

**Minutes of the Meeting of Carlow Municipal District
Held in Town Hall, Carlow,
on Thursday, 31st January, 2019, at 4.30 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. M. Brennan, A/Director of Service
Ms. J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr. F. Browne proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Fr. Cummins who died in a freak accident on 30th January, 2019.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December, 2018 at 4.30 p.m. was

Proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue,

Seconded by Cllr. W. Lacey

And Agreed following a show of hands

Members raised the issue of the My Carlow Plan and requested this matter be listed on the agenda. B. O'Brien advised that the economic development officer and head of Enterprise would attend every meeting if members requested. This was agreed.

Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity

Housing Project

Mr. Brennan advised of housing report circulated and advised of the programme for 2019 - 2021. He answered questions from members on various housing issues; including housing projects; tenant liaison officer; vacant houses office; retrofitting of older houses; available land; a woman's refuge; downsizing of tenants voluntarily in areas near where the tenants currently live; assistance to homeless persons; persons in emergency accommodation; persons sleeping in vans; housing for older persons; unfit private sector properties requiring inspection; list of vacant houses; specific plans for Barrack Street and Staplestown Road, derelict sites for CPO; design brief for MyCarlow and Barrack Street, town centre living, obtaining a Túsla report on a woman's refuge; number of rough sleepers.

The Mayor also took Item 6 Notice of Motion at this stage.

Standing in the name of Cllr. Fergal Browne

"That the Housing Section of Carlow County Council draw up proposals for redevelopment of houses/lands owned by the local authority at Lower Staplestown Road/ Lower Pollerton Road and Barrack Street." This was Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne,
Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin and
Agreed following a show of hands.

B. O'Brien replied in relation to Barrack Street and Staplestown Road.

Tullow Road Project

M. Brennan briefed the meeting on the report circulated and answered questions from members on the project and the next steps.

It was agreed to provide a list of outstanding fines for environmental issues.

Cllr. Phelan Proposed and

Cllr. Cassin Seconded

That the Council clean up the dumping at the Tullow Road.

Cllr. Murnane Proposed that the Council would provide a lorry and the members organise a clean up in the area

W. Paton Seconded

E. Brophy advised in relation to standing order No. 20 requiring that not less than 6 members vote in favour of a proposal to consider a motion proposed from the floor without notice. A show of hands resulted in seven in favour and the Mayor allowed the motion.

The Mayor took a vote which resulted in 6 in favour of the amended motion.

Transportation

Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance Programme for 2019

P. Harrington circulated a report and maps on the proposed Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance.

Update Pay Parking Graiguecullen

P. Harrington briefed the meeting on the pay parking in Graiguecullen which is awaiting the delivery of a meter and the erection of poles will be arranged in advance of the signs being delivered.

Update Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) Scheme 2019

P. Harrington briefed the meeting on the CIR Scheme

P. Harrington answered questions from members on various roads and municipal district issues.

It was agreed to contact to the owners of a car park at Tullow Street to advise of the requirement for better advertising of the risk of clamping, and particularly at night time and the demarcation between the private car park and church users.

Notices of Motion

Standing in the name of Cllr. William Paton

"That Carlow County Council carry out traffic calming measures at the Ardattin Road, Tullow between the entrance of Mount Wolseley Hotel and Tullow Community School."

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton

Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donovan and resolved following a show of hand. P. Harrington advised it would be placed on list as money permitted.

Any Other Business

Cllr. J. Deane advised of issue with vandalism at Carlow Town at Tullow Street requested the Gardaí be contacted to check CCTV with a view to prosecutions to incident occurred in the early hours of Thursday morning 31/01/2019.

Cllr. W. Paton advised of an issue with the Eircode for Duckett's Grove and to erect signage on the premises.

Cllr. F. Browne Proposed to limit the number of posters to be used by candidates. Members to consider the issue and discuss at the February meeting.

The Mayor raised the issue of the Carlow Bus Service and requested a report go to the next M D Meeting.