

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Carlow  
held in the Town Hall Theatre, Town Hall, Carlow  
on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 4.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor **F. Browne** (Mayor)  
Councillor **A. Dalton**  
Councillor **J. Cassin**  
Councillor **K. Murnane**  
Councillor **T. O'Neill**  
Councillor **F. Phelan**  
Councillor **A. Wallace**

**In Attendance:** **Mr. M. Rainey**, Director of Service, Corporate Services, HR, Planning, Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development  
**Mr. E. Brophy**, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
**Mr. B. O'Donovan**, Senior Executive Officer, Housing  
**Ms. O. Barrett**, Senior Engineer, Water Services  
**Mr. Barry Knowles**, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation  
**Ms. L. O'Callaghan**, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services  
**Mr. P. Curran**, Facilities Manager  
**Ms. T. Hickson**, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Cllr. F. Browne (Mayor) welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Carlow. He thanked the Chief Executive, Director of Services and all Council staff for their support throughout the year. He also expressed his gratitude to his fellow councillors, and his family, for supporting him and helping him to carry out his role as Mayor.

Cllr. F. Browne (Mayor) wished to highlight some of the work that he was involved with throughout his year as Mayor, and spoke of the launch of 'Carlow 2040' project, the Carlow Town Skateboard park, new footpaths, Tullow Road Community hub, the Enterprise campus, Carlow Xchange project, Brownseshill Dolmen, Laois County Council joint meeting, and The Mayor's Awards. He was delighted to be able to hold the Mayor's Awards, even if it had to be virtual, and was also honoured to be a part of Féileacáin.

He also wished to remember those fellow colleagues who have passed away during the year, especially, Ger O'Brien, S.E.E., and former Councillors, Jim Townsend and Michael Abbey.

In his closing speech Mayor F. Browne expressed thanks and appreciation to the Carlow Town Municipal District staff along with his Deputy Cllr. F. Phelan, for their help and support.

### **1.0 Election of Mayor**

Mayor F. Browne called on proposals from the floor for the position of Mayor in Carlow Municipal District.

There was only one proposal put forward as follows;

**Cllr. K. Murnane was**  
**Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan**  
**Seconded by Councillor: A. Dalton**  
**And**

Following a show of hands it was resolved that Cllr. K. Murnane be deemed elected Mayor of Carlow Municipal District.

The Mayor Cllr. K. Murnane took the seat and thanked everyone for his election. He thanked Cllr. F. Phelan for proposing him and Cllr. A. Dalton who seconded him. He thanked his wife and family who were present to witness such a proud occasion for him. He was honoured to become the first person ever to hold this position twice. He congratulated Cllr. F. Browne on his year as Mayor and expressed his desire to work towards achieving even more funding for the town for 2021.

Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service on behalf of the Chief Executive congratulated Cllr. K. Murnane on his election as Mayor of Carlow Municipal District and looked forward to working with him during the coming year. He thanked Cllr. F. Browne for his support during his term as Mayor, highlighting his involvement in the consultation process which lead to a successful application for Carlow 2040, amounting to €20m.

### **2.0 Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor requested nominations for Deputy Mayor.

One proposal was put forward as follows;

**Cllr. A. Dalton was**  
**Proposed by Councillor: F. Phelan**  
**Seconded by Councillor: T.O'Neill**  
**And**

Following a show of hands it was resolved that Cllr. A. Dalton be elected Deputy Mayor of Carlow Municipal District.

Cllr. A. Dalton thanked Cllr. F. Phelan for his proposal and Cllr. T. O'Neill for seconding the proposal. She was proud to be the first female Deputy Mayor.

### **3.0 Fix date of meetings for the Municipal District of Carlow**

Members had for consideration suggested dates for the meetings of the Municipal District of Carlow for the ensuing months to the next Annual Meeting.

<b>2021</b>	<b>July</b>	-	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>September</b>	-	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>October</b>	-	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>November</b>	-	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>December</b>	-	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>January</b>	-	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>February</b>	-	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>March</b>	-	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>April</b>	-	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>May</b>	-	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>June &amp; Annual</b>	-	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>

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

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved; -  
"That the amended dates for the meetings of the Municipal District of Carlow for the ensuing months to the next Annual Meeting are hereby approved."

*This concluded the business of the meeting.*