

Minutes of Meeting of Carlow Municipal District

Held on Thursday, 22nd February 2018 at 4.00p.m.

Present: Councillor J. Deane, Mayor
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor B. O Donoghue
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor J. Cassin

In Attendance: Mr. Seamus O'Connor, Director of Service
Mr. P Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Brophy, A/Director of Service
Ms. Avril Oakes, A/Senior Executive Officer

Mayor Jim Deane welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 25th January 2018 was

Proposed by Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue

Seconded by Cllr. Walter Lacey

and Resolved following a show of hands

"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th January 2018 are hereby approved."

Housing

Proposed Development at Burrindale

S O'Connor sought consideration of the Members in relation to a proposed Part 8 process for 23 units at Burrindale and circulated layout map of the proposed development showing the entrance to the development off the back road to Palatine. Some alternative possible entrances were discussed and Members were requested to review the design in relation to proposed entrances, houses and traffic calming measures and the item would be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Naming of Estate on Dublin Road, Tullow

Possible names were suggested and it was agreed that the Members would email E. Brophy A/DoS, with proposed names for discussion at the next meeting.

Town Renewal

Cllr J. Cassin requested an update regarding the lands at the back of County Buildings.

Transportation

Shamrock Square Lights

Cllr W. Lacey referred to the pedestrian lights at Shamrock Square and advised that there is no pedestrian crossing from the John Tyndall to the Teach Dolmen side of Tullow Street. P Harrington committed to examine same in light of impending upgrade of Tullow Street.

30Kph Residential Speed Limits

P Harrington circulated details in relation to national speed limits in Ireland and highlighted the different limits for specific types of roads.

The 30Kph special speed limits were discussed at length

Cllr B. O'Donoghue queried if the speed limit could be changed on the N81 past Rathvilly. P Harrington advised that the N81 was a Transport Infrastructure Ireland road and that the Council had no obligation in relation to same.

Cllr A. Dalton advised that the flashing lights outside of the Educate Together School were not co-ordinated with school times. P Harrington stated that he understood the flashing lights belonged to the school and he would check out same. P Harrington advised that the issue with congestion at the school is due to the operation of the set down area which is manned by the Principal and that he would contact the school in this regard.

Cllr F. Browne requested that Carlow County Council amend signs to read "Max 50". E Brophy advised that size and detail of signs are set out by statute. Cllr F Browne further requested that Carlow County Council write to the RSA querying if we could pilot signs with "Max" included.

Roads Programme 2018

P Harrington circulated details of the proposed Roads Programme for 2018 which was welcomed by all of the Members. The following issues were raised by the Members:

Cllr F Browne – discretionary funding delay (P Harrington advised awaiting codes setup)

Cllr W Patton – condition of road in Tullow from the Square to Dublin Road (P Harrington advised TII to inspect and funding expected), Lights in Rathsillan (P Harrington to refer to N Dillon)

Cllr F Phelan – thanked P Harrington for comprehensive report and welcomed works

Cllr J Pender – noted Killian Lane has been dropped from the programme (P Harrington advised it will be priority next year), road markings from junction of Old Chapel Lane to The Course (P Harrington advised solution would be physical kerbing and he will arrange a

design for the April Meeting), bottom end of Mountain View (P Harrington confirmed it was completed in November 2017), road markings poor on the Castledermot to Tullow road (P Harrington advised that works could not be done until funding available)

Cllr J Cassin – any proposals to include any other estates in the programme (P Harrington advised he could not commit to further estates)

Cllr B O'Donoghue – thanked P Harrington in particular for works carried out on lanes since 2014

Cllr W Lacey – enquired if there was money available for removal of trees advising that trees at Coakley Avenue had grown into ESB cables

Cllr A Dalton – issues with footpaths, drains and overhanging trees in Askea Lawns (P Harrington advised that there was no budget to repair footpaths, the problematic drains are jetted twice a year and that the overhanging trees were on private property and the responsibility of the property owner), an abandoned car in St. Killian's Crescent (P Harrington requested details be sent on to him), issue with properties and residents on Dublin Street who get splashed when there is heavy rain.

Cllr K Murnane – advised Carlow had an impressive road maintenance programme but there should be a proportionate footpath maintenance programme and could funding be sourced under the REDZ initiative (E Brophy to check)

Cllr F Browne – advised that the Kilkenny Road cycle lane is not being used because of stones and requested sweeper be sent, could gravel around trees in the town be glued as has been done in other local authorities

Cllr J Pender – queried resurfacing of Rickettstown Road (P Harrington advised that it is good practice to resurface after 2 years)

Cllr A Dalton – queried if there was any progress with the Public Realm Project in Tullow Street (P Harrington advised that he understood a full report to be presented by D McInerney at March Council Meeting, that a traffic modelling exercise had just been completed to determine traffic projections in next 10 years, that the street will be resurfaced after Irish Water works but that further works may be needed under the Plan)

Cllr F Phelan – advised that Members were given a commitment that works on Tullow Street would happen in the Summer (E Brophy to remind D McInerney re same)

Cllr J Cassin – Tullow Road Project, Graveyard extension and Eire Og Road (E Brophy to follow up)

Cllr F Browne – requested a detailed report on the Public Realm at the March Council Meeting

Cllr W Patton – advised now coming into mowing season and that Council previously provider mower and the manpower was provided by persons in Tullow, it now appears that further insurance is required (P Harrington to check)

Cllr K Murnane – queried why P Harrington not involved in the Public Realm Project

P Harrington advised of meeting with TII in relation to the Tullow Bridge proposal which would take place the following day.

Corporate

School Safety Allocation

E Brophy advised that the Council had made €12,000 available in the Estimates, €6,000 per municipal district and advised that the Bagenalstown MD had allocated €3,000 to 2 no.

schools. E Brophy was requested to circulate L Fitzgerald's previous report and he confirmed that funding was available for this school year only.

Community

Cllr K Murnane advised that there was a huge push this year to improve the Carlow St. Patrick's Day Parade and requested that funding be increased to €2,500 for the parade. Cllr F Phelan supported Cllr Murnane's request for increased funding. Some Members advised that parades in other towns are organised by local communities and fundraising carried out.

Discussion took place in relation to the refusal of planning permission for the Blueway Project and whether this investment in Carlow was now lost (E Brophy advised that it was the applicants decision in relation to the next steps)

Planning

E Brophy advised that 3-4 submissions had been received in relation to the Joint Spatial Plan and that a recommendation to amend the Plan would be included in the March Council Meeting.

E Brophy advised that when the decision issued on the Blueway planning application that the Members were notified simultaneously and a Press Release issued advising that the Council does not comment on planning applications. E Brophy advised Members that they should not voice their personal views in relation to the project.

B O'Donoghue queried in relation to a Co-Operative Housing Workshop (E Brophy requested email and he would follow up with the Housing & Planning Departments)

Any Other Business

Cllr F Phelan requested an update on the CCTV for the Town Park (E Brophy advised that he had 3 meetings with An Garda Siochana, that tenders for the infrastructure were being assessed and that there were data protection complexities in relation to data storage etc.

Cllr A Dalton queried if horse free zone byelaws could be considered and referred to recent incident of 12 men and 6 horses in a housing estate, highlighting health and safety concerns. Cllr Dalton advised that Kilkenny County Council had byelaws and Cllr K Murnane confirmed byelaws also in Athy.

Cllr F Browne raised the issue of dog fouling and if the Council issue fines and if night patrols could be arranged.

Cllr W Patton confirmed that the implementing of CCTV was very time consuming and tedious as he had experienced in Tullow and requested that it be in place before new regulations in May 2018.

Cllr W Patton requested next meeting of Carlow MD be held in the Tullow Civic Offices.

Cllr W Patton advise of a trader in Tullow who had received the 2018 rate demand which was 240% higher than 2017.

Cllr F Phelan advised that the Council had carried out a good promotional campaign in relation to dog fouling and that night patrols were promised.

Cllr K Murnane queried if the Litter Wardens were authorised to issue dog fouling fines (A Oakes to check)

Cllr B O'Donoghue advised in relation to the CCTV data protection issues that the safety of people should overrule the data protection issues.

The meeting concluded at 18.50

Next Meeting 29th March 2018

An "In Committee Meeting" was held which was proposed by Cllr W Patton and seconded by Cllr B O'Donoghue