

Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District held on line Thursday 29th April 2021, at 4.00 p.m.

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. M Brennan, Director of Service, Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity
Mr. P. Delaney, Director of Services, Head of Finance & ICT
Mr. P O'Gorman, Director of Services, Transportation, Environment, Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services.

Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise
Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Community, Recreation & Amenity
Ms. J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor F. Browne opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the April Meeting of Carlow Municipal District.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 The Minutes of Carlow Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 25th March 2021 at 4.00p.m. were;-

**Proposed by Cllr. A Dalton
Seconded by Cllr. T O'Neill**

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting

2.1 Approval of Draft Standing Orders

E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, sought approval to amend the Standing Orders to reflect members wishes as expressed at the March Municipal District meeting as follows:

- (i) Reduce the number of motions permitted by any member at the Carlow Municipal District to no more than 2 motions (including adjourned motions) on the Agenda for any one meeting and the name of a member shall not appear

more than 2 times on the Agenda as proposer or co-proposer of motions for any one meeting.

- (ii) A notice of motion must relate to the business of the Municipal District (and not to the business of the County Council, for example a motion cannot be considered at Municipal level if its effect or applicability would relate to the County as a whole).

E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer responded to questions raised by members.

Following a roll call vote it was decided to take two separate roll call votes on each item.

Following a roll call vote amendment (i) reduction on number of motions permitted per member, article 17 of Standing Orders was passed.

Following a roll call vote item (ii) notice of motion must relate to the business of the Municipal District, article 17 of Standing Orders was defeated.

2.2 Enterprise Campus Part VIII

K. Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise presented update report and sought approval from the committee to go to Part VIII. The campus has been designed for the needs of the business community and will be operated in partnership with Carlow Community Enterprise Centres CLG. The Focus of the development will be to assist companies to scale, support remote working and the digital agenda.

Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service noted that delivery of the project is dependent on securing central government funding.

K. Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office responded to questions raised by members.

Approval sought to proceed to Part VIII: -

**Proposed by Cllr J. Cassin
Seconded by Cllr. F. Phelan**

And agreed following a show of hands.

2.3 Draft Environmental & Tidy Towns Grants Scheme 2021

Mr. B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer presented schedule of grants for consideration and approval.

Approval sought for the proposed allocations of funds;

**Proposed by Cllr T. O'Neill
Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

And agreed following a show of hands.

3.0 Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

3.1 Part VIII Process

M. Rainey, Director of Services, briefed the committee on proposed changes for the approval of the Part VIII Process. It was put to the committee for approval, once Part VIII commencement has been approved at Municipal District level, a second approval at full Council is not required. M. Rainey noted the amendment was brought to and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group.

Approval sought to amended process of Part VIII approval at Municipal District Level;

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin

Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill

And agreed following a show of hands.

3.2 Housing Progress Report

J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer presented update report on housing progress. It was noted that due to Covid-19 delays have affected scheduled timelines for hand over but with relaxing of restrictions completion works are building momentum.

- 13 no. units in Carrigbrook snagged and ready for hand over within the next 4 weeks.
- 2 no. units in Dereen Hights completed
- 4 no. units in St. Mary's Park completed
- Barrack Street, active tender for services of a consult to bring forward the scheme design to next stage.
- St Mary's Court approval received from the department received on 23/04/21
- 5 & 6 Staplestown Road, CCC working with Department with the finalised the planned development.
- Tintean, complete, sale to close within before the end of May.
- Ballickmoylor, Rivercourt, Brownshill, Millrace developments in progress.

J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer responded to questions raised by members

M. Rainey noted lack of access to land in Carlow town which was raised by Elected members, He advised of opportunities to develop brown field sites and infill sites within the Carlow area.

Elected Members wished Josephine Kavanagh the best for the future and thanked her for her 38 years service given to Local Government.

4.0 Notice of Motion

4.1 Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

"That this Municipal District writes to the Department of Health, Minister Stephen Donnelly to request more is done to help victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence access free and timely psychological support and counselling."

Proposed by Cllr. A Wallace

Seconded by Cllr. John Cassin

AND Following a show of hands, motion was passed.

4.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

"Calls on Carlow Municipal District to call on Carlow County Council to buy the old Braun site in Carlow. This is a major site in Carlow and can have major impact on future development in County Carlow."

Motion withdrawn

4.3 Standing in the name of Cllr. Fintan Phelan

"Carlow Municipal District calls on the HSE to change its practice of sending children, adults and families in Graiguecullen to Portlaoise, Athlone or Tullamore for various HSE medical appointments when the service is available in Carlow. This practice severely impacts on people and is unnecessary considering that a service is available within walking distance in Carlow. A letter will be sent to the HSE and Minister for Health on foot of this motion asking for change"

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill

AND Following a show of hands, motion was passed.

4.4 Standing in the names of Cllr. F. Browne and Cllr. T. O'Neill

"That Carlow Municipal amend the alcohol bye-laws to allow for the option of alcohol sales outdoors so as to facilitate the re-opening of the hospitality sector as we emerge from lockdown"

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill

After clarification from E. Brophy and discussion motion was withdrawn.

5.0 Any Other Business

Cllr. F. Phelan, noted that there would be an increase in outdoor facilities use within our parks and communal areas. It was requested that the bin collection schedule be reviewed in light of the increase use on the weekend.

Cllr A. Dalton noted that at the Governing Body Meeting of the Institute of Technology Carlow, the governing body approved the application to the Minister for Further and Higher Education Simon Harris to establish a Technological University.