented the Members with the Historic Towns Initiative Plan and answered all queries including;

- The plaque at the Court House with information on Crimean War Cannon is unreadable.

- Encouraging tourist in Kilkenny to come to Carlow.
- Story boards – Carlow Town.
- Improving outside of vacant buildings.
- Funding allocations.

The Mayor T. O'Neill thanked Mr. Sullivan on presenting the comprehensive plan.

3.2 Climate Action

Ms. J. O'Brien, Climate Officer Environment gave a presentation to the members on the shared micromobility in Carlow Town. Mr. M Rainey and Ms. J O'Brien answered all queries including;

- Distribution of bike to stations that have no bikes.
- Bike stands at stations.
- Double the amount of bikes coming on stream in March.

The Mayor T. O'Neill thanked Ms. O'Brien for delivering a detailed presentation.

3.3 Carlow MD Engineer's Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer presented members with an update on improvement/enhancement schemes and ongoing projects in the district and answered all queries from members. The following issues were raised by members:

- Wheelchair swing in Carlow Town Park.
- Cutting down of trees at the Dolmen.
- Pathway from Toughers into Carlow town.
- Brownhill -Speed ramps.
- Pedestrian crossing lights on the Athy Road.
- Car pooling car park at motorway junctions.
- Litter collection at motorway junctions.
- Footpaths in Palatine.
- Kilkenny Road – cats eyes.
- Pedestrian crossing – Braganza.
- Town Park grass cutting.
- Traffic ramp along Graiguecullen swimming pool road.

These issues were addressed by M. Rainey and B. Knowles.

It was agreed to invite the engineer who is in charge developing the Carlow inner relief road to the next MD meeting.

4.0 Notices of Motion

None.

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

Concerns were raised over Rehab Care moving out of their existing building to another building in the Graiguecullen area and whether the Council could intervene as service users are unhappy with the proposal. Mr. E Brophy advised that this matter would be of no concern for the Council as Rehab Care is a charitable organisation with their own governance policies.

This concluded the business of the meeting.