

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on
Thursday 30th May 2024, 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 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
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office
Ms. L. Culleton, Economic Development Officer
Ms. L. Barry, Irish Wheelchair Association
Mr. J. Woods, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Mayor T. O'Neill opened the May meeting and welcomed all present and extended a welcome to Ms. Barry from the Irish Wheelchair Association and students from the Tempe, Arizona Student Exchange Programme.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 24th April at 4.00 p.m. were

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

And agreed following a show of hands

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

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 Carlow MD Engineers Report

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Engineer, presented members with a comprehensive report on the progress of public enhancement works within the district and answered all queries from the members. The following queries were raised:

- Sign Language Board in Town Park
- Maple Court – footpath repair scheme
- Possibility of a playground for Pollerton area
- Update on removal of wall at HSE
- Gully Cleaning around Carlow Town
- Review of Carlow Town Bus Service
- Resurfacing of Brownhill Road
- Possible hand railings on Graigue Bridge

3.2 Update on Streetfest

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office, presented the members with an update on Streetfest which included public survey results and feedback. Mr. Comerford answered all queries raised.

3.3 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

Mr. L. Culleton, Economic Development Officer, updated the members on the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme and answered all queries raised.

3.4 5 Years of Regeneration and Investment

Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, gave a comprehensive presentation on the progress made within the Carlow Municipal District over the previous five year period. Members thanked Mr. Rainey and team for works and projects completed throughout the last term.

4.0 Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Councillor Adrienne Wallace

“This MD will write to the Department of Transport and ask them to immediately provide funding under the Low Cost Safety scheme for road safety improvements in Mortarstown.”

The following amendment was **proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan, seconded by Cllr. F. Browne** and agreed following a show of hands

“This MD will urgently explore avenues of funding to provide for road safety improvements in Mortarstown at the earliest opportunity.”

The motion as amended was

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan
Seconded by Cllr F. Browne

And agreed following a show of hands

4.2 Standing in the name of Councillor Adrienne Wallace

“Following the Dáil’s unanimous support for the People Before Profit motion to End Poverty For People With Disabilities And Their Carers. This MD calls on the government to implement the scrapping of the means tests for disability and carer allowances, for a universal cost of disability payment, and for immediate ratification of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities before the next general election.”

Proposed by Councillor A. Wallace
Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan

And agreed following a show of hands

4.3 Standing in the name of Councillor Fergal Browne

“That Carlow MD ensure that gullies are cleaned on a regular basis to avoid spot flooding.”

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne
Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands

4.4 Standing in the name of Councillor Fintan Phelan

“That the Carlow Municipal District is very concerned about the functioning of the Children's Disability Network Team structure for Carlow. It is not fit for purpose and the most vulnerable children in our community are being left without vital supports and are not receiving critical early intervention. This MD will write to An Taoiseach Simon Harris, Tánaiste Micheál Martin and Ministers, Roderic O’Gorman and Anne Rabbitte, as the responsible ministers and the HSE expressing our concern and asking for increased supports in Carlow and an overview of the CDNT team and it’s operation in Carlow.”

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor T. O’Neill

And agreed following a show of hands

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.