

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow  
held in Town Hall, Carlow  
on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 at 4.30 p.m.**

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Present: Councillor J. Pender (Mayor)  
Councillor J. Murnane O'Connor  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor J. Deane  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor A. Ahern (nee Long)  
Councillor W. Lacey

In attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Services  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Kieran Cullinane, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Michael Brennan, Senior Executive Officer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

*(a) Minutes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014*

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton**

**Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**

**And following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-**

*"That the Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were agreed with technical change re development levies projects costing €125,000 to be listed individually".*

**1. Community:**

***Carlow Town - Age Friendly Town Plan - Update by Derek Whyte & Michael Brennan***

The Mayor welcomed Derek Whyte and invited him to give his presentation on the Carlow Age Friendly Town. The Mayor thanked Derek for his presentation and Derek answered questions from the members.

***St. Patrick Day Parade***

M. Brennan distributed a list of grants available as community grants in 2015 as follows:-

- Community Grants €58,900
- Special Projects €30,000
- Swimming Pool Graiguecullen €27,800
- Tullow Court House €3,000
- New Oak Maintenance €6,000
- Fr. Brophy Library €1,400

- Military Museum €1,500
- Contribution to Tullow Museum €2,000
- Contribution to Tullow Show €2,000
- Contribution to Delta Centre €3,400

The community grants of €58,900 cover Christmas Lights; Tidy Towns; Féile an Fhómhair; Student Scheme; Paint Schemes and is to be allocated by the members under the schedule of Municipal District Works. M. Brennan answered questions from members on the issue of community groups. Cllr. Murnane requested that documentation be circulated to Councillors in advance of meetings as opposed to at meetings. It was agreed to meet in committee before the next Municipal District Meetings to discuss community grants for 2015 with the corresponding figures for 2014.

M. Brennan advised that funding for St. Patrick's Day Parade also comes from community grants. F. Browne proposed €1,000 be granted to the Carlow St. Patrick's Day Parade from the €58,900 community grants. It was agreed to defer this decision to the February meeting.

M. Brennan updated the members on skateboard park proposed for the Burrin Road. A total of €181,000 is available as the former Carlow Town Council provided funding of €170,000 and a further €11,000 is available from the Department through grant assistance through the Local Sports Partnership. Members approved initiation of Part 8 to this project at Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2104. Members, staff and young people from Carlow Regional Youth Services visited a number of sites and a Skateboard park as provided by Wicklow Town Council is the preferred choice. A report now needs to be submitted to Council in relation to Part 8 process, a technical member of staff needs to be assigned to the project and young people are to be involved in the decision making process.

## 2. **Housing:**

### ***27 Houses Graiguecullen – Material Contravention***

B. O'Brien advised of an advertisement placed in the Irish Times on 21<sup>st</sup> January regarding a housing proposal at Sleaty Road, as a small portion of the scheme is zoned amenity Ref. PD14/6609

Tim Butler advised of three minor land disposals at John Sweeney Park, Monavothe and Bendenstown and advised that statutory notices had issued to members and the issues would be included on the February Council Agenda.

## 3. **Transportation:**

### ***Programme of Works 2015***

P. Harrington distributed a document indicating a proposal for spending a further €125,000 on footpaths in the Carlow Town area from development levies as follows:-

- Footpath and lights on R726 from Kernanstown to the Eastern Relief Road – will require 240m of footpath constructed and 8 public lighting columns (subject to design) €39,000
- Footpath/in-fill lighting at Brownhill junction €36,000
- Footpath Laurel to Dolmen roundabout. Two short sections of footpath on “desire-lines” in the green at Laurel park connecting estate with roundabout €15,000
- Footpath on L-2004 (Knockananna Road) at Hacketstown just after Liffey Meats to Mountain View estate approx 200 m €17,000
- In-fill lighting at Phelan Street Rathvilly – 4 number lighting columns (subject to design) €12,000
- Pedestrian crossing Ardattin Road Tullow and in-fill lighting (3 columns subject to design) €6,000

He advised he would submit drawings of proposal for Brownhill Cross.

Cllr. Ahern raised concern about lighting in the Orchards Housing estate. P. Harrington answered questions from members of various issues.

The Programme of Works 2015 was

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton,**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne**

**and agreed following show of hands it was unanimously resolved**

*“That the Programme of Works 2015 Proposal was adopted.”*

The Mayor advised he would take questions for P. Harrington at that point.

P. Harrington answered questions from members on various issues including traffic lights at Graiguecullen, completion of the Northern Relief Road, Jake’s legacy, bicycle bays, baby swings in parks, pedestrian and pelican crossings and lack of lighting at some of these, flashing signs near schools, signage at Barrack Street exit from Fairgreen, Pedestrian crossing at Askea, plans and drawings, circulation of Jake’s Legacy submission to Councillors, surface of upper and lower Tullow Street, Penneys site, traffic situation at Ken Black’s on Wexford Road, railing at pedestrian crossing at Tinryland, litter bins, St. Mary’s Cemetery, Dog Pound, supply of grit boxes to estates, proximity of pedestrian crossing to roundabouts, spacing between graves in Tullow, water quality in Tullow, green waste provision at St. Patrick’s Park.

E. Brophy responded to questions on the tender for the operation of the dog control service.

Members acknowledged the contribution of Ashling Byrne, Dog Warden.

**4. Municipal District:**

*Annual Service Plans – Schedule of Municipal District Works*

To be dealt with at March Meeting

**5. Any Other Business**

Cllr. A. Ahern raised the issue of courthouse railing and the issue of plan for buildings in Barrack Street.

Cllr. J. Cassin requested an update on the Cannery Site.

Cllr. Murnane raised the issue of the naming of a road.

B. O’Brien responded to these queries. She advised the executive would send a reminder to the Courts Service on railings.

She replied in relation to Barrack Street properties and advised Management was considering the issue.

She advised that notices have been served on the owner of the Cannery Site.

This concluded the business of the meeting.