

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow
Held in Tinryland Village Hall
on Friday, 15th June, 2018 at 4.15 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. Eamonn Brophy, A/ Director of Services
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Josephine Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Ms. Lilly Slye Senior Executive Engineer, Housing
Ms. Kathryn Nolan, Clerical Officer

Reception

The Mayor welcomed Members, Temple Students and Host Families to the Carlow Municipal District meeting in the newly restored Tinryland Village Hall and thanked the executive management for agreeing to hold the meeting there. The Mayor talked a little about the History of the Club and how restoration was a Community effort and the people of Tinryland were very proud of their achievement.

Confirmation of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 31st May, 2018

Proposed by Cllr. B O Donoghue

Seconded by Cllr W. Lacey

And resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of Meeting held on 31st May 2018 are hereby approved.”

Matters Arising

None

Plás na Saoirse (Haddens's) Car Park Carlow

E Brophy advised that at the previous Carlow Municipal District meeting, Members requested a review of car parking arrangements to help businesses in Tullow St (particularly Lower Tullow St) during the disruption that will inevitably result from the upcoming Water Main Rehabilitation and subsequent street resurfacing works that are due to start on Monday, 18th June 2018. It is now proposed to allow **free parking every day from 9.30 am to 12 noon and from 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm in Plás na Saoirse (Hadden's) Car Park for the period 18th June to the 1st September 2018 inclusive.** Parking between 12 noon and 3 pm will be at the normal rate and all other parking arrangements to remain as they are.

Objective: To attract motorists to park in Plás na Saoirse (Hadden's) Car parking which is the main car park serving lower Tullow Street

Proposed by Cllr. K Murnane

Seconded by Cllr. J Cassin

Transportation

P Harrington referred to on-going emails to members, updating them regularly over the last two weeks in relation to resurfacing programme, and advised works were now complete. P Harrington advised in relation to CIS Scheme and as a follow up he reconfirmed that 4 of the 8 schemes would go ahead immediately subject to final agreement with the lane occupants and further advised that the Department had indicated that further funding would be made available in 2019 and this would be adequate to complete the remaining 4 lanes.

Bennekerry Additional Car Parking

E Brophy advised of representations received from Cllr. F Browne regarding traffic congestion and parking space availability in the vicinity of the School and Church in Bennekerry. Discussions commenced in 2017 with a local landowner regarding availability of lands for a potential development of a car park. The site approx. 1,100m sq. is being assessed regarding the number of car parking spaces achievable, sight lines for access/egress, pedestrian access, security, restrictions to development and rental cost. E Brophy advised that the likely costs are in a region of €20,000.00 excluding land rental/purchase costs. Cllr. J Cassin requested details of a full proposal which would include the land costs and Cllr. F Phelan and Cllr. A Dalton confirmed their support to go ahead with the proposal.

Community Involvement Scheme 2018

E Brophy advised members of Notice from Ray Wickham A/Senior Engineer, Transportation Department.

Water Main Rehabilitation Project, Upper Tullow Street, and Carlow

E Brophy addressed a memo from D McInerney, Director of Service, and updated the Members on works which will commence on Monday, 18th June 2018. Variable messaging signs have been placed in Tullow Street advising the public and Irish Water have provided a Call Save contact number which will be placed on their website.

Cllr. F Phelan advised that he has being contacted by a number of businesses looking for an update on full details of the works. E Brophy advised that D McInerney was liaising directly with the Members to enable more information to be available to businesses. Members suggested that a Leaflet Drop if Water is being turned off as social media is not always adequate in reaching all concerned.

Cllr. J Cassin welcomed the works but voiced concerns that Irish Water need to be transparent about times of water cut offs and that notice in advance would be very important.

Cllr. F. Browne sought clarification on Point of Contact for local businesses.

Cllr. W Lacey welcomed works and stated that it paves the way for necessary works to be carried out on Tullow Street but asked was there a specific beginning and ending time of works.

Cllr A Dalton welcomed the works and said that she herself had attended the information meeting and that public should have access to the maps that were on display at this meeting. E Brophy clarified that Irish Water engaged the contractors and that Carlow County Council have little involvement in the works. Irish Water have provided a contact number and also an after-hours Automated Call Out Service. E Brophy confirmed that he would bring all the Members concerns to D McInerney.

The Out Going Major adjourned meeting to facilitate the holding of the Carlow Municipal District Annual Meeting for the election of Incoming Mayor

Meeting resumed following the Annual Meeting and the newly elected Mayor, Cllr. Ken Murnane presided.

Transportation

Cllr. J Deane on behalf of the Tinryland GAA Club requested that litter bins be provided for the car park not owned by the Club but the Club would maintain and remove litter from the bins and asked that P Harrington would revert to him on this.

Cllr. Deane also requested that Transport Infrastructure Ireland be contacted and requested to name the 2 no roundabouts at the N80 & M9 Intersection one would be at Tinryland and the other at Rathcroogue. P Harrington to follow-up on this.

Cllr. J Cassin asked about lands on the Tullow Road and mentioned the great works carried out with Community Groups and requested that an update to include funding proposals be placed on the Agenda for the July meeting. Mayor K Murnane also wished to be associated with Cllr. Cassin remarks on this issue.

Cllr. W Paton asked if CCTV was included in the new Skate Board Park Tender in Carlow Town. Mayor Murnane asked E Brophy to confirm that this was the case. E Brophy to revert to Members on this item.

Cllr. J Pender wished to express his gratitude to P Harrington and all the Municipal District Staff for the great works that have being carried out.

Housing

J. Kavanagh gave the Housing report to Members and answered questions from members on various housing issues.

Naming of Estate: - 21 Houses off the Dublin Road, Tullow

Cllr. W Paton put forward a proposal that the estate be called by the Irish Version An Caislean (the Castle)

As the site is close to the reputed site of Tullow Castle

Proposed by Cllr William Paton

Seconded by Cllr. Brian O Donoghue

And agreed following a show of hands

“That the 21 no. new houses off the Dublin Road Tullow be called “An Caislean”.

Maryborough Street

J Kavanagh updated on current position with this development.

Part VII - St. Marys Court

Cllr. F Phelan raised a number of concerns about car parking in that area. Cllr. W Paton voiced his concerns with regards to anti-social behaviour. L Slye and E Brophy addressed the issues. Following on from Members discussions, it was proposed by Cllr. J Cassin to proceed with the Part VIII and Seconded by Cllr F Browne. Cllr. F Phelan submitted a counter proposal to adjourn discussions until the Executive came back with details on car parking. Cllr. W Lacey requested the members to take a Vote on whether deferral for further consideration re car parking area.

Results of this Ballot

In Favour of Deferral Against

2

8

Motion in relation to Deferral for further consideration of proposed car parking area was defeated

Cllr. J Cassin Proposed
Cllr. F. Browne Seconded
AND AGREED

“that recommendation to proceed with Part VIII as proposed”

Results of this Ballot

In Favour of Proceeding	Against
9	1

Motion in relation to proceeding with Part VIII process was passed.

Lime Grove:	Further update sought at July Meeting
Sleaty Street	Cllr. W Lacey complimented progress
Shillelagh Road	Cllr. J Pender advised that the 58 no. development on Shillelagh Road, where Part VIII has been agreed, has been amended to 52 no. Development

Cllr. J Cassin complimented works on going in the Housing Department and asked what the up to date position was with regard to derelict sites in Carlow Town and in particular, if properties could be identified and compulsory purchased. Cllr. J Cassin requested update and that a list of CPO's be submitted to Members. Cllr. F Phelan stated that there are a number of anti-social areas and if any progress was being made on this. E Brophy addressed the members that there is a renewed focus in the Council with regard to derelict sites.

Shamrock Square

Members raised the issue in relation to status of property at Shamrock Square. E Brophy advised the Members that 2 derelict houses included in the properties listed for sale are owned by Carlow County Council and a request has being made to the Receivers to withdraw these properties from the sale details.

Any Other Business

Carlow Rugby Club

Cllr. F Browne asked about resurfacing the car park for the Rugby Club. E Brophy advised that this is a private car park and advised that there may be discretionary funds available. Cllr. J Cassin suggested that this be discussed in a private forum. P Harrington to examine this next week.

Economic Funding

Cllr. W Paton suggested emailing project ideas.

Town Centre

Representations were expressed on behalf of members that trees at Green Lane needed to be pruned back and asked if this could be put on list along with footpaths at Meadow Bank.

Disable Parking Bay at College Street

P Harrington stated that a disabled parking bay was justified in this area and would be carried out as soon as the Road Marking Crews are available and that works would be carried out in the Tullow Area thereafter.

Carlow Town Plan

Cllr. F Phelan advised that he had requested a copy of the Carlow Town Plan and that he had not yet received this and requested that this item be placed on the July meeting.

Tulow Street

P Harrington advised that two-way traffic would be maintained during the works when possible. It was noted that the MyCarlow project is currently on non-statutory display and trial periods will be conducted for traffic distributions and will be included in the report. Members asked that all submissions be included in the report.

Cllr. B O Donoghue requested In Committee Meeting on this

Proposed Cllr. B O Donoghue

Seconded Cllr. J Cassin

And agreed following show of hands

Tempe Students

Gifts were exchanged between the outgoing Mayor J Deane and the Students from Tempe, Arizona.

Carlow Municipal District Areas

E Brophy distributed a map of the proposed Municipal District Areas in respect of the recommendation of the Local Electoral Boundary Committee Report No. 1 2018.

This concluded the meeting.