

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at 4.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor F. Phelan (Mayor)  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor J. Cassin (Remote)  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor P. Doogue  
Councillor A. Wallace (Remote)

**In Attendance:** Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Services, Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration and Corporate Services  
Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transportation, Environment and Emergency Management (Remote)  
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Planning  
Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, Transportation  
Mr. J. Woods, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
Mr. C. Madden, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Community  
Ms. M. Walsh, Healthy Carlow Co-ordinator  
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor F. Phelan opened the October meeting and welcomed all present.

## **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 4.00 p.m.**

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 4.00 p.m. were

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

And agreed following a show of hands

### **1.2 Matters Arising**

Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Services, updated the members on Snoddy Road and advised that it has now been transferred to Carlow County Council and will now be known as the L-4058. He added that consultants are currently carrying out a survey and will have completed within the next week or two. Funding will be sought from the Department of Transport to complete works, but the southerly tip of the road has not been taken in charge and is currently under negotiation.

Members welcomed this update and raised several queries. The Director answered all questions.

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

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

#### **3.1 Pre-Part VIII Planning – Refurbishment of Bank of Ireland Building, Court Place**

Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Planning, advised members of Carlow County Council’s intention to redevelop the former Bank of Ireland premises, Court Place to office space. This project will go to public consultation on 29<sup>th</sup> October and will remain open for submissions until the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Funding will be sought through the Strand 2 of Thrive a Government initiative to revitalise town centres through the renovation and reuse of publicly owned vacant or derelict heritage buildings.

Mr. C. Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, presented members with a detailed presentation on plans for the renovation. Ms. Lawler and Mr. Rainey answered all queries raised by members. Members requested a copy of presentation be circulated to them. The recommendation to proceed to part VIII was:

**Proposed by Councillor A. Dalton**  
**Seconded by Councillor P. Doogue**

And agreed following a show of hands

#### **3.2 Notice of Section 183 – Disposal of Freehold Notice – Property at Ballyvergal, Palatine**

Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, advised members that a Section 183 for a property at Ballyvergal, Palatine would be brought before the November Council meeting for approval.

### **3.3 Healthy Carlow Presentation**

Ms. M. Walsh, Healthy Carlow Co-ordinator, presented members with a detailed report on recent programmes and initiatives within Carlow. She answered all questions raised by members.

### **3.4 Update on Tullow Road Community Centre**

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer Community, presented members with an update on the Tullow Road Community Centre. B. Knowles and M. Rainey answered all queries raised by members.

### **3.5 Winter Services Plan 2024 – 2025**

Mr. C. Madden presented members with the Winter Services Plan for 2024/25 and answered all queries raised.

The Winter Services Plan 2024-25 as recommended was

**Proposed by Councillor: F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor: P. Doogue**

And agreed following a show of hands

### **3.6 Carlow MD Engineer's Report**

Mr. C. Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, updated the members on resurfacing works, footpath works and upcoming improvements projects within the district and answered all queries from the members. The following issues were raised:

- Brownhill Road – welcomed improvements, remainder of road to be resurfaced
- Footpath at Raths – needs cleaning
- Delay at Pedestrian lights at Pollerton Road
- Railings at Hall in Graiguecullen
- Oakpark Playground equipment and table/benches need deep clean or upgrade
- Footpath from Crottys to Presentation College – needs widening
- Pedestrian Crossing at Athy Road – no lights

## **4.0 Correspondence**

### **4.1 Response from Greencore regarding former Sugar Factory**

Following discussion, it was agreed to liaise with Greencore and accept their invitation of a group visit to the site.

## **5.0 Notices of Motion**

None

## **6.0 Any Other Business**

The Mayor advised members of M. Rainey's final Carlow Municipal District meeting following his recent appointment as Chief Executive of Laois County Council. Members expressed their congratulations and gratitude for all his work over the past five years and wished him the very best in his new role.

Members requested a report on the BER ratings of social housing for the next meeting.

Next meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.