

**Minutes of October Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the  
Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow  
on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cassin *Remotely*  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor J. Deane  
Councillor P. Doogue,  
Councillor M. Doran  
Councillor A. Gladney *Remotely*  
Councillor T. Kinsella  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor C. Murphy  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue *Remotely*  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor D. Pender  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor W. Quinn  
Councillor A. Wallace *Remotely*  
Councillor B. Ward

In attendance: Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive  
Mr. Kiernan Cullinane, Acting Director of Transportation,  
Environment, Climate Action, Building Control & Emergency  
Services.  
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Corporate, Planning, Economic  
Development, Information Technology and Health & Safety  
Mr. John Shorthall, Acting Director of Community, Recreation,  
Amenity, Sports, Arts, Culture, Libraries, Museum & Heritage Services  
Ms. F. O'Neill, Acting Director of Service – Housing, Ukrainian  
Humanitarian Response and Refugee Resettlement Programme  
Mr. P. J. Leonard, Acting Director of Finance  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. J. Woods, Acting Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer  
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*  
Ms. O. Barrett, Senior Engineer *Remotely*  
Mr. T. Madden, Acting Senior Executive Officer *Remotely*

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Ms. Clodagh O'Shea and family on the death of her father Sean O'Shea, Ballickmoyler Road, Graiguecullen.

The Carpenter family on the death of Ciss (Sarah) Carpenter, Barracks Street Carlow Town.

### **Votes of Congratulations**

Myshall Camogie Club on winning the Junior and Senior Camogie County Club final. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> title in a row for the Senior Team.

Rathvilly GAA Club on winning their 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Title Championship.

Palatine GAA Club on winning the Minor Championship.

Ballon GAA Club on winning the Junior A Championship.

Members congratulated Mr. Michael Rainey and wished him all the best on his recent appointment to Laois County Council as the new Chief Executive. The Members thanked Mr. Rainey on his commitment over the past five years to the County of Carlow especially with his expertise with the Planning Department. Mr. O'Reilly thanked Mr. Rainey for his support since he arrived in Carlow and congratulated him on his upcoming post.

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

### **1.1 Approval of Minutes of monthly meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella**

Following a show of hands, it was agreed:-

“That the Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 2.00 pm having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed”

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

**2.1 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001- Section 183 (1) - Disposal of Monastery Hostel, Dublin Road, Carlow. (0.136 hectares)**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. B. Ward**

**And following a show of hands, it was agreed:-**

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with the Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Local Government Act 2001- Section 183 (1) – the disposal of Monastery Hostel, Dublin Road, Carlow (0.136 hectares) to Amber Women’s Refuge CLG, Acorn, Lacken House, Dublin Road, Leggetsrath West, Kilkenny R95NY04 for the sum of €151,000 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal”.

**2.2 Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Planning & Development Regulations 2001, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) – Disposal of Plot of Ground and remaining structures contained within Folio CW29797F at Site 22 Barrack Street, Carlow. (0.01593 acres)**

**Proposed by Cllr. K. Murnane**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

**And following a show of hands, it was agreed:-**

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with the Planning & Development Act 2000 - Section 211, Planning & Development Regulations 2001, Local Government Act 2001 - Section 183 (1) – the disposal of Plot of Ground and remaining structures contained within Folio CW29797F at Site 22 Barrack Street, Carlow. (0.01593 acres) to Mr. Mark Carpenter, Carpenters Bar, in the sum of €20,000 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice circulated. The consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not necessary in this disposal.”

**2.3 Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 - Commencement of the public consultation process for taking in charge of roads and services at Milford Park, Ballinabrannagh (Phase 1 and Phase 2)**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Pender**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran**

**And following a show of hands, it was agreed:-**

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 - Commencement of the public consultation process for taking in charge of roads and services at Milford Park, Ballinabrannagh (Phase 1 and Phase 2)”.

**2.4 Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 - Commencement of the public consultation process for taking in charge of roads and services at Brownehsill Wood Phase 2 - (Dwellings 129 - 182)**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton**

**Seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**And following a show of hands, it was agreed:-**

“That we the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 - Commencement of the public consultation process for taking in charge of roads and services at Brownehsill Wood Phase 2 - (Dwellings 129 - 182)”

**2.5 Update on Barrack Street Housing Development**

The Acting Director of Services updated the Members on the development and answered issued that were raised.

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

**3.1 Training & Conference Approvals**

Celtic Conferences	Clonakilty, Co. Cork	“Corporate Governance”	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	€130
LAMA	Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath	Autumn Seminar	17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	€170
AILG & UCC	Online	Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government	October – 12 week course	€500

Training/Conferences noted.

#### **4.0 Chief Executives Report/Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh**

Questions raised on the Chief Executive's Report for September included Taking in Charge School House Gate, PLEEP, lights on Chapel Lane Tullow, Industrial Estate in Tullow signage and lights, housing inspections, homeless figures, Artificial Intelligence (AI) within the council, Court House railings, cameras on the N80, Carlow Bus Service, lighting in Burrin Manor and The Laurels Estates, mobile homes on private land, pyrite, site in Hacketstown.

C. O'Reilly and Management Team responded to questions raised.

#### **5.0 Correspondence/Comhfhreagras**

Members noted motion passed by Roscommon County Council requesting a letter be sent to the Minister for Finance Jack Chambers and Minister for Tourism Catherine Martin seeking the reduction of the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality sector.

Members noted motion passed by Roscommon County Council requesting a letter be sent to the Minister for Environment seeking the imposition of tougher and increased new fines to deter illegal dumping.

Members noted the resolution passed by Leitrim County Council requesting a letter be sent to Eamon Ryan, Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications regarding plans to build a Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve in Ireland.

Members noted the resolutions passed by Leitrim County Council requesting a letter be sent to the Minister for Finance, and the Government to again look at reducing the VAT rate from 13.5% back to 9% for the food and restaurant sector.

Members noted the resolution passed by Sligo County Council requesting a letter be sent to the Minister for Social Protection to request a review of existing community employment schemes.

Members noted motion passed by Sligo County Council to develop and rollout a scheme to build rural housing to support rural families and communities.

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

### **6.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin**

"Siúicre Éireann's Headquarters was located at the Carlow Town plant. Carlow Sugar Factory commenced operations in 1925. County Carlow was selected as a result of its rich tillage land. Although it ceased operations in 2005, the Sugar Factory in Carlow left a lasting impression on County Carlow in its 80 years of operation. Carlow will be forever associated with the sugar industry. I am calling on Carlow County Council to celebrate Siúicre Éireann and the factory's lasting legacy in Carlow"

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin**

**Seconded by Cllr. J Deane**

**And agreed following a show of hands**

### **Executive Response – John Shortall, A/Director of Services.**

*It should be noted that the Council commemoration of Carlow Sugar Factory has commenced, and the first action will be the launch of a book detailing the history and the operation of the factory on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in advance of the centenary of the sod being turned in 1925 and the founding of the Carlow Sugar Factory.*

*Management recommends that all matters in relation to the centenary celebrations of the Carlow Sugar Factory be referred to the Council Centenaries Committee for consideration and coordination.*

### **6.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. W. Paton**

"That Carlow County Council, recognising the wonderful work carried out by Home Care Assistants (HCA's), calls on the HSE to lift the recruitment ban on HCA's to allow for recruitment of more HCA's, which in turn will allow people to remain in their own homes"

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

### **6.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. M. Doran**

"That we the members of Carlow County Council request that Bus Eireann and TFI install Bus Stop Shelters at the R448 at Leighlinbridge and at Carlow Road Leighlinbridge." In addition a programme should be carried out regarding the installation of bus shelters along the new Local Link Bus Route 887 from New Ross to Carlow".

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran**

**Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella**

**And agreed following a show of hands.**

#### **6.4 Standing in the name of Cllr. A. Wallace**

"That this council will, with immediate effect, make cost rental properties available in Carlow"

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace**

**Seconded by Cllr. W. Paton**

**And agreed following a show of hands**

#### **6.5 Standing in the name of Cllrs. Will Paton, Charlie Murphy and Ben Ward**

"That Carlow County Council establishes the new Local Community Safety Partnership before the end of the month"

**Proposed by Cllr. Ben Ward**

**Seconded by Cllr. W Paton**

**And agreed following a show of hands**

#### **Executive Response – John Shortall, A/Director of Services.**

*The selection of an independent Chair is in progress with the advertisement for the voluntary position advertised in late summer 2024.*

*A funding application to the value of €30,000 has also been submitted to fund the development of a Community Safety Plan.*

*The LCSP will comprise a maximum of thirty members and a maximum of seven Elected Members.*

#### **6.6 Standing in the name of Cllr. Tommy Kinsella and Cllr. Charlie Murphy**

"We request that EirGrid or their Agents involved with upgrading of 220 Kilovolt Electricity Power Transmission Line running from Great Island in Wexford through County Carlow to Kellistown meet with all stakeholders, to clarify concerns and issues relating to this proposed upgrading before planning can proceed".

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Kinsella**

**Seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy**

**And agreed following a show of hands**

## **6.0 Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh**

Cllr. P. Doogue informed the Members that “Baby Awareness Week” is from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The Cathaoirleach and the Elected Members hosted a certificate presentation to the Carlow Under 16 Camogie Team and the Carlow Community Games Winners 2024.

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