

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council,
held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on
Monday 13th February 2017 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor J. Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor D. Foley
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn.

In attendance: Mr. D. McInerney, Deputy 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
Ms. F. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner
Ms. A. O'Connor, Executive Planner
Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of LEO
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

In commemorating the 1916 Rising the National Anthem was played.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

At the request of the Cathaoirleach it was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Doran and unanimously agreed that the meeting be postponed to facilitate the launch of 'Road Safety Strategy'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Inspector Anthony Farrell, Sergeant Michelle Byrne, Garda Nigel Conway and John McDarby, Road Safety Officer, Carlow County Council to the Chamber.

Inspector Farrell presented the Road Safety Strategy to the Members and acknowledged the work of Carlow County Council in maintaining Carlow roads to a high standard. There have been no fatalities on Carlow roads during 2016.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Inspector Farrell for his presentation and acknowledged the work of the Joint Policing Committee and Councillor Tommy Kinsella as Chairperson of Carlow Road Safety Together Committee. Councillor Kinsella acknowledged the input of Liam Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Services to the Road Safety Strategy Plan.

The ordinary business of the meeting resumed at 2.30p.m

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The Family of the late Frank O'Brien, 2 St. Patrick's Ave., Carlow former pensioner with Carlow County Council.
- Mary Bolger and Family, Marian House, Rathvilly on the death of her husband Sean.
- Peg Coleman and Family, Station Road, Borris on the death of her husband Ned.
- The McCabe Family on the death of their mother Bridget McCabe, 43, Woodlawn Park, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- The Abbey Family on the death of their mother Brigid Abbey, St. Oliver's Myshall, Co. Carlow.
- Julie Fenlon and Family, Knockdrumagh, Myshall on the death of her husband James.
- The Hynes Family on the death of Annie Hynes, Fairgreen, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- The Doyle Family on the death of their father Noel Doyle, Tinryland, Carlow.
- Florence Agar and Family on the death of her husband William Agar, Coolnakisha, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.

- Christine Walker and Family on the death of her husband Peter Walker, 22, Mount Leinster Park, Carlow.
- The Nolan Family, Springmount, Grangeford, Carlow on the death of their mother Margaret.
- The Farrell Family on the death of their brother Mick Farrell, The Moate Hill, Tinryland, Carlow.
- Mary Perry, Tuscany Downs, Green Road, Carlow and the Garvey Family on the death of their father Kevin Garvey.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Niall Sheehan on winning the All Ireland Intermediate National Cross Country title.
- The Coady Family, The Step House Borris on purchasing back the hotel following two years in receivership.
- Arlene O'Connor, Executive Planner on her promotion to Senior Executive Planner with Kilkenny County Council.
- Myshall on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Club Championship Final 2017.
- Kate Gaynor, 21 Clarence Gate, Kilkenny Road, Carlow on winning the Best Established Business Award at the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 18 -35 years Regional Final.
- Organisers and participants in Muckfest 2017.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January Council Meeting held on 9th January, 2016 were

Proposed by Councillor M. Doran

Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey

AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That the Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 9th January at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.'

Arising from the minutes of the January meeting Councillor Phelan queried update on Browneshill Crossroads. L. Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Services advised that options are currently being considered and works are expected to be completed this year.

Councillor Cassin queried works on Barrow Track and if Waterways Ireland had responded to Members' Notice of Motion of October 2015 requesting a structural engineering review of the River Barrow Track. The Deputy Chief Executive advised that he will examine this issue and revert back to the Members.

2. CIRCULARS

(a) Circular Housing 5 of 2017 – Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – Guidelines January 2017

Members had report from Ms B. O'Brien setting out background and summary of Circular Housing 5 of 2017; PI 10/2015 and Housing Circular 36/2015. Ms O'Brien advised that the objectives of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is to streamline and enhance the operation of the Part V process applicable to developments of more than 9 plus housing units on zoned lands. Circular 36/2015 also relates to the validation of planning applications.

Councillor Browne raised issue of refusal of banks to engage with the Council for the completion of 4 houses at Limegrove. B. O'Brien to check this issue.

3 BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Draft Tullow Local Area Plan 2017-2023

E. Brophy, Meetings Administrator, brought to the attention of the Elected Members, the requirement of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, 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.

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the Local Area Plan process to date and referred to the Deputy Chief Executive's Report of 17th January 2017, as circulated, relating to submissions on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan 2017-2023. Ms. Sweeney advised that the material alterations went on display from 25th November to 23rd December 2016, which included 25 No. proposed material alterations. Five submissions were received on the material alterations, the details of which were outlined in the Chief Executive Report, including the persons and bodies who made submissions, a summary of the issues raised and the

opinion of the Deputy Chief Executive on the submissions received. The OPW and Laois County Council acknowledged receipt of correspondence and Transport Infrastructure Ireland had no observations on the proposed material alterations.

Ms. Sweeney then brought to the Members attention the submission received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government regarding residential zonings and development of employment Lands.

(a) Residential Zonings.

Ms Sweeney advised that the Department has directed the planning authority to reduce the extent of phase 1 residential land through the deletion of proposed material amendment no. 22 and to zone same as Phase 2 lands in order to ensure compliance with the Core Strategy and given that these lands are inaccessible and would be more appropriately developed in tandem with adjoining new residential phase 2 lands further to the south.

Having regard to the submission by the Department and the requirement to comply with the provisions of the Core Strategy the Deputy Chief Executive recommended, that the proposed Material Alteration No. 22 to the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan 2017-2023 revert from phase 1 lands to phase 2 lands.

Councillor Paton indicated that these lands would be developed for social housing by a voluntary housing body and accordingly considered it appropriate that the zoning be accommodated to cater for this housing need in the town.

Following discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor W Paton

Seconded by Councillor J.Pender

“That no change be made to material amendment No. 22 and that the said lands remain Phase 1 residential land.”

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			

Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella				√
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 16 for, 1 against, 1 absent

The Motion in favour of no change to material amendment no 22 was carried.

(b) *Requirement for Phasing of Lands:*

Members' approval was sought to Phase 1 lands being developed on a spatially sequential basis as recommended by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and to additional wording proposed to an objective as contained in amendment 6(b) and 6(c).

Councillor Paton recommended agreement to the said wording subject to the inclusion of the site (subject of amendment no 22) in the wording of the objective.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor Pender

“That Phase 1 land be developed on a spatially sequential basis with additional text highlighted in green as follows:-

‘It is an objective of the Council to facilitate significant residential development on a spatially sequential basis with preference afforded to more central sites (2 Mount Aaron Wood, 3 Oakley Wood, & 6 adjacent to Tesco Site) in the early years of the plan with the development of more remote greenfield sites on a medium term basis. In this regard:

- Further residential permissions on remote greenfield sites no’s 4 and 5 given their outer suburban location will be facilitated only where it can be demonstrated that the development is appropriate on a sequential basis, would comply with the provisions of the Core Strategy and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

and that the amendment include lands as set out in Amendment no. 22 comprising circa 2 ha of land to the south of Gortnahowan and Graigowan housing developments and to the east of zoned industrial and warehousing lands.

And following a roll call vote

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin				√
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			

Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella				√
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 16 for, 2 absent

The Motion was passed that Phase 1 lands be developed on a spatially sequential basis, to include additional text as proposed and to include lands as set out in Amendment no. 22.

Employment Lands

Members' approval was sought that phasing of employment lands be represented on the land use zoning map and include a requirement for the preparation of a masterplan/framework plan for newly zoned employment lands as recommended in the Department's submission. The Deputy Chief Executive recommended, in his report to Council in relation to submissions on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan 2017-2023, that phasing be illustrated on the land use zoning map and that additional text is included in amendment no.7 to reflect requirement for a masterplan/framework plan as outlined in the Department's submission.

Members expressed concerns with the Department’s recommendation and queried the extra financial burden and responsibility for a developer in the preparation of a Master Plan. Ms Sweeney advised that the requirement of a masterplan was not unduly onerous and would provide the appropriate mechanism to ensure coherent and structured development of the lands into the future.

Councillor Paton indicated that the matters regarding infrastructure etc could be subject to discussion at pre-planning stage.

Following further discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor W Lacey

Seconded by Councillor D Foley

‘That the development of undeveloped lands be subject to the preparation of a masterplan/framework plan in consultation with the planning authority prior to submission of any planning application on the said lands’ as recommended in the Deputy Chief Executive’s Report to Council on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan 2017-2023

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long		√		
Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin		√		
Jim Deane		√		
Michael Doran		√		
Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney				√
Thomas Kinsella			√	
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald		√		

Ken Murnane		√		
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton		√		
John Pender		√		
Fintan Phelan		√		
William Quinn		√		

The vote resulted in: 5 for, 11 against, 1 abstention, 1 absent

The Motion was defeated.

School Places

Ms Sweeney advised that the Department of Education and Skills requests that the Council consider any further requirement for school places on the basis of the amendments advertised.

The Deputy Chief Executive in his report on submissions on the proposed Material Alterations outlined that only 8 additional units are facilitated from the proposed amendments and do not give rise to significant demand for additional school places. The Deputy Chief Executive recommended No Change.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor W. Paton

‘No change be made to requirement for school places as recommended by the Acting Chief Executive’.

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne	√			

John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney				√
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan				√
William Quinn				√

The vote resulted in: 15 for, 3 absent

The Motion was carried

Alternative Relief Road Line

A discussion took place on the potential alternative relief route between the Rathoe Road and the Carlow Road that was voted on by the Members as part of the consideration of the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan and was subject to a feasibility assessment.

L. Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Services advised of findings of assessment under Technical, Environmental and Economic considerations. He further advised that the alternate route does not reach the required TII S2 Standard.

Councillor Paton proposed that the alternate route remain on the Draft Plan and queried why the original road, as part of the then Local Area Plan, was not considered during industrial development and why an alternate route was created.

L. Fitzgerald advised that Members can only consider one route.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that following the Technical Report it is rational to go with alignment as on the existing Plan and that there is no rational argument to leave the second route in place.

Councillor Phelan queried the ownership of lands and Council's access to lands and also queried squatters' rights on the proposed intended route.

L. Fitzgerald confirmed that the lands of the preferred route are within the ownership of Carlow County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Murnane

Seconded by Councillor J. Cassin

'That the original route of the Tullow Relief Road is retained as per the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan and as recommended by the Deputy Chief Executive.

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane		√		
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald		√		
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			

John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton		√		
John Pender		√		
Fintan Phelan		√		
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 13 for, 5 against

The Motion was carried that the original route of the Tullow Relief Road is retained as per the Draft Tullow Local Area Plan.

Making of Tullow Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023

Members' approval was sought to proceed to make the Tullow Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023, subject to modification to the material amendment, as approved by the Members.

The making of the Tullow Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023, in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, was:

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton
Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donoghue
And following a roll call vote**

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley	√			

Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 18 for

The Motion was carried.

(b) Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2017-2021

Members had for consideration the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2017-2021. Members welcomed the reduction on levies applicable to Commercial, Industrial and Residential development.

Councillor Phelan welcomed the rate of charge per pylon.

Councillor Doran acknowledged the work of the Strategic Policy Committee in the preparation of the Draft Contribution Scheme 2017-2021.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor M. Doran

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			

Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin				√
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley				√
Andy Gladney		√		
Thomas Kinsella				√
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald				√
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue				√
William Paton				√
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 10 for, 1 against, 7 absent

The Motion was carried that the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2016 -2021 prepared in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be approved.

(c) Taking in Charge of The Granary, Grange, Co. Carlow

L. Fitzgerald in his report to Council dated 9th February advised of the Council's intentions to take in charge The Granary, Grange, Co. Carlow Housing Estate.

To enable the taking in charge process to commence Members' approval was sought to the advertising in the Nationalist and Leinster Times the Council's intentions to take in charge the Granary, Grange, Co. Carlow

Proposed by Councillor J. Pender
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne
AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'that we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve the advertising of the Council's intentions to take in charge the Granary, Grange, Co. Carlow in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010'.

(d) Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Carlow County Council for the management of invasive alien plant species within the administrative area of Carlow County Council

L. Fitzgerald in his report dated 9th February advised of issue with the management of invasive alien species. He advised that Transport Infrastructure Ireland wish to develop a programme of removing the vegetation from the roadside of National Roads. The works will be designed, procured and managed by Kildare County Council. To enable this to happen it will be necessary to enter into a section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council.

Members' approval was sought to enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne
Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donoghue
AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the entering of a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council for the treatment of invasive alien species from the roadside of National Roads within County Carlow.'

(e) Section 85 Agreement between Wicklow County Council and Carlow County Council for the spreading of salt within the administrative area of Wicklow County Council

L. Fitzgerald advised Members that Carlow County Council has extended the salt spreading route on the R747 from Tinnaclash to Kiltegan. As Carlow County Council drivers and plant are working in County Wicklow it is necessary to have a formal agreement with Wicklow County Council. Members' approval was sought to the entering into a Section 85 Agreement with Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor C. Murphy
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne
AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the entering of a Section 85 Agreement with Wicklow County Council for the spreading of salt on the R747 extending into County Wicklow”.

(f) Section 85 Agreement between Wexford County Council and Carlow County Council for the spreading of salt within the administrative area of Wexford County Council

L. Fitzgerald advised Members that Carlow County Council has extended the salt spreading route on the R702 from the Sculloge Gap to Tinahely. As Carlow County Council drivers and plant are working in County Wexford it is necessary to have a formal agreement with Wexford County Council. Members' approval was sought to the entering into a Section 85 Agreement with Wexford County Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. Deane
Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donoghue
AND

Following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve the entering of a Section 85 Agreement with Wexford County Council for the spreading of salt on the R702 extending into County Wexford”.

4. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Planning Progress Report

Members welcomed the Planning and Development Activity Report to 31st January 2017. Issues raised by Members included the following:-

- Councillor Deane raised issue of proposals for 11 Derelict Sites at Barrack Street, Carlow. B.O'Brien advised of Compulsory Purchase Order process and of the statutory procedure to complete.
- Councillor McDonald raised issue of By Pass Bridge for Bagenalstown.
- Councillor Ahern raised issue of taking in charge of Rath Abhainn Housing Estate, Kilkenny Road and health and safety issue with boundary wall adjoining The Glen Housing Estate.
- Councillor Doran raised issue of vacant site levies and the complexity with utility bills such as water charges where a building is part domestic, part business.
- Councillor Quinn raised issue of public lighting out at Hotel Street, Tinnahinch.
- Councillor McDonald raised issue of trees growing on properties where the roots are breaking up footpaths causing dangerous conditions for pedestrians.
- Councillor Murnane and Browne raised issue of development bonds and the necessity to keep bonds in place until developments are ready to be taken in charge. B.O'Brien advised of new policy in relation to development bonds.

Issues raised were addressed by the Deputy Chief Executive and B. O'Brien.

(b) 'Ireland 2040 Our Plan' – National Planning Framework (NPF)

Members had report from B. O'Brien outlining the Government's launch of the national consultation for the preparation of a strategic planning and development framework for Ireland, to cover the period between now and 2040.

B. O'Brien advised that a workshop will be organised by the Corporate Policy Group and a submission will be prepared through the Strategic Policy Committee.

(c) Economic Development Progress Report

Members welcomed Economic Development and Enterprise Support progress report to 31st January 2017.

The following issues were raised by the Members:-

- Councillor Phelan raised issue of vacant position of Regional Development Officer for the South East and the filling of this position as a matter of urgency.

- Councillor Phelan referred to the IDA's website showcasing Waterford on its web pages at the expense of Carlow and requested that the Head of LEO bring this issue to the attention of the IDA.
- Councillor Phelan raised issue of Twinning and the requirement for Twinning to be discussed at Municipal District level before any decisions are made. E. Brophy advised that Twinning may be discussed at Municipal District Meetings but decisions on Twinning will have to be made by full Council as it is a reserved function of Council.
- Councillor Browne said the IDA are more concerned about the larger populated cities and that Carlow would benefit more by being aligned to Dublin in order to attract Foreign Direct Investment and for the growth of local businesses. He requested that the Local Authority raise this issue with Enterprise Ireland.
- Councillor Kinsella raised issue of availability of high speed broadband in rural areas.
- Councillor Ahern queried if the Council is identifying and marketing suitable office sites in the County in order to attract business to the County. Councillor Browne suggested the building of advance office development to attract businesses.

Issues raised by the Members were addressed by Kieran Comerford, Head of LEO.

(d) Corporate Progress Report

Members noted Corporate Services Progress Report to 31st January 2017.

5. COMMUNITY, HOUSING, RECREATION & AMENITY, BUILDING CONTROL & EMERGENCY SERVICES

(a) Carlow Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2016

Members had, for their information, LCDC Annual Report for 2016 from Mr. Michael Brennan, Chief Officer, Carlow LCDC.

6. CORPORATE, PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

(a) To consider recommendations on Festivals, Events & Community Tourism Venues Fund

Members had report from B. O'Brien, Director of Services and Kieran Comerford, Head of LEO on Festivals, Events and Community Tourism Venue Funding 2017.

Members' approval was sought to funding for 18 no. festivals and events totaling €170,840 in grant aid.

Councillor Phelan noted the cut to the Carlow Arts Festival and said this cut was unacceptable. Councillors Ahern and Browne also spoke of the importance of supporting the Carlow Arts Festival, it being the main festival in the County.

Councillors Quinn, Kinsella, C. Murphy, Gladney, and McDonald expressed dissatisfaction with the level of funding allocated to festival and events in the south of the county.

Councillor Phelan proposed an increase of €7,500 in funding for the Carlow Arts Festival with Councillor McDonald proposing €6,000 for the Bagenalstown Festival.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that Carlow County Council is committed to supporting all festivals and events, that are eligible for funding, throughout the County. He further advised that the Carlow Arts Festival may also make an application for Leader Funding.

Following discussion, it was

Proposed by Councillor Doran

Seconded by Councillor Paton

That the funding for the 18 festivals and events as recommended to Council be approved.

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin				√
Jim Deane	√			

Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley				√
Andy Gladney		√		
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender		√		
Fintan Phelan		√		
William Quinn		√		

The vote resulted in: 11 for, 5 against, 2 absent

The Motion was carried

‘That the Members of Carlow County Council approve the funding for 18 Festivals and events as recommended to Council.’

Extension of time.

Members unanimously resolved following a show of hands‘

‘We, the Members of Carlow County Council revoke that part of Standing Orders to facilitate the continuation of the meeting to 6.00p.m’

(b) Agriculture

There were no matters arising.

(c) Health

There were no matters arising

(d) Conference Attendance Approvals

2 day Social Media Training for Councillors,
The Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.

25th, & 26th January 2017
28th Colmcille Winter School,
Colmcille Heritage Centre,
Gartan,
Church Hill,
Co. Donegal.

Fee: €150

24th & 25th February 2017

Fee: €150

2 day Social Media Training for Councillors,
The Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.

22nd & 23rd February 2017

Fee: €150

The Fair Deal Scheme: Nursing Home Care,
The Four Seasons Hotel,
Carlingford,
Co. Louth.

10th to 12th March 2017

Fee: €100

2 day Social Media Training for Councillors,
The Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.

22nd & 23rd March 2017

Fee: €150

The Finance Act 2016,
The Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.

24th to 26th March 2017

Fee: €100

Cross Border Tourism Conference,
The Four Seasons Hotel,
Carlingford,
Co. Louth.

5th April 2017

Fee: €25

LAMA Spring Seminar
City North Hotel,
Gormanstown,
Co. Meath.

28th & 29th April 2017

Preliminary Notice

Foreign Travel

Councillor McDonald requested that pilgrimage trip to Echternach, Luxembourg in June honouring St Willibrord be also noted.

7. FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE (LIBRARIES, ARTS & COUNTY MUSEUM)

(a) Board of Carlow County Museum Annual Report 2015

This item was deferred to the March meeting of Council.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Members noted Chief Executive Report for the period 1st to 31st January 2017.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Launch of Action Plan for Rural Development ‘Realising Our Rural Potential’

This item was deferred to the March meeting of Council.

(b) General Correspondence

Members noted Notice of Motion from Waterford City and County Council calling on the Taoiseach to implement the recommendation of the Post Office Business Development Group to facilitate the retention and growth of Post Offices in rural Ireland.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Donegal County Council calling for no confidence in the HSE.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Monaghan County Council requesting the Government to progress the Coroners Bill.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Monaghan County Council supporting the campaign of Donegal Families for Justice in their quest for answers surrounding the disappearance of Mary Boyle in 1977.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Monaghan County Council calling on the Taoiseach, Minister for Health and HSE to address the crisis of public hospitals waiting lists.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Monaghan County Council calling on the Government to deliver an enhanced range of services through the post office network, to ensure a sustainable and viable future for Post Offices, particularly rural Post Offices.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Clare County Council requesting the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to introduce a financial aid compensation package for the grain sector due to the huge financial losses incurred during the disastrous weather of the 2016 harvest.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Longford County Council calling on the Minister for Health to make the Orkambi Drug available to Cystic Fibrosis sufferers in Ireland.

Members noted correspondence from the Department of Health in relation to Members letter on behalf of Shauntelle Tynan, concerning her medical treatment abroad.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Tipperary County Council requesting the Department of Planning, Housing, Community and Local Government to amend/increase the planning exemptions for Solar Photovoltaic energy production for residential and nonresidential buildings.

Members noted Notice of Motion from South Dublin County Council calling on the Minister for Transport to regulate the use of Bus Lanes by permitting vehicles that display the standard 'Disability Parking Permit' to use the bus lanes at all times.

Members noted Notice of Motion from South Dublin County Council requesting the Chief Executive to write to the Ministers for Justice and Foreign Affairs to update legislation so that the status of asylum seekers/refugees detained in Direct Provision Centres for years can be decided in the shortest possible time.

Members noted Notice of Motion from Waterford City and County Council acknowledging and supporting the campaign by the South East Patient Advocacy Group to secure 24/7 cardiac care at University Hospital, Waterford.

Members noted correspondence from Transport Ireland in response to Members letter in relation to the issue of parking availability at Carlow Railway Station.

10. Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

- Councillor Quinn raised issue of the Older People's Forum and their request for €8,000 in funding.
- Councillor Kinsella sought clarification if report had been received from Waterways Ireland in response to Members' Notice of Motion of October 2015 requesting a structural engineering review of the River Barrow Track. The Deputy Chief Executive said he will examine this issue and revert back to Councillor Kinsella.
- Councillor Gladney raised issue of anti social behaviour at a house in Pairc Mhuire, Bagenalstown.
- Councillor McDonald raised issue of AILG Conference clashing with the Irish Planning Institute Planning Conference in April.
- Councillor Murnane raised issue of anti social behaviour in Carlow Town.
- Councillor Ahern raised issue of provision of dedicated space in St. Mary's Cemetery, Carlow Town for the interment of ashes.

E. Brophy advised that Carlow Age Friendly will address the March meeting of Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.