

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow  
held in Tullow Civic Offices, Carlow  
on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 4.30pm**

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**Present:** Councillor J. Deane, Mayor  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor W. Lacey  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor Brian O'Donoghue  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor F. Phelan

**Apologies:** Councillor Andrea Dalton

**In Attendance:** Mr. Eamonn Brophy, A/Director of Services  
Ms. Fiona O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer,  
Mr. Brian O'Donovan, Senior Engineer  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner  
Mr. Michael Brennan, Senior Executive officer  
Mr Ray Wickham, A/Senior Engineer

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 are hereby approved.

Proposed by Cllr. F Browne

Seconded by Cllr. W lacey, and unanimously resolved following a show of hands:

“That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 are hereby approved.”

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Programme Update**

**Dog Fouling**

Members discussed the issue of dog fouling and complimented the Council on the anti-fouling campaign of last year but said that the momentum seemed to be gone. B. O'Donovan updated the meeting on the proposed Dog Fouling Campaign, including the installation of dog fouling bins – 10 in total - on the most commonly used walking routes in Carlow Town. Further proposals include a Poster Campaign, Education Campaign, Night Patrols, Community Involvement, Liaison with the Gardaí and a robust enforcement campaign. The possibility of siting bag dispensers close to the proposed bins was discussed but rejected as it seemed likely they would be vandalised with ensuing litter. B. O'Donovan said that it should be the owner's responsibility to obtain the bags and that they were very cheap.

**Tullow Car Park**

P. Harrington outlined the situation re the car park. The proposal was to charge €1 per day to park in the car park with a view to recouping the cost of the lease of the car park. The previous agreement with Develop Tullow Association was discussed and it was mentioned that a fee of €2 per day had been mentioned and agreed. W. Paton to arrange a meeting with DTA to further discuss the matter.

### **Alterations to priority at intersection L1023 & L3052**

P. Harrington circulated document re proposed alteration to the junction. A short discussion took place but no changes were called for.

### **Programme of Surfacing**

P. Harrington proposed a change to the agreed Programme. He outlined the situation regarding Fr. Byrne Park, Graiguecullen which had a very serious pot hole problem. He proposed to swop the agreed resurfacing of Ashgrove to Fr. Byrne Park. The fact that only some of the houses were in the administrative area of Carlow County Council was discussed. P. Harrington informed the meeting that it was a Carlow County Council Social Housing Estate, that it had always been taken care of by Carlow County Council and that it had never been taken in charge by Laois County Council. Members were reluctant to take Ashgrove off the resurfacing list for this year. The matter was discussed and it was proposed that P. Harrington approach Laois County Council with a view to having some of the costs met by Laois. A second proposal which would enable both Ashgrove and Fr. Byrne Park to be resurfaced was to raise an internal loan and offset it against next year's resurfacing programme. P. Harrington to approach Laois County Council first.

### **Extinguishment of Right of Way**

The proposed extinguishment of the right of way or back lane of St. Patrick's Avenue was discussed. The proposal was to stop anti-social behaviour in the area. Since access to back of houses was still required it was proposed to close the existing gates at the end of the lane and issue each house with keys. E. Brophy advised that an advertisement needed to be put in the paper proposing the extinguishment of the right of way.

### **Road Markings in Carlow Town**

The new Road Markings in Carlow Town were discussed.

### **Fairgreen**

The proposal to allow a right turn at the exit from Fairgreen onto Barrack Street was discussed. A yellow box was proposed instead of a roundabout.

### **PLANNING**

The status of a number of empty houses in Grange was discussed and F. O'Neill discussed this in the context of the Derelict Sites Register

The number of empty buildings in the town centre was discussed, including Shamrock Square, Tullow Street and College Street. Members requested that an in depth investigation be carried out to identify the owners.

A special meeting was requested to discuss Shamrock Square.

The ongoing legal appeal regarding the demolition of Murrays Shop on Dublin street was discussed. The fact that the site seemed to be in daily use was brought up. F O Neill to arrange investigation.

### **Taking in Charge**

The taking in charge of Phelimwood is in progress. An issue related to sewage was raised and P Harrington to advise water services of same.

## **HOUSING**

### **Part VIII Burrindale**

Members raised queries as to the status of the proposed housing development at Burrindale. A petition from the residents was presented to the meeting. The project had not been brought again to the MD. E Brophy advised it was custom and practice that members are advised at a meeting of any Part VIII proposals prior to their publication and that this would continue to be the case.

### **Unfinished Estates**

The question of unfinished estates was raised and Members asked about funding to finish estates. F. O'Neill advised that no more money was available at this time. The concerns of residents at particular estates was discussed. Claims had been issued against bonds which were about to expire. F. O'Neill advised that the Government had indicated that more funding might be available later in the year.

### **Unoccupied Houses**

A question was asked as to the possibility of obtaining the names of the vulture funds which had acquired property. F. O'Neill advised that unless the Property Registration Authority had the names it was impossible to find out who had purchased the properties.

### **Unauthorised Dumping**

The possibility of writing to all local authority tenants in Rathvilly regarding their responsibilities in respect of rubbish disposal was discussed. It was proposed that all housing owners both social and private should be written to and to be arranged by the Environment Section.

### **Flats on Maryborough Street**

The delay in giving the new tenants access to the flats was discussed. The Electricity Supply and the Gas Supply are in place. A report was requested outlining the issues and the costs.

### **Housing Development Sleaty Street**

It was noted that the Housing development on Sleaty Street was proceeding apace.

This concluded the business of the meeting.