

# **Minutes of Meeting of Carlow Municipal District**

## **Held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 4.00p.m.**

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**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. P Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. E. Brophy, A/Director of Service  
Ms. Avril Oakes, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Michael Brennan, Senior Executive Officer

**Apologies:** Ms. Fiona O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer

Mayor Jim Deane welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 was

Proposed by Cllr. William Paton  
Seconded by Cllr. Walter Lacey

and Resolved following a show of hands

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 are hereby approved.”

The Members raised queries in relation to the status of the proposal for housing development at Burrindale. E Brophy advised that the proposal was being looked at and revised proposals would issue.

Cllr Murnane queried in relation to whether Litter Wardens/Community Wardens were authorised officers to issue dog fouling fines. (A Oakes confirmed that all were authorised). Cllr Murnane advised that a commitment was given that there would be night patrols in relation to dog fouling problems. Cllr Lacey noted the lack of prosecutions in relation to dog fouling and referred to the workload of the existing traffic and litter wardens. It was requested that Ms. Jannette O'Brien be requested to attend the next meeting.

Cllr Phelan wished to have it minuted that additional funding was agreed in relation to the CCTV provision in Carlow Town Park and that it was expected to be up and running before summer. This matter was raised at the "In committee" meeting where E Brophy advised that the total cost for the project was now €98,000. The additional funding is being provided for by means of a €10,000 contribution from 7 Elected Members namely, Cllr J Deane, Cllr F Browne, Cllr A Dalton, Cllr W Lacey, Cllr F Phelan, Cllr K Murnane and Cllr J Cassin with a further €48,000 to be funded by means of an internal loan. This brings the total cost of the scheme to €98,000. It was

Proposed by Cllr F Phelan and  
Seconded by Cllr K Murnane

And Resolved following a show of hands that  
"the additional funding of €58,000 for the provision of CCTV in Carlow Town Park be provided for by means of €10,000 from 7 of the Elected Members and the remaining €48,000 by means of an internal loan is hereby approved".

The Members extended congratulations to the Carlow Hurling Team and the Carlow Football Team on their recent achievements and to Mr. Tom Ryan on being appointed Director General of the GAA.

### **Transportation**

#### **CIS & LIS Schemes/Roads Programme/Update traffic management plan in Graiguecullen**

P Harrington circulated report detailing the CIS & LIS scheme and current roads programme and advised of advertisement in relation to the amendment of the Carlow Town Parking Bye Laws 2010 which will be placed in next issue of the Nationalist. The Members welcomed the reports and thanked P Harrington commenting on the superior quality of roads and footpaths in Carlow relative to other counties.

#### **School Warden Tinryland National School/Benekerry National School – Traffic Calming**

A Oakes referred to the €12,000 made available in the Estimates, €6,000 per municipal district and advised of receipt of emails in relation to possible traffic calming from Askea Girls School, Askea Boys School and the Gaelcholaiste. It was agreed that the monies would be allocated €2,000 each to Tinryland National School, Benekerry National School and the Askea area schools.

It was  
Proposed by Cllr F Browne and  
Seconded by Cllr F Phelan

and Resolved following a show of hands

“That €6,000 provided for in the Estimates be allocated by means of €2,000 each be to Tinryland National School, Bennekerry National School and the Askea area schools”.

### **Planning**

E Brophy gave apologies for Ms. F O’Neill advising that she was unable to attend due to a bereavement. Mayor Deane asked that sympathy be expressed to Ms. O’Neill on her recent bereavement.

### **Notice of Motion**

Standing in the name of Cllr F Browne:

*“That Carlow County Council commit fully to having Tullow Street resurfaced from Shamrock Square to the junction at potato Market by October 2108 and also to produce clear timelines etc. in order for this to be achieved”*

A Oakes circulated response to the Notice of Motion from D McInerney which advised that works on Phase 1 (replacing/upgrading underground services including watermain rehabilitation and reconstruction of the street to underside of final surface level) will take place during the summer and that works on Phase 2 (final surfacing of street and footpaths together with street furniture and parking layout) would most likely take place in Q1, 2019.

The Members expressed their dissatisfaction with this response advising that the current condition of Tullow Street was disgraceful. Cllr F Phelan advised that the Chief Executive had committed to a briefing in relation to the Public Realm and insisted that plans be brought to the Members and also details of how much consultants had been paid to date. Cllr Murnane advised that he had spoken to personnel in Irish Water who confirmed a start date of June 2018 and that Carlow County Council should be ready to commence works immediately after Irish Water have completed their works. Cllr F Browne queried if a contractor had been sourced for the works instead of waiting until June and if the Director had requested that Irish Water bring forward the dates for their works. (E Brophy advised that when Irish Water had completed works and the schools are off, the works will be completed as per the dates in the response to the Notice of Motion).

### **Community**

#### **Annual Community Service Plan 2018**

M Brennan referred to the Draft Annual Service Plan 2018 as circulated with the Agenda and it was

Proposed by Cllr W Paton and

Seconded by Cllr K Murnane

and Resolved following a show of hands

“that the Draft Annual Service Plan 2018 be approved”.

### **Draft Environmental/Amenity Grant Scheme 2018**

M Brennan referred to the Draft Environmental/Amenity Grant Scheme 2018 as circulated with the Agenda and it was

Proposed by Cllr W Paton and

Seconded by Cllr F Browne

and Resolved following a show of hands

“that the Draft Environmental/Amenity Grant Scheme 2018 be approved”.

### **Draft Community Grant Scheme 2018**

M Brennan referred to the Community Grant Scheme 2018 as circulated with the Agenda.

Cllr A Dalton advised that she was associated with one of the recipients listed and excluded herself from the decision making on this scheme. It was

Proposed by Cllr W Lacey and

Seconded by Cllr J Cassin

and Resolved following a show of hands

“that the Draft Community Grant Scheme 2018 be approved”.

Mayor Deane thanked M Brennan and all in the Community Department for their work on these schemes.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr B O’Donoghue stated that as the municipal meetings were held during the working day, the relevant officials need to attend to deal with queries. Cllr F Browne queried if it would be possible for the Members to submit a max of 2 questions prior to a meeting which would be dealt with at the meeting.

Cllr W Lacey queried if it would be possible to erect a staggered barrier at the park end of Millenium Bridge as cyclists using the bridge are exiting at speed. (P Harrington advised that solution similar to one in Tullow may be possible)

The Mayor wished everyone a happy and safe Easter.

### **This concluded the business of the meeting**

An “In Committee” Meeting took place between 17.45 and 18.05 and the Members reverted to public session at 18.06 and it was

Proposed by Cllr F Browne and

Seconded by Cllr W Patton

and Resolved following a show of hands

“that the LIS list 2018 plus any additional applications to 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 will be the definite lists for LIS works going forward”

Cllr A Dalton abstained in relation to this resolution as she advised that she was related to some of the applicants.

P Harrington circulated details to the Members of the proposed revised junction layout in relation to Russelstown Cross.

**The meeting concluded at 18.25**

**Next Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**