CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 9th March 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor F. Browne, Cathaoirleach
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long),
Councillor J. Deane,
Councillor M. Doran,
Councillor D. Foley
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella,
Councillor W. Lacey,
Councillor A. McDonald,
Councillor J. Murmane-O’Connor
Councillor C. Murphy,
Councillor J. Murphy,
Councillor B. O’Donoghue,
Councillor W. Paton,
Councillor J. Pender,
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn.

Apologies: Councillor J. Cassin

In attendance: Mr. D. McInerney, Acting Chief Executive
Ms. B. O’Brien, Director of Service – Corporate, Planning, Economic Development, Health and Safety
Mr. Liam Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Services Transportation, Environment & Water Services
Mr S. O’Connor, Director of Services – Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control & Emergency Services
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr. T. Butler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. D. Walsh, Senior Executive Planner
Ms F. O’Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Ms. A. O’Connor, Executive Planner
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.
Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services.
Mr. Peter Scully Chairman of the Audit Committee was also in attendance.

**OPENING PRAYER**
The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**
- The Nolan Family, Coolasnaughta, Myshall on the death of Mick Nolan
- The Timmons Family, Baltinglass on the death of their sister Una
- The Nolan Family Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown on the death of John Nolan
- Bonnie O’Brien and Family, Pairc Mhuire, Bagenalstown on the death of her husband William.
- The Ruschitzko Family, St Aubins, Tullowhill, Tullow on the death of their mother Breid.
- Annette Dooley and Family 54, Highfield on the death of her husband Tony
- Carmel McDermott and Family, ‘Onedin’ Clonmore, Killeshin on the death of her husband John.
- The Dowling Family, Ballytiglea, Borris on the death of their sister Mary Jo.

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**
- Carlow CBS Senior Debating Team on their success in Díospóireacht Ghaeilge.
- John Tyndall ‘Correspondence Project’ on its launch in Trinity College on Monday 9th March.
- Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown on winning the Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior Football A Final.
- Councillor Willie Quinn on being selected by the Labour Party to contest the Carlow/Kilkenny by-election.
- Carlow Civil Defence for their assistance at recent incident in Thomastown
- Ger Deering former staff member on being appointed as Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman
• To all involved with the success of Andy Murphy events
• Ann Hogan, Borris Vocational School on winning the Bord Gáis Energy Student Theatre Award in the best short screen script category for her scene in the play ‘Fighting with Myself’.
• Simon Lewis, Principal of Carlow Educate Together National School on being awarded the Hennessy Literary Award.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella
Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:– “That the Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on 9th February 2015, at 2.00p.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) To approve the Audit Committee Annual Report 2014

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Peter Scully, Chairman of the Audit Committee to the meeting. Mr Scully outlined for Members the role of the Audit Committee and presented the Annual Report 2014. Mr Scully acknowledged the success of elected members and staff in bringing about significant changes following Local Government Reform 2014. He said it was a credit to all concerned that services were delivered promptly and efficiently during 2014. He expressed thanks to the Audit Committee to May 2014 and to the new Committee following Local Government Audit Committee Regulations 2014. He expressed thanks to all members of staff who facilitated the Audit Committee’s work during the year.

Mr. Scully outlined in detail activities undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2014 and specified reports considered during this period.

Members’ approval was sought to the Annual Report 2014.
Proposed by Councillor A Ahern  
Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Audit Committee Annual Report in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act 2014; Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014.’

(b) To approve the Audit Committee Draft Work Programme 2015

P. Scully, Chairman of the Audit Committee presented the Draft Work Programme 2015 to the Members for their consideration. The Draft Work Programme 2015 sets out the areas the audit committee will focus on in 2015 and the proposed number of meetings with the Internal Auditor, Chief Executive, Senior Staff and Local Government Auditor. Members’ approval was sought to the Draft Work Programme 2015.

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton  
Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
‘That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Draft Work Programme 2015 in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act 2014; Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014.’

(c) Taking in charge of Woodglade Housing Estate, Fenagh

Members had report from L. Fitzgerald on the taking in charge of Woodglade Housing Estate, Fenagh. Following the public consultation period a submission was received from the residents association detailing varying issues of concern. The issues mainly dealt with works prescribed in the planning permission which have not been undertaken. L. Fitzgerald advised that none of the works outstanding are critical to the general utility of the housing estate. Members also noted that Carlow County Council are not in a position to carry out any of the listed omitted works. L. Fitzgerald advised that issue in relation to boundary will not hinder the taking in charge process and outstanding issues will be considered in the context of other works the Council are responsible for and will be prioritised.
In response to Members query L. Fitzgerald advised that residents can undertake works such as landscaping and are protected by Council’s insurance once the estate is taken in charge by the Council. Councillor Quinn expressed the importance of footbridge being provided as €10,000 has been allocated for this work.

**Proposed by Councillor M. Doran**  
**Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald**  
**AND**  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

‘We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the taking in charge of Woodglade Housing Estate, Fenagh in accordance with S11 of the Roads Act, 1993, S180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and S59 of the Planning Act 2010.’

**(d) Material Contravention of the Joint Spateal Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 - 26 no. social housing at Sleaty Road, Graiguecullen for Byrne and Byrne Ltd.**

Members had report from the Chief Executive and B. O’Brien on proposed material contravention in respect of Planning Reference PL.14/6609. Permission is sought to construct 27 no. 2 storey, 2 and 3 bed terraced units for social housing and all associated site works. Members were advised that the proposed development materially contravenes the ‘Amenity and Open Space’ zoning objective of the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018. ‘to preserve, provide for and improve active and passive recreational public and private open space.’ The Chief Executive advised that a Planning Authority may grant permission where a development materially contravenes the development plan provided the requirements set out in Section 34 (6) as amended, are complied with. It will be necessary for three quarters of the membership of the Council to vote in favour of the proposal in order for the resolution to be passed. For Carlow County Council, this amounts to thirteen members. In accordance with the Planning & Development Acts a notice of the proposed material contravention was published. The Chief Executive advised that the proposed development as amended by Further Information and Clarification of Further Information is for 26 no dwellings.
The Chief Executive sought Members’ approval to the material contravention of PL14/6609 and recommended that the schedule of conditions as set out be attached.

**Proposed by Councillor J. Murnane-O’Connor**  
**Seconded by Councillor W. Paton**

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The motion was carried
And Resolved:

We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the material contravention of the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018 in respect of Planning Reference P.L 14/6609 in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014 and Section 34 (6) as amended. A schedule of conditions as set out is to be attached to PL 14/6609.

(e) To consider the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021 and related Chief Executive’s Report.

The Cathaoirleach brought to the attention of the Elected Members the requirement of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, in relation to Disclosure of Interest. He advised that any Member or any connected person who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest on any item in the subject matter before the meeting must disclose the nature of that interest and then withdraw fully from the meeting for as long as the matter is being discussed or considered.

The Cathaoirleach also reminded Members of Section 12 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Section 9 of the Planning and Development Amendment Act 2010: In performing their functions under this sub-section, 12(11) (Development Plans) the members of the planning authority shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

The Chief Executive then gave a brief overview of the process involved in preparing the Draft Development Plan.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the Chief Executive’s report and amendments therein in accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Non-Material Alterations
Amendment No. 5 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-


Amendment No. 6 - Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment No. 6 to move paragraph on Wildlife Act from Section 9.1.1 to Section 9.1.2

Amendment No. 11 - Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment No. 11 change of wording as follows:

Section 8.10.5 River Barrow and other potential Linear Open Space.

Along the River Barrow, River Slaney and the River Burren there is huge potential for linear open space.
Amendment No. 14 - Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht & Submission no. CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment No. 14 to include additional wording ‘Inland Fisheries Ireland’ to Section 9.1.17 - Heritage – Objective 3 and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 9.1.7 Inland Waters – lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and groundwater
Heritage – Objective 3
To consult with Waterways Ireland and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the DoEHLG, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Inland Waterways Association and local communities on development proposals that may affect inland waterways, rivers or other water

Amendment No. 15 - Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment No. 15 to change of wording Section 9.1.3 Habitats Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) – Heritage – Policy 2 to read as follows:

Section 9.1.3 Habitats Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment)
Heritage – Policy 2
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
Support the recommendations of the Site Specific Conservation Objectives (SSCO’s) for Natura 2000 sites. This is in order to examine how the Conservation Objectives of the sites can be achieved in the context of the proper planning and sustainable development of the county. It shall be the
policy of the Council to ensure that development in takes into account the relevant Management Plans for SACs and SPAs in the county.

Amendment No. 20 – Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment No. 20 to change of wording Section 2.5.4 Settlement Policy to read as follows:

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2.5.4 Settlement Policy
For the purposes of this core strategy, the following settlements will not be assigned a separate allocation of housing units. Table 2.8A sets out a list of other villages and rural settlements in the county.

Amendment No. 21 - Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment to text Chapter 2 Development Strategy- Housing in Rural Settlements to include Table 2.8A and the amendment to read as follows:

The Council recognises the potential for such settlements to cater for limited additional development and will seek to encourage appropriate levels of development having regard to the capacity of existing services, the size and recent growth rate of the settlement and the need to ensure the sustainability of the local population and services it enjoys. The Council also recognises that rural settlements can play an important role in responding to the urban generated rural housing aspirations. To this end the Development Plan will seek to facilitate the planned and sustainable expansion of rural villages listed at Table 2.8.A. The Council will encourage
well designed and suitably located clusters of houses within the development boundary for these settlements. These groups or clusters will vary in size having regard to local circumstances and the nature of the development proposed and will typically comprise of 4-12 houses. No such development will be permitted unless provision is made for adequate road and pedestrian access and availability of adequate water and wastewater capacity to serve the development. The design of such cluster developments should be context driven. In general it should not be suburban in character but should be in keeping with the style and character of the rural settlement. The council will also seek to ensure the inclusion of a mix of dwelling types in terms of size and accommodation capacity and affordability. Provision of serviced sites will also be considered for such cluster developments.

Amendment No. 22 - Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve that the Rural Housing Strategy have reference numbers incorporated in the Draft Plan – Chapter 2 Development Strategy.

Amendment No. 23 - Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment 23 to Section 10.3.2 Irish Water to change the number of Local Authorities from 34 to 31 to reflect the merger of Town and County Councils since the Draft Plan was published. The amendment to read as follows:

Section 10.3.2
Established in March 2013 as a semi-state company under the Water Services Act 2013, Irish Water will bring the water and wastewater services of the 31 Local Authorities together under one national service provider.

Amendment No. 30 – Submission no. CDP-DP-7 – Irish Water

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment 30 to Section 10.3 Water Services to read as follows:

‘To meet the challenge in delivering improved water services and in accordance with Government policy, Irish Water was set up as a National Utility Company and now operates, maintains and upgrades water and wastewater services in Ireland.’

Amendment No. 32 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-9 – Community Department, Carlow County Council

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment 32 Section 7.1.3 the word ‘Elderly’ to be changed to ‘Older People’.

Amendment No. 42 – Submission no. CDP-DP-54 - ESB

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment 42 omission of words time limitation from text to read as follows:

Any permission granted will be conditioned with respect to replacement of obsolescent technology with more environmentally acceptable designs, bonding arrangements and site restoration on cessation of service.
Amendment No. 56 – Submission no. CDP-DP-11 – EPA

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment 56 to Section 10.4.6 Bathing Water to read as follows:

10.4.6
The most recent EPA Quality of Bathing Water in Ireland – An overview for the Year 2013, (EPA, 2013) sets out the status of Irish Seawater and Freshwater Bathing areas. “The purpose of the Bathing Water Regulations is the protection of human health”, and the relevant Local Authorities, where appropriate, “should ensure that where any bathing water fails the mandatory bathing standards that the public are made aware of this fact by means of information notices posted at the bathing area.”

Amendment no. 57 – Submission no. CDP-DP-11 – EPA

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no 57 to delete ‘have regard to’ and the amendment to read as follows:

10.5.7 Development Management
The Council will implement the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG, OPW, 2009) when assessing planning applications for development proposals where flood risk may be an issue

Amendment no. 65 – Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland
Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no 65 to read as follows:

Section 5.1 Policy and Legislation

National Cycle Policy Framework
Ireland’s first National Cycle Policy Framework was launched in April 2009. It outlines 19 specific objectives and details the 109 individual but integrated actions, aimed at ensuring that a cycling culture is developed in Ireland to the extent that, by 2020, 10% of all journeys will be by bicycle. This policy aims to create a strong cycling culture which would provide health benefits, a more friendly environment for cycling and improved quality of life.

Amendment no. 70 - Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve that Section 8.4 be entitled Natural Amenities

Amendment no. 71- Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 71 to include industrial tourism sites and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 8.8.2 Carlow Tourism - Tourism Policy 2
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
Encourage, support, facilitate and promote the development and expansion of rural tourism including agri-tourism, eco-tourism, farmhouse accommodation, open-farms, pet farms, horse trekking centres, eco, geo and green tourism, industrial tourism sites and similar tourism developments, subject to these developments demonstrating that the environment will not be impacted negatively.

**Amendment no. 73 - Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland**

Proposed by Councillor Paton  
Seconded by Councillor Phelan  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 73 to include the wording ‘as well as quality of life for local people as well as visitors’ and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 8.11.8 Riverside Development  
It is the policy of the Local Authority to promote the natural amenity potential of the River Barrow, River Slaney and River Burren and all of the watercourses throughout the county to facilitate the development of amenity, recreational, ecological and tourism benefits for the county and region as well as quality of life for local people as well as visitors.

**Amendment no. 74 - Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland**

Proposed by Councillor Paton  
Seconded by Councillor Phelan  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 74 to delete the wording ‘water skiing and’ with the amendment to read as follows:

Section 8.11.9 Development associated with Water Sports  
Water sports cover a wide range of activities from tranquil uses such as angling, sailing, canoeing, rowing and sail boarding to powered activities such as powerboat uses.

**Amendment no. 76 - Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland**
Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 76 to include the wording ‘such as rivers’ and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 9.1 Natural Heritage
The natural heritage includes the natural rather than the man made features of the county, often referred to as biodiversity. It includes plants, animals, birds and their habitats, as well as the physical and geological foundation that forms our landscape, such as rivers, providing County Carlow with its own distinctiveness.

Amendment no. 80 - Submission no. CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 80 to include ‘golf courses’ and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 11.9.7 Provision of Sports and Recreation Facilities
Developers will be required to make provision for sports and recreational infrastructure commensurate with the needs generated by that development and the capacity of existing facilities in the area to cater for existing and future needs. Planning applications for community facilities such as sports grounds, golf courses, playing fields and community halls / centres will be considered based on:

- The need for the development and its role in the development of local facilities
- The appropriateness of the site in terms of location, traffic, accessibility and the impact on amenities of properties in the vicinity
- The potential for multi-use by other groups/members of the community

Amendment no. 83 – Submission no. CDP-DP-19 – Dr. Brigid O’Regan
Proposed by Councillor Paton  
Seconded by Councillor Phelan  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
*We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 83 to change the name of the statutory body in Section 10.3.4 to Inland Fisheries Ireland and the amendment to read as follows:*

10.3.4  
Inland Fisheries Ireland, as part of their fisheries management function, are also in a position to take prosecutions for water pollution offences. However, the Boards do not have the range of powers, which are available to Local Authorities to prevent pollution.

**Amendment no. 85 – Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons**

Proposed by Councillor Paton  
Seconded by Councillor Phelan  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
*We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 85 to include the wording ‘offering extensive panoramic views across County Carlow’ and the amendment to read as follows:*

8.4.1 Forested Areas  
A further looped walk was developed by Carlow County Development Partnership at Clogrennan Forest offering extensive panoramic views across County Carlow. The Local Authority will continue to support the development of tourist facilities in forested areas.

**Amendment no. 86 – Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons**

Proposed by Councillor Paton  
Seconded by Councillor Phelan  
AND  
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-  
*We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 86 to include ‘Clogrenane Loop’ and ‘Borris Viaduct’ and the amendment to read as follows:*
Section 8.11.10 (Bealach Suiloid) Walking Routes an Sli na Slainte
There are a number of major walking routes and Sli na Slainte through Carlow, such as at the South Leinster Way, Borris Viaduct, Clogrennane Loop and Oak Park Regional Forest Park.

Amendment no. 87 - Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 87 to include the wording ‘looped walks’ and the amendment to read as follows:

SDO 5 Forestry
The potential for afforestation in conjunction with a species diversification programme favouring the planting of native broadleaves, carried out in tandem with the development of amenity leisure walks, looped walks, trails could become a realistic alternative to mono species coniferous developments.

Amendment no. 92 – Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 92 to include the wording ‘and the landscape’ and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 2.1 Strategic Goals

- To protect, conserve and enhance the built and natural heritage and the landscape of County Carlow for future generations; and reinforce the distinctive character of County Carlow through ensuring that sites and species of biodiversity importance are identified, conserved and
managed appropriately and by promoting awareness and enjoyment of the heritage of the County

Amendment no. 96 - Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 96 to include in Section 3.2.3 Government Publications the Report of the Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA report) and the amendment to read as follows:

3.2.3 Government Publications

At national, regional and local level there are also several other publications which the Council had regard to in compiling this Plan as follows:

- South East Economic Development Strategy (SEEDS) 2013 – 2023 – Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
- Carlow Local Authorities “Supporting Economic Recovery and Jobs Locally”
- Food Harvest A Vision for Irish Agri-Food & Fisheries 2020 (DAFF 2010)
- Barrow Corridor Study 2013
- The Report of the Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA report)

Amendment no. 97 - Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment
no. 97 to include in Section 3.5.4 Rural Policy the following additional point:

i) Adhere to the findings and recommendations of the most recent
Report of the Commission for the Economic Development of Rural
Areas (CEDRA report) and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 3.5.4 Rural Policy
The Council is committed to the overall strategy for rural development as
outlined in the National Spatial Strategy, National Development Plan and
the White Paper on Rural Development. The Council recognises the need
to manage rural change and to guide development in order to:

i) Adhere to the findings and recommendations of the most recent
Report of the Commission for the Economic Development of Rural
Areas (CEDRA report)

Amendment no. 100 – Submission no. DCP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment
no. 100 to delete the word ‘Ireland’ and include the word ‘Carlow’ and the
amendment to read as follows:

8.4.1 Forested Areas
Increasingly walking visitors to County Carlow are occasional walkers who
seek short looped walks of 1.5 – 4.5 hours in duration, in areas of high
physical and amenity value where they can interact with locals and savour
the relaxed pace of life.

Amendment no. 103 - Submission no. DCP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 103 that in Section 8.7.6 Eigse Festival be retitled The Carlow Arts Festival Eigse.

Amendment no. 104 - Submission no. DCP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no.104 to expand the wording in the 3rd bullet point with the words ‘as well as neighbouring counties’ and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 8.8.2 Carlow Tourism
To identify, develop and promote products which will increase tourist traffic in co-operation with all relevant agencies, individuals and bodies as well as neighbouring counties.

Amendment no. 106 – Submission no. CDP-DP-58 – Cornelia McCarthy

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 106 that Eigse be replaced with Carlow Arts Festival (Eigse) in Sections 8.1, 8.7.6, 3.5.13 and 7.2.8

Amendment no. 113 – Submission no. CDP-DP-63 – Emma Geoghegan

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 113 to delete the number 53 and replace with 44 and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 4.10 Unfinished Housing Estates
Following a survey conducted by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in 2013, Carlow has a total of 44 unfinished housing estates.

Amendment no. 114 – Submission no. CDP-DP-65 – Helena Fitzgerald

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 114 to delete the word ‘significant’ and the amendment to read as follows:

6.3.1 Wind Energy
Having regard to this resource, electricity demand forecasts and subject to the delivery of necessary transmission infrastructure, County Carlow has the potential to absorb additional wind energy developments and make a contribution to the national target of 40%.

Amendment no. 115 - Submission no. CDP-DP-65 – Helena Fitzgerald

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-
We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 115 to include the wording ‘and landscape character, impact on tourism’ and the amendment to read as follows:

6.3.1 Wind Energy
Site suitability is an important factor in determining the suitability of wind farms (turbines), having regard to possible adverse impacts associated with for example, residential amenities, landscape, including views or prospects and landscape character, impact on tourism, wildlife, habitats, designated
sites, protected structures or bird migration paths and compatibility with adjoining land uses.

Amendment no. 116 – Submission no. CDP-DP-66 – Peter Rose

Proposed by Councillor Paton
Seconded by Councillor Phelan

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve amendment no. 116 to include the wording ‘to rock art in South Carlow’ and the amendment to read as follows:

Section 9.2 Archaeological Heritage

Carlow has a rich archaeological heritage which ranges from megalithic tombs, to early ecclesiastical enclosures, medieval earthworks and buildings, to rock art in South Carlow and industrial archaeology. Brownshill Dolmen is of particular archaeological significance with very important medieval structures surviving intact above ground and the potential of archaeological finds below ground. The Council will encourage and support public access to all archaeological heritage sites and the promotion of walking routes to archaeological sites.

Additonal Non-Material Alterations

The following further non- material alterations were noted and agreed by the Elected Members:

Amendment 122

Amendment 123

Amendment 124
On page 69, remove the 2nd last bullet point in Section 3.2.3 stating ‘County Carlow Rural Development Strategy 2007 – 2013’.
Amendment 125
On page 69, in Section 3.2.3, remove reference to The South East Regional Authority (SERA) as they are now disbanded.

Amendment 126
In Section 10.3.3, Drinking Water Regulations 2007, should be Drinking Water Regulations 2014.

Amendment 127
On page 248, Section 10.4.3 states S.I. no. 125 of 2011 EC (Good Agricultural Protection) Regulations and these are now replaced with S.I no. 31 of 2014 EC (Good Agricultural Protection) Regulations.

Amendment 128
On page 248, Section 10.4.5 states S.I. no. 125 of 2011 EC (Good Agricultural Protection) Regulations and these are now replaced with S.I no. 31 of 2014 EC (Good Agricultural Protection) Regulations.

Amendment 129
Section 10.3.6. – change ‘The Council’ to Irish Water.

Amendment 130
Section 10.3.6.1 - change ‘The Council’ to Irish Water.

Amendment 131
Section 10.3.7 – The Water Services Act 2012 is now The Water Services Act 2014.

Amendment 132
Section 10.3.5 – Change Local Authority

Material Alterations

Amendment no. 1 – Submission no. CDP-DP-16 – Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly

Map 2.3 Core Strategy Map – the proposed map recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved.
Amendment no. 2 - Submission no. CDP-DP-16 – Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 2 to read as follows:

Section 2.5 Settlement Structure for Carlow
A transport Plan shall be prepared as part of the review and preparation of future Town and Local Area Plans in order to provide a framework for sustainable travel and transport policies in each plan.

Amendment no. 3 - Submission no. CDP-DP-16 – Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 3 to read as follows:

Currently the government is reviewing their Wind Energy Strategy Guidelines for Planning Authorities and accordingly, until such time as these and possibly the Regional Wind Energy Strategy Guidelines are updated, Carlow County Council are not in a position to update their Wind Energy Strategy. The Wind Energy Strategy contained in Appendix 5 of this Draft Plan is the Strategy used in the Carlow County Development Plan 2009 – 2015.

Amendment no. 4 - Submission no. CDP-DP-16 – Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 4 to read as follows:

Section 7.2.2 Social Capital and Voluntary Organisations – new policy added as follows;
S. I. – Policy 9
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
Carry out an analysis of social infrastructure provision during the course of each Local Area Plan in order to identify deficits and accordingly provide for social infrastructural improvement or provision
Amendment no. 7 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 7 to read as follows:

Section 8.11.8 Riverside Developments - Rec.Policy 4 – change of wording in policy
Rec. – Policy 4
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
➢ Protect and improve the natural amenity potential and accessibility of River Barrow, River Slaney and River Burren subject to appropriate environmental assessments including Habitats Directive Assessment.

Amendment no. 8 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 8 to read as follows:

Section 8.10.5 River Barrow and other potential Linear Parks - Rec.Objective 2
Rec. – Objective 2
➢ All proposals for new cycling or walking routes should be assessed in accordance with appropriate environmental assessments including Habitats Directive Assessment.

Amendment no. 9 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 9 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.9 Fisheries and Acquaculture
E.D.- Policy 15
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
➢ Develop services along water courses will be subject to Appropriate Assessment in accordance with appropriate environmental assessments including Habitats Directive Assessment.
Amendment no. 10 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 10 to read as follows:

Section 6.3.2 Hydro Energy - additional wording added to this policy

Energy – Policy 6

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Encourage the development of small scale hydroelectric projects, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria, development management standards and appropriate environmental assessments including Habitats Directive Assessment.

Amendment no. 12 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 12 to read as follows:

Section 10.2.2 Air Quality – additional wording added to policy

Env. – Policy 3

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Protect water bodies and watercourses within the County from inappropriate development, including rivers, streams, associated undeveloped riparian strips, wetlands and natural floodplains. This will include protection buffers in riverine and wetland areas as appropriate. For larger river channels (over 10 m), the recommended width of the core riparian zone (CRZ) is 35-60 m (18-30 m on each side of the river) and may be larger where flood plains adjoin the riparian zone. For smaller channels (under 10 m), a core riparian zone (CRZ) of 20 m or greater (minimum 10 m on each side of the river) is recommended.

Amendment no. 13 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 13 to read as follows:
Section 10.5.7 Development Management

Env. – Objective 3

- Protect water bodies and watercourses within the County from inappropriate development, including rivers, streams, associated undeveloped riparian strips, wetlands and natural floodplains. This will include protection buffers in riverine, wetland and coastal areas as appropriate. For larger river channels (over 10 m), the recommended width of the core riparian zone (CRZ) is 35-60 m (18-30 m on each side of the river) and may be larger where flood plains adjoin the riparian zone. For smaller channels (under 10 m), a core riparian zone (CRZ) of 20 m or greater (minimum 10 m on each side of the river) is recommended.

Amendment no. 16 – Submission no. CDP-DP-43 – Department of Education and Skills

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members by deleting the word ‘be’. Amendment no. 16 to read as follows:

Section 11.9.1 Schools

11.9.1 Schools

Applications for new and extended primary and secondary schools must provide details of safe queuing and drop-off facilities for bus and car, adequate road and footpath network to the site, bicycle and vehicular parking on site and adequate recreational facilities as appropriate. Land adjacent to existing schools should where possible be protected for possible future educational use to allow for expansion of these schools, if required, subject to site suitability and agreement of the various stakeholders.

Amendment no. 17 – Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 17 to read as follows:

Chapter 2 Development Strategy - Table 2.6 amended to show projected dates for review of Local Area Plans.

Amended Table 2.6. - Local Area Plans (LAP) in order of Priority.
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<th>Settlement name.</th>
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<th>Local Area Plan Commencement Date</th>
<th>Local Area Plan Project Date for Adoption</th>
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<td>Local Area Plan to be reviewed to align with Core Strategy.</td>
<td>September 2015</td>
<td>February 2017</td>
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Amendment no. 18 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members to include for a review of the Core Strategy every 2 years. Amendment no. 18 to read as follows:

Table 2.8 Core Strategy Table 2015 – 2021

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<th>(1) Settlement Name</th>
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<th>(4) Existing Zoning (Ha)</th>
<th>(5) Total No. of residential units required over period 2015-2021</th>
<th>(6) Proposed zoning (Ha)</th>
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### Other Towns and villages with LAPs:

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### Settlements with LAPs now lapsed

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### Other Rural Settlements (see table 2.8.A)

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### TOTAL

| TOTAL               | 4,966      | 125.6     | 450.5      | 2603      | 125.6      | 2274      | 116.8      |           |
*J Figure based on Housing Land requirement identified in the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018
*L Residential zoning allocation should new LAP be prepared.
*A Adjustment to required number of units to take account of:
(a) unoccupied units in unfinished estates and
(b) extant planning permissions for residential development which may proceed during the lifetime of the plan (excluding all permissions with less than 2 years to expiry date)
In the case of Carlow Town (formerly the administrative area of Carlow Town Council) there is no reduction in the amount of land zoned as the lands are located within the urban area including infill sites between other housing estates. Taking into consideration the availability of services and infrastructure for these sites, it is considered that the zoning of these lands for development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
In line with Part II, Section 15 (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Development Plan, including the Core Strategy, will be reviewed every two years, this being inclusive of the above table.

**Amendment no. 19 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members to include Newtown and Drumphea. Amendment no. 19 to read as follows:

Table 2.8.A - List of other Villages and Settlements is now included

**TABLE 2.8.A - LIST OF OTHER VILLAGES & RURAL SETTLEMENTS**

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Fenagh
Myshall
Ardattin
Ballinkillen
Garryhill
Clonmore
Newtown
Drumphea
Ticknock
Glynn
St. Mullins
Rathanna
Ballymurphy

Amendment no. 25
Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government
Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved.
Amendment no. 25 to read as follows:

Section 2.1 Strategic Goals – an additional goal is now recommended to be added to the list of existing goals
  • to safeguard the Strategic National Road Network in the County in accordance with the provision of National Policy

Amendment no. 26 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved.
Amendment no. 26 to read as follows:

Section 2.6 Retail Strategy

This Retail Strategy sets out the Retail Hierarchy for the county and confirms the level and form of retailing activities appropriate to each town and settlement. The Retail Hierarchy for Carlow County is as follows;
Level 1 – Carlow County Town Centre
Level 2 – Sub County Town Centres of Tullow and Muinebheag (Bagenalstown)
Level 3 – Small Towns such as Hacketstown, Rathvilly, Leighlinbridge, Ballon, Carrickduff and Tinnahinch
Level 4 – All other villages / settlements

Amendment no. 27 – Submission no. CDP-DP-35 – Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 27 to read as follows:

Section 10.3.5 Rural Water Programme – additional text is added
The Rural Water Programme was established by the Government to improve the quality and efficiency of Ireland’s group water schemes whilst taking heed of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) code of Practice: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems serving Single Houses and any other documentation from the EPA.

Amendment no. 28 – Submission no. CDP-DP-7 – Irish Water

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 28 to read as follows:

Section 2.4 Core Strategy
The Core Strategy incorporates the population targets set out in the Regional Planning Guidelines 2010 – 2022 and demonstrates how the objectives of the National Spatial Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines will be implemented in County Carlow. The Core Strategy also takes heed of Irish Water’s Capital Investment Plan (CIP 2014 – 2016).

Amendment no. 29 – Submission no. CDP-DP-7 – Irish Water

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 29 to read as follows:

Section 10.3.1 Legislative Context
Water
Irish Water’s Capital Investment Plan (CIP 2014 – 2016)
Amendment no. 33 – Submission no. CDP-DP-9 – Community Department, Carlow County Council

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 33 to read as follows:

Section 7.1 3 Older People
The Dublin Declaration was developed in 2013 through collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) following a detailed consultation with international experts in the field of age friendly communities. The regions, cities, counties and communities globally who have signed the declaration share a common set of values and principles and are prepared to commit to actions which will improve the quality of life of older people. Carlow is a signature of this declaration.

Amendment no. 34 – Submission no. CDP-DP-9 – Community Department, Carlow County Council

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 34 to read as follows:

Section 7.1.3 Older People
S.I. Policy 4
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

➢ To support the policies contained within the Carlow Age Friendly County Strategy 2013 – 2016 and continued integration of age friendly values and commitments as set out in the Dublin Declaration of Age Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe 2013
➢ To plan, develop and create life-long communities through the local provision of sustainable housing, adequate transport, social and outdoor facilities for all age groups

Amendment no. 36 - Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 36 to read as follows:

Section 5.2.2 General Road Policy – Trans Policy 2
Trans – Policy 5
**It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:**

- Facilitate the development of on-line or off-line ‘Motorway Services Areas’ within the County in line with the NRA Policy on Motorway Services Areas (NRA Service Area Policy - August 2014) and subject to appropriate assessment and assessment of all environmental issues.’
- Recognise the strategic location of Junction 5 on the M9 as a suitable location for a service area at the interchange of the M9 and N80, which links the Europort Rosslare with Athlone in the centre of the country and is one of the key national secondary routes in the country.

**Amendment no. 38 - Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 38 to read as follows:

Section 11.19.2 National and Regional Roads – change in text is proposed. It will be the Council’s policy to prohibit development requiring access onto the National Primary or National Secondary routes where the maximum speed limit applies in accordance with Section 2.6 of the DoECLG Guidelines for Planning Authorities on ‘Spatial Planning on National Roads’.

Exception may be made in the case of full time farmers transferring the farm to a family member, subject to the following provisions:

1. An alternative site with access to a minor road is not available
2. The proposed development can be accommodated without the creation of a traffic hazard or public health nuisance and that, in particular, sight distances, road widths and distances from junctions comply with the design requirements specified by the Council and other competent authorities
3. Save where traffic considerations would indicate otherwise, an existing entrance to the land holding from which the site is taken is used, thereby creating a common rather than an additional access
4. The development would not detract from the visual amenities of the area
5. In making a decision relating to a development on a national road where the maximum speed limit applies, Council will regard views expressed by The National Roads Authority
An exemption to the general restrictions on developments requiring access may also be made in respect of National Secondary roads in the case of a proposal to build a house to meet the needs of an immediate family member of a long established resident landowner. The above provisions 1-5 will apply in all such cases.

The National and Regional Road network should provide safe and efficient links between the principle towns and villages and thus contribute significantly to the economic prosperity of the county and state as a whole.

Chapter 5: Transportation and Movement provides specific policies and objectives with regard to development on National and Regional Routes. The policy relates primarily to proposed developments located on national roads outside the 50 kph speed limit zones for towns and villages, but also addresses development proposals planned for other locations which, because of their potential to generate high volumes of traffic, could have significant implications for national roads in the area concerned.

Development control shall seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads and shall have regard to the Policy Document, Spatial Planning and National Roads, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, (January 2012) published by NRA.

Amendment no. 39 - Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 39 to read as follows:

Section 5.2.2 National Road Network – Trans Policy 3 – a new policy is added to this section

Trans – Policy 3

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Presume against large scale retail development adjacent to or close to existing, new or planned national roads.

Amendment no. 40 - Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 40 to read as follows:
Section 5.2.2 National Road Network – Trans Policy 3

Trans – Policy 3

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Apply the requirements of the NRA TTA Guidelines (2014) including sub-threshold requirements, where development proposals may impact on National Roads.

Amendment no. 43 – Submission no. CDP-DP-54 - ESB

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. Amendment no. 43 to read as follows:

Section 5.3.2 Integrating Landuse and Transportation - Trans Policy 14 and Section 6.7.1 Energy Efficiency in Transport - Energy Policy 12

For Developments with Private Car Spaces (residential and non-residential) including visitor car parking spaces e.g. office spaces

- At least one parking space should be equipped with one fully functional EV charging point in accordance with IEC 61851 Standard for Electric Vehicle Conductive Charging Systems. This should be capable of supplying 32A 230V single phase AC electricity and be equipped with Mode 3 protection. It should be fitted with a Type 2 socket as defined by IEC 62196.

- It should be possible to expand the charging system at construction stage (e.g. by installing appropriate ducting now)

For Developments with Publicly Accessible Spaces (e.g. supermarket car park, cinema etc.)

- At least one parking space should be equipped with one fully functional EV charging point in accordance with IEC 61851 Standard for Electric Vehicle Conductive Charging Systems. This should be capable of supplying 32A 230V single phase AC electricity and be equipped with Mode 3 protection. It should be fitted with a Type 2 socket as defined by IEC 62196.

- It should be possible to expand the charging system at construction stage (e.g. by installing appropriate ducting now)

- The Charge Point parking space(s) should be clearly marked as being designated for EV charging.

- Appropriate signage indicating the presence of a charge point or points should be erected.
• All charge points fitted in publicly accessible areas should be capable of communicating usage data with the national charge point management system and use the latest version of the Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP). They should also support a user identification system such as RFID.

As the use of electric vehicles continues to increase the Council may increase the number of parking spaces to be equipped with fully functional charge points in either of the above cases.

Amendment no. 44 - Submission no. – CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 44 to read as follows:

Chapter 2 Development Strategy – amending of policy IE S2 as follows; ‘Adhere to the recommendations of the Groundwater Protection Scheme in decision making on the location, nature and control of developments and activities in order to protect groundwater’.

Amendment no. 45 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 45 to read as follows:

Section 3.2.3 Government Publications – additional text is added

3.2.4 Government Publications
At national, regional and local level there are also several other publications which the Council had regard to in compiling this Plan as follows:

- Draft National Peatlands Strategy (NPWS)
- National Broadband Plan for Ireland (updated April 2014)(DCENR)
- Water Services Strategic Plan (Irish Water – in preparation)

Amendment no. 46 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency
The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 46 to read as follows:

Section 3.5 Carlow Rural Development - ED Policy 6  
**E.D. - Policy 6**  
**It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:**  
- Commit to ensuring consistency of the Rural Development Programme for Ireland 2014 – 2020, in the context of this Plan

**Amendment no. 47 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 47 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.1 Manufacturing – ED Policy 13  
**E.D. - Policy 13**  
**It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:**  
- Ensure compliance with the overall objectives of the Water Framework Directive in the context of quarries, mining and extractive development

**Amendment no. 48 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 48 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.9 Fisheries and Aquaculture – ED Policy 15  
**E.D. - Policy 15**  
**It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:**  
- Ensure that the development of services along watercourses will also be subject to, and consistent with, the requirements of the Water Framework Directive and the South Eastern River Basin Management Plan 2009 – 2015.

**Amendment no. 49 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency**
The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 49 to read as follows:

Section 5.3.2 Integrating Landuse and Transportation - Trans Policy 7 – Additional wording is added

**Trans – Policy 7**

*It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:*

- Prepare a Local Transport Plan in accordance with guidelines set out in “Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future”, to include Targets for Modal Change to more sustainable means of travel over the Development Plan period, in accordance with Regional PPO 5.1 of the South East Regional Planning Guidelines. This Plan shall be screened for the possible requirement for Appropriate Assessment of Strategic Environmental Assessment.

**Amendment no. 50 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 50 to read as follows:

Section 6.2 Gas Networks – Energy Policy 4 – a change of wording is proposed

**Energy – Policy 4**

*It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:*

- Encourage the development of renewable energy resources and the maximising of electricity and heat production from renewable sources. In doing so, the Council will implement the recommendations of the Methodology for Local Authorities Renewable Energy Strategies (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland April 2013) and any other relevant guidelines.

**Amendment no. 51 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-11 – Environmental Protection Agency**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 51 to read as follows:

Section 8.11.8 Riverside Development - Rec. Policy 4

**Rec. – Policy 4**
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:


Amendment no. 52 – Submission no. CDP-DP-11 Environmental Protection Agency

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 52 to read as follows:

Section 9.1 Natural Heritage – Heritage Policy 1

Heritage – Policy 1

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Promote increased understanding and awareness of the natural heritage and biodiversity of the county and aim to carry out a Biodiversity Plan during the lifetime of this Plan.

Amendment no. 53 – Submission no. CDP-DP-11 Environmental Protection Agency

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 53 to read as follows:

Section 10.2.2 Air Quality – Env. Policy 3 Env. – Policy 3

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Integrate as appropriate the recommendations of any relevant CFRAM Studies, Flood Risk Management Plans, future flood hazard maps or flood risk maps.

Amendment no. 54 – Submission no. CDP-DP-11 Environmental Protection Agency

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 54 to read as follows:

Section 10.5.3 The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities – additional wording is proposed
The Council will assess planning applications for developments located in Flood Zones in accordance with the provisions of these Guidelines and must also use flood risk evaluation and flood risk mapping to inform land use zoning.

**Amendment no. 55 – Submission no. CDP-DP-11 Environmental Protection Agency**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 55 to read as follows:

Section 10.3.3 Water Quality – additional wording is added to this section

Drinking water quality in Carlow is tested in accordance with the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations 2007 and national standards. An extensive water-monitoring programme has been agreed with the EPA for all water bodies within the county. The Council will also implement the findings of Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014 – 2016.

**Amendment no. 58 – Submission no. CDP-DP-2 – Brian Walsh, Clogrennane Lime Ltd.**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 58 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.7.1 Clogrennane Lime – text and SDO8 – wording to be changed

3.5.7.1 Clogrennane Lime

Clogrennane Lime has operated at Clogrennane since 1816, reflecting the valuable natural resource available at this location. Clogrennane Lime Limited is Ireland’s only producer of Quicklime and Hydrated Lime products which are supplied to industries ranging from Drinking Water Treatment, Alumina Production, Waste Water sludge, pasteurization to the environmental cleaning of incineration flue gases particularly at the ESB station in Moneypoint. In this respect the Clogrennane facility is considered to be of Strategic National Importance.

The unique high quality limestone outcrop found at Clogrennane is used to provide lime products for a wide variety of end uses including:

- The production of alumina
- Human drinking water treatment
• Municipal sludge treatment
• Flue gas desulphurisation
• Waste water treatment including heavy metal and phosphate precipitation

**SDO8**
The Lime Quarry at Clogrennane one of about only 4 limestone quarries in the country that has a sufficient calcium content in its limestone rock to make high grade Chemical Lime and is of national strategic importance.

**Amendment no. 59 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 59 to read as follows:

*Section 1.1 Policy / Legislative Content – a change of wording is proposed*
*This Plan has been drawn up to be, as far as practicable, consistent with the DoAHG Guidelines and relevant strategies, guidelines, plans, policies and objectives of other Ministers. Development proposals shall be subject to National guidance and policy.*

**Amendment no. 60 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 60 to read as follows:

*Section 1.1.4 Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended (including statutory amendments) – additional wording is proposed.*
*The written statement must also include a separate statement which shows that the development objectives in the Plan are consistent, as far as practicable, with the conservation and protection of the environment. A two year review to assess the progress of the policies and objectives of the County Development Plan will then occur, as required by Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.*

**Amendment no. 61 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members to include the word ‘mining’. Amendment no. 61 to read as follows:
Section 11.16 Extractive Industries
In assessing an application for development (whether for a new or extension to an existing quarry/mine) the need for the development, the extent of existing authorised quarry/mining supplies available and the impact of the development on the local environment shall also be taken into consideration, together with the following:

- Development, including associated processes, which would have a negative impact on existing/established rights of ways, walking routes or tourist, natural or recreational amenities will not be looked upon favourably.

Amendment no. 62 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 62 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.8 Agriculture and Food - ED Policy 14 – additional wording to one policy

E.D. - Policy 14

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Take a positive approach to applications for agricultural developments generally, subject to the protection of groundwaters, residential amenities, designated habitats, landscape, rural amenities, conservation areas and scenic views.

Amendment no. 63 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 63 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.12 Forestry - ED Policy 18 – additional policy added

E.D. - Policy 18

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Recognise the recreational and tourism potential of forestry including Coillte’s ‘open forest’ policy allowing visitors to access and enjoy woodland areas.

Amendment no. 64 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the
Elected Members to include the wording “and ensure that Coillte roads are maintained on a regular basis”. Amendment no. 64 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.12 Forestry - ED Policy 18
E.D. - Policy 18

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Support forestry providing it does not obstruct existing public rights of way, traditional walking routes or recreational and tourism amenities and facilities.
- Have regard to Forestry Development – Guide for Planning Authorities (DoECLG 1997).
- Engage with Coillte in developing off road cycling trails in accordance with Coillte’s Off-Road Cycling Strategy (2012).
- Co-operate with Coillte in the protection of and the development of additional forest amenity sites and walks, and ensure that Coillte roads are maintained on a regular basis.

Amendment no. 66 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed to remove the text proposed in the Chief Executive’s Report.

Amendment no. 67 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 67 to read as follows:

Section 5.3.2 Integrating Landuse and Transportation - Trans Policy 8 – additional wording is added to one policy
Trans – Policy 8

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Provide, improve and extend cycle and pedestrian routes on existing roads, proposed roads, roads being upgraded and green corridors (including river corridors), where feasible and practical, subject to compliance with Habitats Directive, to create a more convenient, pleasant and user friendly environment. The needs of walkers and cyclists will be given full consideration in proposals to upgrade any road network.
Amendment no. 68 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 68 to read as follows:

Section 6.3.1 Wind Energy – additional text is added
Site suitability is an important factor in determining the suitability of wind farms (turbines), having regard to possible adverse impacts associated with for example, residential amenities, landscape, including views or prospects, wildlife, habitats, designated sites, protected structures or bird migration paths, public rights of way and compatibility with adjoining land uses.

Amendment no. 69 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 69 to read as follows:

Section 6.3.2 Hydro Energy - Energy Policy 6 – additional policy is added
Energy – Policy 6
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
➢ Ensure all new hydro energy schemes assess the potential on public rights of way and walking routes that may be affected by the development.

Amendment no. 72 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s report was amended by the Elected Members. Amendment no. 72 to read as follows:

Section 8.10.5 River Barrow and other potential Linear Parks – additional text is added
Section 8.10.5 River Barrow and other potential Linear Parks
There are many river courses throughout the county and there is scope to form an interconnecting network of routes along these courses and as part of a network of walking and cycling routes.
The Barrow Corridor is a significant natural asset to County Carlow with great potential for tourism and recreation, subject to a sustainable approach to all development. The Corridor provides particular opportunities for;
• Boating and cruising development
• Nature and Wildlife Sites of interests
• Cultural tourism
• Activities along tourism trails
• Enhancement of the Barrow Way and South Leinster Way Trail and walks along old railway lines such as the Borris Viaduct
• Fishing and Angling

Amendment no. 75 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 75 to read as follows:

Section 8.12 Public Rights of Way - Rec. Objective 4 – additional objective added to text
Rec. Objective 4
• Work with the relevant authorities to ensure the provision of adequate signposting and waymarking on rights of way throughout the County.

Amendment no. 77 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 77 to read as follows:

Section 11.2.3 Green Infrastructure – new bullet point added to text
• Ensure that any new development will not damage, degrade, fragment or prejudice the green infrastructure development.

Amendment no. 78 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed that the wording ‘Special Areas of Conservation’ be deleted. Amendment no. 78 to read as follows:

Section 11.10.7 Forestry
The Council will not favour the development of forestry in locations which would adversely impact upon Protected/Listed Views within the county, or would adversely impact upon recorded monuments, Natural Heritage Areas, archaeological sites or geological sites.
Amendment no. 79 – Submission no. - CDP-DP-12 – Roger Garland

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 79 to read as follows:

Section 11.16 Extractive Industries – additional wording is added to this section.

Amendment no. 81
Submission no. CDP-DP-19 – Dr. Brigid O'Regan
Submission no. CDP-DP-24 – Orla Ryan
Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-38 – Michael Monahan

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed that the following additional wording be included ‘In relation to mining, a new Minerals Development Bill is currently being drafted which will consolidate existing legislation and bring certain aspects up to date and in line with current best practice’. Amendment no. 81 to read as follows:

Section 3.5.7 Aggregate Resources and Extractive Industry – additional wording throughout this section
Section 3.5.7 Aggregate Resources, Mining and Extractive Industry
Carlow County Council recognises the importance of sand and gravel extractions in the economic life of the county and its importance as a valuable source of employment in parts of the county. However, it is also recognized that exploitation of deposits or mining (open cast or
underground) can have significant environmental impacts on the amenities of surrounding areas. The Planning Authority will have regard to the provisions of the DoEHLG’s “Quarries and Ancillary Activities; Guidelines for Planning Authorities” in the assessment and determination of development proposals.

In relation to mining, a new Minerals Development Bill is currently being drafted which will consolidate existing legislation and bring certain aspects up to date and in line with current best practice.

**Amendment no. 82**
Submission no. CDP-DP-19 – Dr. Brigid O’Regan
Submission no. CDP-DP-24 – Orla Ryan
Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-38 – Michael Monahan

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 82 to read as follows:

**Section 11.16 Extractive Industries – additional text added to this section**
The Planning Authority will have regard to the 2004 provisions of the DECLG’s “Quarries and Ancillary Activities; Guidelines for Planning Authorities” in the assessment and determination of development proposals. These Guidelines are also a practical guide to the implementation of Section 261 and Section 261A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, concerning the control of quarries. The Planning Authority will have regard to these Guidelines when assessing all quarry and mining related proposals. Regard shall also be had to the Waste Management (Management of Waste from Extractive Industries Regulations) 2009, EPA Guidelines for Extractive Industries 2006.

Quarry and mine owners and operators will be aware of the public concern to which certain extractive industries can give rise and should therefore take the earliest opportunity to discuss their proposals with the Planning Authority by means of a pre-application consultation. This will facilitate an assessment as to whether the proposed development is in accordance with the relevant policies of the Development Plan for the area, along with other relevant government guidelines and policies.

In assessing an application for development (whether for a new or extension to an existing quarry or mine) the need for the development, the extent of existing authorised quarry or mining supplies available and the
impact of the development on the local environment shall also be taken into consideration, together with the following.

**Amendment no. 84 – Submission no. CDP-DP-24 – Orlan Ryan**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 84 to read as follows:

Section 8.7 Arts Culture and Entertainment – additional text is now added to this section

The Council will support the commercial development of theatres, cinemas and other cultural and entertainment uses, including facilities of national and regional importance in the County’s major town centres subject to other policies in the Plan. Art and culture are vital in terms of social capital and must be understood in terms of the overall well being of the community, not solely in terms of economics or tourism.

**Amendment no. 88 – Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed that the following additional wording would be added ‘Where proposed high voltage lines traverse existing or proposed residential areas, they should be located underground, where appropriate’. Amendment no. 88 to read as follows:

Section 6.1 The National Grid – Energy Policy 2

**Energy – Policy 2**

*It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:*

- Support the infrastructural renewal and development of electricity networks in the region, where necessary to provide the required networks
- To facilitate the provision of improvements to energy networks in principle, provided that it can be demonstrated that:
  - The development is required in order to facilitate the provision or retention of significant economic or social infrastructure
  - The route proposed has been identified with due consideration for social, environmental, cultural impacts, human health, landscape, residential amenity, tourism and equine industry considerations
The design is such that will achieve least environmental impact and shall comply with all internationally recognized standards with regard to proximity to receptors including dwellings, nursing homes, hospitals, schools and crèches.

Where proposed high voltage lines traverse existing or proposed residential areas, they should be located underground, where appropriate.

Where impacts are inevitable mitigation features have been included proposals for energy infrastructure should be assessed in accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

**Amendment no. 89 – Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 89 to read as follows:

Section 6.2 Gas Networks – Energy Policy 3 – additional policy is now added

**Energy – Policy 3**

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Support the reinforcement of the gas grid to improve energy supply to the county. The Council will also support the statutory providers of the national grid infrastructure by safeguarding established strategic corridors from development that may compromise the provision of energy networks, provided these corridors do not have any negative impact on residential amenity or the surrounding environment.

**Amendment no. 90 – Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 90 to read as follows:

Section 6.3.1 Wind Energy – Energy Policy 5

**Energy – Policy 5**

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Promote and facilitate wind energy development in accordance with best international practices and standards and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards.
Amendment no. 91 – Submission no. CDP-DP-28 – Eric Osborne

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 91 to read as follows:

Section 8.5.5 Historic Settings - Towns and Villages
The Mount Leinster Heritage Drive, developed by Carlow County Council combines the natural panoramic landscape of the Blackstairs Mountains with the well maintained heritage towns and villages along its route. It is a 75km (47 mile) driving route through the countryside or rural south Carlow, taking in the towns and villages of Borris, Buncloody, Clonegal, Kildavin, Rathanna, Myshall, Fenagh and Bagenalstown/Muinebheag.

Amendment no. 93 – Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 93 to read as follows:

Chapter 2 Development Strategy - SDO 6 Tourism – an additional bullet point is recommended to this section

SDO 6 Tourism
The benefits that tourism can bring to the County are very significant. A policy framework for sustainable tourism in the County will be developed focusing on the following three broad tourism assets that the County has to offer:

- Promote and encourage the development and growth of the equine industry in county Carlow and specifically tourism related projects such as riding schools, pony trekking and development of bridle paths.

Amendment no. 94 - Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 94 to read as follows:

Section 3.3.1 Third and Fourth Level Institutions – ED Policy 2 – an additional policy is recommended in ED Policy 2

E.D.- Policy 2
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
Support the promotion and encouragement of skills and further education in rural areas in order to reduce the skill deficit in rural County Carlow.

Amendment no. 95 - Submission no. CDP-DP-31 – Helena Fitzgerald

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 95 to read as follows:

Section 3.5 Carlow Rural Development – ED Policy 6
E.D.- Policy 6
It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
Support and encourage the growth of the equine industry throughout County Carlow.

Amendment no. 98 – Submission no. CDP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed that Clonmore and Tinryland would be included. Amendment no. 98 to read as follows:

Chapter 2 Development Strategy – SDO6 Tourism
SDO 6 Tourism
County Carlow has a number of attractive towns and villages such as Bagenalstown/Muinebheag, Borris, Rathanna, Myshall, Clonmore, Tinryland Clonegal, Leighlinbridge, St. Mullins, Tinnahinch and Tullow with notable heritage attractions. The Development Strategy will seek to develop the potential of all such locations so as to maximize the tourism offer and visitor experience.

Amendment no. 99 – Submission no. CDP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 99 to read as follows:

Chapter 2 Development Strategy – SDO6 Tourism –
SDO 6 Tourism
• Promote and develop tourism, services and facilities for the Blackstairs Mountains and the Towns and Villages in the surrounding environs in partnership with local communities, landowners and
relevant tourism groups to realise the recreational and tourism potential of The Blackstairs Uplands (including Mount Leinster)

Amendment no. 101 – Submission no. CDP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 101 to read as follows:

Section 8.3 Sustainable Tourism – a new bullet point is added to text
In accordance with the Core Strategy, the principle aims for the development of a sustainable tourism sector in County Carlow are as follows:

- To support and encourage inter county development of tourism, especially where Carlow is surrounded by several counties.

Amendment no. 102 – Submission no. CDP-DP-45 – Cornelia McCarthy

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed that Tullow Agricultural Show be included. Amendment no. 102 to read as follows:

Section 8.7.6 Eigse Festival – additional festivals named in text
Other festivals are held throughout Carlow are the Barrow Arts Festival, Tullow Agricultural Show, the Festival of Writing and Ideas in Borris, St. Mullins Pattern, Fenagh Steam Rally, Borris Fair and the Bagenalstown Festival.

Amendment no. 107 – Submission no. CDP-DP-58 – Cornelia McCarthy

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 107 to read as follows:

Section 8.7.6 Eigse Festival –
8.7.6 Carlow Arts Festival (Eigse)
Carlow Arts Festival (Eigse) has a permanent presence in Carlow’s Dublin Street, a resource for artists and art-makers every day. Established in 1979, it is the oldest of the three significant purveyors of the Arts, the
others being the Visual and the County Arts Office. The festival engages with the community in a very public and accessible manner, culminating in a 10 day festival at the start of June each year. The festival displays a vibrant programme of events featuring a dynamic range of entertainment and arts and transforms Carlow into a cultural hub. The festival has something for every member of the family to enjoy, promoting cultural diversity, community spirit and establishing Carlow as a centre of artistic excellence.

Amendment no. 108 – Submission no. CDP-DP-61 – Myshall Muintir Na Tire
The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was amended by the Elected Members. It was agreed to correct the word heritage. Amendment no. 108 to read as follows:

Chapter 2 Development Strategy - SDO 6 Tourism – the first bullet point is expanded and an additional village name is recommended to be added to this section

- Promote and develop tourism, services and facilities for the Blackstairs Mountains and the Towns and Villages in the surrounding environs, in partnership with local communities and the relevant tourism bodies, to realize the recreational and tourism potential of The Blackstairs Uplands (including Mount Leinster) and their hinterlands. Also, with the Adelaide Church, Myshall has a significant has a significant heritage asset on the Blackstairs Heritage route from Clonegal / Huntington, to Altamont, Borris and St. Mullins.

County Carlow has a number of attractive towns and villages such as Bagenalstown/Muinebheag, Borris, Clonegal, Myshall, Leighlinbridge, St. Mullins, Tinnahinch and Tullow with notable heritage attractions. The Development Stategy will seek to develop the potential of all such locations so as to maximize the tourism offer and visitor experience.

Amendment no. 109 – Submission no. CDP-DP-62 – Katharine Larkin

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 109 to read as follows:

Section 9.1.3 Habitats Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) – Heritage Policy 2
Heritage – Policy 2

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Promote development that would not conflict with maintaining favourable conservation status and the meeting of the conservation objectives for designated sites, especially sites outlined in the Landscape Character Assessment of this Plan.

Amendment no. 112 - Submission no. CDP-DP-62 – Katharine Larkin

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 112 to read as follows:

Section 9.1.3 Habitats Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) – Heritage Policy 2

Heritage – Policy 2

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

Ensure the recommendations of the Landscape Character Assessment contained within Appendix 6 of this plan be adhered to at all times during the lifetime of this plan.

Amendment no. 117 – Submission no. CDP-DP-68 – Rosalind Murray

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. Amendment no. 117 to read as follows:

Section 11.15.5 Sustainable forms of niche tourism and recreation – Section 11.15.5 Sustainable forms of niche tourism and recreation

The Council will promote sustainable forms of niche tourism and recreation in the countryside of County Carlow. These include theme holidays and group based activities that take advantage of local and natural resources in a way that enhances the appreciation of place, minimises disturbance to the local environment, and improves the prospects for tourism in the long term. This will be linked to the development of non-vehicular routes through the countryside. Cultural Tourism will also be promoted, as we need to pay particular attention to how our heritage and culture is presented to the visitor, how it is interpreted and animated and how it is made both physically and intellectually accessible. Fostering this living heritage for tourism purposes can provide new employment opportunities, help alleviate poverty, curb rural migration, and nurture a sense of pride amongst communities. Furthermore, it offers a powerful
incentive for preserving and enhancing cultural heritage itself, since the revenue cultural tourism generates can be channeled back into initiatives to aid cultural heritage’s long term survival.

**Amendment no. 118 – Submission no. – CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government**

The recommendation in the Chief Executive’s Report was approved. It was agreed that the retail core area is to include Phase 2 lands at Fairgreen Shopping Centre.
It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Doran that amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 72, 75, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 84, 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 98, 99, 101, 102, 107, 108, 109, 112, 117, and 118 be placed on public display.

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The motion was carried.

**Amendment no. 110 – Submission no. CDP-DP-62 – Katharine Larkin**

A discussion took place in relation to Amendment no. 110. Cllr. Doran proposed deleting the first two bullet points of the proposed amendment. Cllr. McDonald seconded this proposal.

Cllr. McDonald proposed that the wording ‘adjacant’ be deleted from bullet point no. 4.

Cllr. Aherne stated that she would not be supporting the amendments proposed by Cllr. Doran and Cllr. McDonald.

Following a discussion a vote was taken on the amendments proposed by Cllr. Doran and Cllr. McDonald as follows:

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The motion was carried.

Following the result of the vote Amendment no. 110 to read as follows and be placed on public display:
Section 6.11.3 Telecommunications – Telecom Policy 1 – omission of text

**Telecom – Policy 1**

*It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:*

- Minimise, and avoid where possible, the development of telecommunication structures and antennae within the following areas:
  - Areas within or adjoining the curtilage of protected structure
  - Areas on or within the setting of archaeological sites
  - Within a Natura 2000 site

**Amendment no. 24 – Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government**

Amendment no. 24 was proposed by Cllr. Paton, seconded by Cllr. O’Donoghue.

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The motion was carried.

Following the result of the vote Amendment no. 24 to read as follows and be placed on public display:

Section 2.5.7 Core Strategy Table – An additional bullet point is now added to this section

2.5.7 Core Strategy Table

The implementation of the NSS and RPGs at the County level will:

- Allow the sustainable development of rural areas of the county
- Allow the sustainable growth of the District Towns, smaller settlements and rural areas within the County
- Avoid the overprovision of zoned lands
- Avoid the potential of unsustainable leapfrogging of undeveloped lands
- Avoid the pressure for excessive development in unserviced areas
• *Ensure that adequate land is zoned to more than meet 1.5 times the population targets set in the RPGs*

**Amendment no. 31 – Submission no. CDP-DP-7 – Irish Water**

Following a discussion Cllr. Paton proposed amendment no. 31 and this was seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

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The motion was carried

Following the result of the vote Amendment no. 31 to read as follows and be placed on public display:

Section 10.1.10 Sludge Management
Env. – Policy 1

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

➢ Support the development of water and wastewater infrastructure in order to facilitate the growth of settlements which are sustainable and consistent with the Core Strategy and Settlement Framework in Carlow

Amendment no. 35
Submission no. CDP-DP-56 – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government
Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority
Submission no. CDP-DP-13 – Topaz
Submission no. CDP-DP-14 – Peter Egan

Following a discussion on amendment no. 35 it was proposed by Cllr. Aherne and seconded by Cllr. Murnane that the words to ‘seek agreement’ be changed to ‘consult with’.

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The motion was carried

It was further agreed that proposed amendments recommended in the Cunnane Stratton Reynolds South East Regional Logistics Park Report Evidenced Based Appraisal 9.1 to 9.9 on pages 51 to 55 be incorporated into the Draft Development Plan and the Report on the South East Regional Logistics Park be included as an Appendix to the Draft Development Plan.

This was proposed by Cllr. Paton and seconded by Cllr. Murnane.

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The vote resulted as follows: 15 for and 3 absent

The Motion was carried

Following the result of the votes Amendment no. 35 to read as follows and be placed on public display along with the Cunnane Stratton Reynolds South East Regional Logistics Park Report Evidenced Based Appraisal:

Section 5.5 Logistics park – The existing text in this section is recommended to be amended as follows:–

**5.5 CARLOW LOGISTICS PARK**

It is an objective of the Planning Authority to develop a Logistics park in the vicinity of the Junction of the M9 and N80 in line with the recommendations of the Cunnane Stratton Reynolds report included at Appendix 13. It will be a requirement for the Logistics Park and all related development to comply with the requirements of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on’ Spatial Planning and National Roads’. In this regard the planning authority recognises the requirement to consult with the NRA on development of a Logistics Park at this location on the basis of an evidence based policy
approach. Any proposal for a Service Station should comply with the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on ‘Retail Planning’ and should not become a destination in its own right. Any proposals for development at this site shall be accompanied by a site specific Flood Risk Assessment in accordance with the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on ‘The Planning System and Flood Risk Management’.

**Amendment no. 37 – Submission no. CDP-DP-10 – National Roads Authority**

Following a discussion on Amendment no. 37 it was agreed to amend the recommendation proposed in the Chief Executive’s Report.

Amendment no. 37 was proposed by Cllr. Paton, seconded by Cllr. Doran.

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The Motion was carried

Following the result of the vote Amendment no. 37 to read as follows and be placed on public display:

**Section 5.2.2 on National Road Network**
The Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines 2010 state that no access to the national network is permitted. The only conditions appropriate for exemption per the guidelines, are where:

- Traffic volumes are low and are forecast to remain below 3,000 AADT (as verified by the NRA) for the next 20 years
- There is no other suitable alternative non-national public road access available
- The development otherwise accords with the Development Plan
- Safety issues and considerations can be adequately addressed in accordance with the NRA Design Manual for Roads and Bridges
Consideration will also be given to existing permitted developments accessing directly onto National Roads, where expansion is proposed, subject to relevant traffic assessments submitted and where it is demonstrated that no traffic or public hazard is presented.

It shall be the policy of Carlow County Council to implement the DoECLG Guidelines for Planning Authorities on ‘Spatial Planning on National Roads’ which sets out the following requirements in relation to access to National Roads and particularly the Planning Authority shall have regard to Section 2.6 of the Guidelines which sets out Exceptional Circumstances which can be considered in relation to access to National Roads.

Exception may be made in the case of full time farmers transferring the farm to a family member, subject to the following provisions;

- An alternative site with access to a minor road is not available.
- The proposed development can be accommodated without the creation of a traffic hazard or public health nuisance and that, in particular, sight distances, road widths and distances from junctions comply with the design requirements specified by the Council and other competent authorities.
- Save where traffic considerations would indicate otherwise an existing entrance to the land holding from which the site is taken is used thereby creating a common rather than an additional access.
- In making a decision relating to a development on a national road where the maximum speed limit applies, Council will regard views expressed by The National Roads Authority.
- An exemption to the general restrictions on developments requiring access may also be made in respect of National Secondary roads or regional roads Carlow Town/Killerig Cross, Killamaster/Tullow and the former N9, now Regional Road R448 – Kildare County boundary to M9 interchange at Powerstown - in the case of a proposal to build a house to meet the needs of an immediate family member of a long established resident landowner. The above provisions 1-5 will apply in all such cases. It shall be the policy of the Council to avoid the premature obsolescence of regional roads through the creation of excessive levels of entrances.

Amendment no. 41
Submission no. CDP-DP-51 – Eirgird Plc.,
Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – STOP Pylons
Submission no. CDP-DP-60 – Mick Normaly
Submission no. CDP-DP-65 – Helena Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-68 – Rosalind Murray

A discussion took place in relation to Amendment no. 41 and also Amendment no. 105.

Cllr. Pender proposed that there should be no pylons that all works to take place underground. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Murnane.

Cllr. Doran proposed that the word ‘underground’ be included in the first bullet point of Amendment no. 41. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. O’Donoghue.

Cllr. Paton stated that Amendment no. 41 conflicted with Amendment no. 105 and that Amendment no. 105 be deleted.

Mr. Dominic Walsh, Senior Executive Planner, informed the meeting that undergrounding, without an alternative, would place an onerous requirement on providers. Ms. Bernie O’Brien, Director of Services and Mr. Walsh, both advised the elected members that the amendment proposed, relating to undergrounding of all works, would be contrary to the principles of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (As Amended), in particular Section 10(2)(b).

Cllr. Aherne queried whether if a statement was made that pylons were not wanted could assurances be given that the Council would not be open to legal action. The Chief Executive indicated that he would need to seek legal advice on the matter.

Following further discussion Cllr. Doran proposed the change to the first bullet point and that the last three bullet points be deleted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Paton.

A vote was taken as follows:

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The Motion was carried
Following the result of the vote Amendment no. 41 to read as follows and be placed on public display:

Section 6.1 The National Grid

**Energy – Policy 2**

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:
- Support the sustainable improvement and expansion of the high voltage electricity transmission power lines and distribution network underground, subject to human health, landscape, residential amenity, tourism, equine industry and environmental considerations.

Cllr. Paton proposed the deletion of Amendment no. 105. This was seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy and agreed.

A vote was taken as follows:

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The vote resulted as follows: 15 for, 1 against and 2 absent

The Motion was carried

**Amendment no. 111 – Submission no. CDP-DP-62 – Katharine Larkin**

Cllr. Paton proposed the deletion of Amendment no. 111. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Murnane.

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The vote resulted as follows: 16 for and 2 absent

The Motion was carried

**Amendment no. 119**
Submission no. CDP-DP-18 – Michael Round
Submission no. CDP-DP-20 – Melanie Foot
Submission no. CDP-DP-22 – Marie Phelan
Submission no. CDP-DP-23 – Hilary Elmes
A lengthy discussion took place on Amendment no. 119.

During the course of discussion Cllr. Kinsella proposed that the following wording be incorporated into the draft Development Plan ‘It is proposed that the policy statements attached to the Landscape Character Assessment should not give rise to the prohibition of development with particular regard to dwellings, agricultural buildings and workshops typical of the rural landscape. Development where permitted should not however seriously injure, alter the character or obstruct these landscapes and should be designed and located to minimise its impact’.

Cllr. Aherne proposed that the following wording should be incorporated into the Draft Development Plan as the wording proposed by Cllr. Kinsella would alter the character ‘It is proposed that the policy statements attached to the Landscape Character Assessment should not give rise to the prohibition of development but development where permitted should not seriously injure, or disproportionally affect the landscape, alter the character or obstruct these landscapes and should be designed and located to minimise its impact’.

Submission no. CDP-DP-24 – Orla Ryan
Submission no. CDP-DP-25 – Joanne Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-27 – Stop Pylons
Submission no. CDP-DP-32 – Aoibheann Murphy
Submission no. CDP-DP-34 – Bobbi Smith
Submission no. CDP-DP-36 – Catherine Beary
Submission no. CDP-DP-37 – Crea Nolan
Submission no. CDP-DP-40 – Hannah O’Gorman
Submission no. CDP-DP-47 – Patricia Duffe
Submission no. CDP-DP-48 – Martin Lyttle and Cathy Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-50 – Rachel O’Hara
Submission no. CDP-DP-52 – Michelle Byrne and Stephen O’Briain
Submission no. CDP-DP-55 – Seamus O’Murchu
Submission no. CDP-DP-60 – Mick Normaly
Submission no. CDP-DP-61 – Muintir Na Tire
Submission no. CDP-DP-62 – Katharine Larkin
Submission no. CDP-DP-64 – Helena Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-65 – Helena Fitzgerald
Submission no. CDP-DP-66 – Peter Rose
Submission no. CDP-DP-67 – Ann Nolan
Following a discussion on the matter Cllr. Kinsella proposed a revised wording for his proposal ‘It is proposed that the policy statements attached to the Landscape Character Assessment should not give rise to the prohibition of development, with particular regard to development typical of the rural landscape. Development, where permitted should not however, disproportionately affect the visual amenity or character of these landscapes and should be designed and located to minimise its impact’ and the revised proposal to be included in Chapter 9 on page 202 of the draft Development Plan. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

Cllr. Doran proposed that the map entitled ‘Recommended Carlow Landscape Sensitivity Map’ Figure 4 in the draft Landscape Character Assessment Report be removed and that the map entitled ‘Extract from Carlow Views, Prospects and Scenic Routes’ figure 2 remain and include for the submissions received as this would be site specific.

Cllr. McDonald proposed that the map entitled ‘Recommended Carlow Landscape Sensitivity Map’ Figure 4 in the draft Landscape Character Assessment Report be deleted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Doran.

A vote was taken on the revised wording proposed by Cllr. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. Quinn as follows:

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The vote resulted as follows: 15 for, 1 abstention and 2 absent

The Motion was carried

A vote was taken on the proposal of Cllr. McDonald to delete the map entitled ‘Recommended Carlow Landscape Sensitivity Map’ Figure 4 in the draft Landscape Character Assessment Report. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Doran.

A vote was taken as follows:

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The vote resulted as follows: 6 for, 9 against, 1 abstention and 2 absent
The Motion was defeated

The adoption of the draft Landscape Character Assessment Report was proposed by Cllr. Paton and seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

A vote was taken as follows:

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The Motion was carried

As a result of the Vote the revised Landscape Character Assessment – Appendix 6 to be placed on public display and a new policy added to Section 9.1 as follows and placed on public display:

Section 9.1 Natural Heritage

Heritage - Policy 1

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to:

- Ensure that the policy statements attached to the Landscape Character Assessment in Appendix 6 of this plan, do not give rise to the prohibition of development, where development would disproportionately affect the visual amenity, alter the character of or obstruct these landscapes.

Amendment 120

Amendment no. 120 was proposed by Cllr. Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Murnane.

CW124 Ballyellin House no longer exists, therefore it is proposed for deletion from the Record of Protected Structures.

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The Motion was carried

**Amendment 121**
If CW124 is deleted from the Record of Protected Structures, then CW124A *Mill Building, Goresbridge*, will revert to CW124.

Amendment no. 21 was proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue and seconded by Cllr. Paton.

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**Submission no. CDP-DP-3 – Department of Agriculture** – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

**Submission no. CDP-DP-1 – John Butler, Geological Survey of Ireland** – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

**Submission no. CDP-DP-5 – Dublin Airport Authority** - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

**Submission no. CDP-DP-33 – Failte Ireland** – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-53 – Irish Wind Energy Association - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

**Submission no. CDP-DP-6 – Olivia O’Leary** - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

**Submission no. CDP-DP-39 – Wexford County Council** – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted
Submission no. CDP-DP-4 – Christy Kane - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-8 – Gillian Markey – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-15 – Jonathan Dickson - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-17 – Alan Price - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-21 – Patricia Duffe – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-26 – Anne Louw - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-29 - Sarah Otten – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-30 – Paul M. Lyons, Oakpark, Painestown Residents Association – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-41 – Galetechenergy – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-42 – Galetechenergy – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-44 – Parents Association, Carlow Educate Together - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-46 – Pascal O’Dea – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-49 – Dr. Brigid O’Regan - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted
Submission no. CDP-DP-57 – Jennifer Doyle – No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Submission no. CDP-DP-59 – Alan Price - No Amendments recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report – Noted

Cllr. Pender proposed the deletion of the occupancy clause from Derelict Sites from infill development. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy.

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The Motion was carried

As a result of the vote an amendment to Section 2.7.4 to be placed on public display as follows:

Section 2.7.4 Occupancy Requirements
There will be only 2 no. exemptions to the insertion of an occupancy clause on a grant of planning and this is relevant to infill sites and also to abandoned / semi derelict sites.

Cllr. Paton queried whether the list of walking trails could be added to. Ms Arlene O’Connor, Executive Planner indicated the list would need to have been submitted prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Aherne stated that the public need to make submissions on the amendments to the draft Development Plan.

Cllr. T. Kinsella requested that the Amendments be placed on public display in Borris Library.

Cllr. Paton requested that the Amendments be placed on Social Media outlets.
Proposed Amendment of Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021

Proposed by Cllr. Paton and seconded by Cllr. O’Donoghue

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, pursuant to Section 12(6) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (As Amended), hereby resolve to amend the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015 - 2021. As the proposed amendments are deemed to be material alterations of the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015 – 2021, the proposed material alterations shall be placed on public display, in accordance with Section 12(7) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (As Amended)

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The Motion was carried

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Planning Staff for their work to date on the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015 - 2021.

3. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Social Housing Strategy 2015-2020
Members had report from S.O'Connor on Directive from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, setting out targets for social housing provision up to 2020.
Mr. O'Connor advised that a maximum of 15/20 units may be constructed or purchased in County Carlow annually for the next five years. Carlow has been given a target under Social Housing Leasing Initiative of 30/40 units in 2015 and 50 annually thereafter. Rental Accommodation Scheme is 30/40 units in 2015.
Members expressed dissatisfaction with Government policy and said the Minister was not responding to Carlow County Council concerns and did not take
cognisance of previous submission by Carlow County Council with respect to the economic merit of renting and long-term leasing where monthly rates represent up to 50% above the purchase option. S.O’Connor advised that properties to be leased or rented are only available in Carlow Town area. This will mean that applicants from throughout the county will have to relocate to Carlow Town. This resettlement will have significant implications for the social fabric of County Carlow. S. O’Connor also advised of the number of family units living in overcrowded conditions who do not qualify for rent supplement or RAS and with low income.

Councillor Quinn suggested that proposals be put to the Minister to grant aid local authorities to gainfully employ experienced craftworkers in unfinished estates and estates taken over by NAMA to help ease the housing crisis. Councillor Murnane-O’Connor advised of Housing SPC meeting on Thursday 12th March and invited all members to attend where national and local targets for direct provision and leasing of social units will be debated in full.

**Extension of Time**

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Murnane and agreed to suspend that part of Standing Orders to facilitate the continuation of the business of the meeting to 6p.m

**(b) Housing Progress Report**

Members had Housing Progress Report to 28th February 2015.

T. Butler, Housing Officer outlined the activities to date under the following headings - Social Housing Supply, Energy Efficient Programme 2014, Extensions, Void Properties, Voluntary Housing, Housing Grants, Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), Housing Loans, Tenant Purchase Schemes, RAS, Vacant Properties and SPC.

Members welcomed the Energy Efficiency Programme 2014 and Housing Aid for Older People Grant.

Councillor Phelan raised issue of Irish Water requesting names and addresses of Local Authority tenants in order to pursue tenants to register with Irish Water. Councillor Phelan strongly objected to names and addressed being released to Irish Water and was supported by members on the issue.
S. O’Connor advised as the Council are the owners of Local Authority dwellings it would be illegal not to furnish this information. Councillor Phelan also raised issue of six representatives from Irish Water attending a clinic to meet with a number of Councillors while no representative from Irish Water was available to attend full Council meeting. The Cathaoirleach suggested that Irish Water be asked to attend a special meeting of Council rather than attending clinics. Councillor Pender raised issue of poor condition of house being rented under the RAS Scheme. S. O’Connor advised that progress is being made in relation to this issue. S. O’Connor advised that the thirteen apartments in Bagenalstown will be ready for occupation in mid April. Members welcomed this information.

(c) Recreation & Amenity Progress Report
Members had Recreation and Amenity Progress Report to March 2015 covering the following areas of activities:- Duckett’s Grove Castle and Walled Gardens, Oak Park Forest Park, Tullow Town Park, Muinebheag Town Park, River Barrow and SEAI Better Energy Communities 2014.
The Cathaoirleach requested update on Fairy Park at Oakpark and playground Duckett’s Grove. S.O’Connor advised that two worthwhile partnerships were coming on board advancing the Fairy Park at Oakpark. Councillor Doran queried if there was further development on the Barrow Track Development Initiative. The Chief Executive advised that a planning application is expected to be lodged shortly by Water Ways Ireland.

(d) Fire & Emergency Progress Report
Members welcomed Emergency Services Progress Report to end of February 2015.
Councillor Paton queried current position in relation to statutory Section 26 Plan. S.O’Connor advised that a report will be prepared for the April meeting of Council. Members raised concerns in relation to the removal and vandalising of lifebuoys and said every effort must be made to stop this behaviour as lives are being put at risk. Councillor Phelan requested weekly checks on lifebuoys and suggested an alarm system be placed on holders. Councillor Quinn requested directional signs for Rathanna Tourist Hostel. Councillor Murnane O’Connor raised concern at lack
of security in Carlow Town Park and called for security to monitor the Town Park and to monitor lifebuoys along the Barrow in Carlow Town. Councillor Ahern queried if there was an update on the Cannery Site. The Chief Executive advised there was no further update. Notices have been issued and security is provided on the site.

**Extension of Time**

It was proposed by Councillor Ahern and seconded by Councillor Pender and agreed to suspend that part of Standing Orders to facilitate the continuation of the business of the meeting to 6.10 p.m.

**(e) Report from Chairperson of Community, Housing, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee.**

Members noted report from the Chairperson of Community, Housing, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee.

Councillor Murnane-O’Connor invited all members to attend Housing SPC meeting on Thursday at 11a.m.

4. **CORPORATE, PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**(a) Local Economic & Community Plan – Public Consultation Process**

Members had for their information report from B. O’Brien on County Carlow Local Economic & Community Plan 2015-2021. The report outlined the process in the preparation of the Plan and the making of a submission to the County Carlow 2021 process.

**(b) Agriculture**

Councillors Murphy, Deane and Doran raised issue of dogs attacking sheep during the lambing season and called on dog owners to show respect to farmers and keep their dogs under control.
(c) **Health**
Councillor Paton called on the Health Forum members to seek update on promised Primary Healthcare Centre for Tullow. Councillor Quinn advised that a full report on Health matters will be circulated to Members.

(d) **Tenders for opening, if any**
Members noted tenders opened since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor McDonald queried why only eight people are employed by Gateway in Bagenalstown. E. Brophy advised that participants are randomly selected by the Department of Social Protection and engaged in employment if deemed suitable.

(e) **Conference Attendance Approvals**
Members unanimously agreed to attendance at the following forthcoming conferences.

Domestic Water Charges,
Four Seasons Hotel,
Carlingford, Co. Louth.
20th to 22nd March 2015

Changing Trends and Approaches to Drug and Alcohol Abuse,
Bewley’s Hotel,
Dublin Airport
10th to 12th April 2015

Cross Border Tourism Conference,
Crowne Plaza,
Dundalk.
15th April 2015
5. Chief Executives Monthly Management Report

Members noted Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for the period 1\textsuperscript{st} January to 28\textsuperscript{th} February, 2015. The report outlined the main activities of Carlow County Council across the various service areas.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following resolution from Wicklow County Council
‘that this Council supports the National Association of Regional Game Councils in their request to be fully and meaningfully consulted by any changes made to the firearms licensing system’.

Members noted the following resolution from Limerick City and County Council
‘That Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Children to investigate the alleged movement of sex offenders from Northern Ireland to the twenty-six county Republic and, in particular, Limerick City and County.

Member noted correspondence from the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources in relation to Members recent correspondence regarding a reduction in gas and oil prices and a rise in the PSO levy.

Members noted the following resolution by email from Fingal County Council
‘That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of the
Environment to ask him to remove the 15% limit on Local Property Tax reductions on the basis that it is expected that the valuation on property prices mandated to occur in 2016 is expected to reveal that valuations have increased for above 15% and as a result local councilors will be powerless to prevent what may be an unnecessary imposition of higher LPT rates. This motion also calls on the Chief Executive to write to all County and City Councils in Ireland to inform them of this potential issue for their consideration.'

Members noted the following resolution from Offaly County Council
‘As democrats elected by the people of Co. Offaly, today this council condemns targeting the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins for any protests or demonstrations. This is an attack on our constitution and if allowed to continue will lead to a breakdown of normal politics.

Members noted the following resolutions from Donegal County Council
‘That the Elected Members of Donegal County Council unequivocally support the I.N.M.O. in its campaign to have the crisis in all A&E Hospital Departments resolved.’
‘That this Council discusses the urgent need for a Rural Affairs committee in Donegal to include, farming, essential services and communications, as the lack of an official voice politically on rural affairs has added to the lack of debate and is also leading to population decline.’

Members noted email from Michael Brennan, Chief Officer, Community on the IPB Community Engagement Fund 2015.

7. Fógraí Rúin/Notices of Motion.

Standing in the name of Cllr. William Paton

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton
Seconded by Councillor C. Murphy
AND
Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council is totally opposed to any withdrawal / closure of the Dublin - Waterford route by Bus Eireann and instead calls on the
government to provide a subvention to allow for the survival of this vital public transport route."

Members advised that meetings have taken place and are being arranged with Minister Donohue, Deputy Ann Phelan and Simon Harris in relation to this issue.

Standing in the name of Cllrs. John Cassin, Jim Deane and Andy Gladney

Proposed by Councillor J. Deane
Seconded by Councillor A. Gladney
AND
Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

“That this Council recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015, commonly known as Jake's Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20km specifically for housing estates. The Council further commits to writing to the Minister on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration.”

Councillor Paton queried if funding is available to introduce traffic calming measures in housing estates and said ramps provide the best solution. Councillor Quinn suggested cameras and Councillor Ahern suggested residents playing an active role by erecting signs and highlighting the dangers in estates.
While Members supported the Motion they said it will be difficult to enforce. The issue is to be brought to SPC meeting for further discussions.

Standing in the name of Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Members supported the following resolution standing in the name of Councillor Murnane O'Connor

“That Carlow County Council put in place a Five Year Plan for the Revitalisation of Carlow Town Centre including the Hanover Area and also that Carlow County Council request a meeting with the IDA to
highlight the need for job creation and industries to be located in Carlow.”

Councillor Murnane expressed concerns in relation to the Town Centre where footfall has dropped considerably and said parking was a major issue. She called for the Hanover Site to be revitalised. Councillor Deane also raised issue of parking charges outside business premises. Councillor Phelan raised issue of IDA visits with Carlow receiving only 7 visits. He spoke of the 40% vacancy rate, poor pavements and high rates in Carlow Town. He called for rates rebate for new business occupiers where there is high vacancy rate.

Councillor Doran said work on these issues is being progressed through LEO. Rates equalisation will benefit rate payers in the Town and any plans to revitalise the Town Centre will be brought to SPC.

Councillor Ahern said there is no connectivity between The Town Centre and Fair Green and the need to talk to stakeholders in relation to properties in Barrack Street.

The Chief Executive advised of the current economic climate and said that steps taken in the Draft Development Plan will improve economy in the town. He said the IDA looked at a number of sites and were very proactive and optimistic. He also advised that pavement work in Tullow Street will require funding.

Councillor Browne raised issue of Braun Site and Councillor Paton said that Carlow does not have sites suitable for office based activity.

8. Aon Ghnó Eile/Any Other Business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Councillor McDonald requested that the Council write to the Minister for Transport opposing the sale of Aer Lingus. The Cathaoirleach advised that the issue be brought to Council as a Notice of Motion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.