

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District  
held in the Town Hall Chamber, Carlow, on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at 4.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor F. Phelan (Mayor)  
Councillor F. Browne (Remote)  
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  
Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Planning  
Mr. J. Woods, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office  
Ms. L. Culleton, Economic Development Officer  
Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Community  
Mr. C. Madden, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. S. Corrigan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor F. Phelan opened the September meeting and welcomed all present. The Mayor congratulated all involved on their success in winning a gold award and the President's Award in the Entente Florale Europe 2024 and noted it was important to acknowledge the work of Carlow County Council, Community groups and the staff on achieving such a huge honour for Carlow.

## **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 4.00 p.m.**

The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 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 Agree date for Carlow Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan – General Municipal District Allocation 2025 Meeting (Suggested date Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 4.00pm)**

**Proposed by Councillor: K. Murnane**  
**Seconded by Councillor: P. Doogue**

And agreed following a show of hands

That the General Municipal District Allocation of 2025 Meeting will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 4.00pm. The members requested an in-committee budget meeting at 3.30pm on the same date and the ordinary Municipal District meeting to take place 4.30pm. This was proposed by Councillor K. Murnane, seconded by Councillor P. Doogue and agreed, following a show of hands.

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

### **3.1 Christmas Programme 2024**

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office, presented members with a comprehensive presentation on the Christmas Programme 2024 – A Festive Family Experience and answered all questions raised by the members.

### **3.2 Update on Lower Tullow Street Pedestrianisation**

Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office, presented the meeting with an update on Lower Tullow Street Pedestrianisation project and answered all queries raised.

### **3.3 Regeneration Update**

Ms. N. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer Planning, presented members with an update on Regeneration projects including URDF Call 3 Funding within the district. Ms. Lawler and Mr. Rainey answered all questions raised by the members.

### **3.4 Entente Florale Europe Assessment Report 2024**

Mr. B. Knowles, Senior Executive Officer Community, presented members with Entente Florale Europe Assessment Report. Members congratulated staff, Carlow Tidy Towns, local businesses and community groups on achieving the overall Gold Award, the President's Prize for the town's rain garden development and a Special Characteristic Prize for the Delta Sensory Gardens in Carlow. It was noted how well the town looked and the sense of pride it has instilled in the community.

### **3.5 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
- St. Fiac's Terrace – small area of footpath to be filled in
- Increase in number of bins including dog fouling bins in town
- Railings at Hall in Graiguecullen
- Oakpark Playground equipment and table/benches need deep clean or upgrade
- Flooding at Presentation College
- Number of ramps at John Sweeney Park
- Accessibility bridge/handrails at Graiguecullen Bridge
- Upper Tullow Street – another disabled parking bay required
- Junctions on Wexford Road – Safety audit required
- Toilets at St. Mary's Cemetery in need of attention

Members requested a report be made available at the next MD meeting on Snoddy's Road at Eire Óg and queried if NTA had conducted a review of Carlow Town Bus routes.

## **4.0 Correspondence**

### **4.1 Response from Minister Roderic O'Gorman's Office regarding CDNT**

Noted

### **4.2 Response from EPA regarding Irish Sugar Site**

Noted

## **5.0 Notices of Motion**

### **5.1 Standing in the name of Councillor Fergal Browne**

*"That the existing pole be used at Duckettsgrove to fly the Tricolour and/or other flags as per proper protocols".*

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Doogue**

And agreed following a show of hands

## **6.0 Any Other Business**

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm following the Budget meeting at 4pm.

Members requested a presentation on the Tullow Road Community Hub for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.