

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive  
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Planning, Economic  
Development & Corporate Services  
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, Housing & Community  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing  
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor T. O'Neill opened the March meeting and welcomed Coilín O'Reilly, Chief Executive. The Mayor offered his condolences to Mr. Eamonn Brophy and family on the passing of his father.

Congratulations were extended to Cllr. Adrienne Wallace on her recent marriage.

## **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 4.00 p.m.**

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 4.00 p.m. were

**Proposed by Councillor A. Dalton**  
**Seconded by Councillor K. Murnane**

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 Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2024**

Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, presented the members with the Draft Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2024 for their approval. Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Services, answered questions from the members.

The Draft Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2024 was;

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton**

And agreed following a show of hands

## **3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

### **3.1 Streetfest – Pedestrianisation Pilot – Lower Tullow Street**

The Chief Executive, C. O'Reilly, briefed members on plans to embark on a pilot pedestrianisation project on Lower Tullow Street as part of the ongoing development of Carlow Town Centre to run for six weekends between April and June. The members welcomed this project and Mr. C. O'Reilly and Mr. K. Comerford answered all queries raised.

### **3.2 Housing Update**

Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, presented members with a comprehensive housing update and answered all queries from the members. The following issues were raised:

- Barrack Street – timeframe of works /no. of facades to be preserved
- Need for 1 bed properties
- Update on Perry's site
- Replacement windows & doors scheme
- Lands at Eire Óg

### **3.3 Carlow MD Engineers Report**

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the Carlow Municipal District Engineers report to the meeting. B Knowles and M. Rainey answered all queries raised. Members raised concerns on the following:

- St. Joseph's Road junction
- Increase numbers of dog fouling bins around town
- Pedestrian crossing at Green Road school
- Level of light from replacement LED public lighting
- Signage at Oak Park
- Possible pedestrian crossing at Penneys/Dinn Rí

It was agreed that a member of the Active Travel team give a presentation at the next MD meeting.

#### **4.0 Correspondence**

None

#### **5.0 Notices of Motion**

##### **5.1 Standing in the name of Councillor Adrienne Wallace**

*“This MD will prepare and plan improvements for town laneways – including Charlotte Street and Bridewell Lane – in an attempt to create a more inviting and safe town centre. Such plans should assess the viability of increased lighting, murals and planting.”*

**Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**

And agreed following a show of hands

#### **6.0 Any Other Business**

Members raised concerns on the mound of clay at Carrigbrook estate and it was confirmed the building contractor has met with residents and has advised mound will be removed when weather improves.

This concluded the business of the meeting.