

**Minutes of Meeting of the Carlow Municipal District
Held in Town Hall, Carlow, held on
Wednesday 16th October 2019, at 4.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. Dalton, Mayor
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor K. Murnane,
Councillor T. O'Neill
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor A. Wallace

In Attendance: Mr. K. Comerford, A/Director of Service
Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Service
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
R. Wickham, Acting Senior Engineer
P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer

Also In Attendance: Marian Wilson, National Transport Authority
Ed Rhys Thomas, National Transport Authority

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2019 were

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane

And agreed following a show of hands.

Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

Winter Services Plan

P. Harrington spoke on the Winter Services Plan 2019/2020 and gave the statistics for 2018/2019 and it was

Proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin

And Agreed following a show of hands.

Revocation of Motion of Carlow Town Council

Following a discussion on the Revocation of Motion of Carlow Town it was agreed to defer this issue until the November Meeting pending a comprehensive review being undertaken by Planning Department.

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Transportation Report

P. Harrington briefed the members on list of discretionary expenditure for 2020 and he answered questions from members on same.

Presentation on Carlow Bus Service

The Mayor welcomed Maria Walsh and Ed Rhys Thomas from National Transport Authority to the meeting. They gave a presentation on progress on the Bus Service. They spoke on an investment of up to €3 million over 5 years and the requirement to comply with public procurement issues and competing demands from other towns.

They advised of success in venues such as Athlone and that Kilkenny is anticipated to commence before Christmas. In relation to the Carlow project, Ed. Rhys Thomas updated the members on progress since last meeting. The Steering Group met in May 2019 and NTA met Irish Rail in July and also walked the route. They have now progressed to design resource and the finalisation of brief for rail station access study to be undertaken in Q4 2019 and preparing for pre procurement issues.

The service will operate seven days from 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. every 30 minutes each way. Leap tickets will be available. Fares will be €2 cash or €1.40 leap ticket for adults and children cheaper. The system will integrate with TFI apps and making leap tickets purchase available.

Next Step – Concept design to bus stops, agreed and approved.

Detailed design of stops: The procurement timeframe is approximately 52 weeks.

The team answered questions from members on the presentation on issue including funding, access to train station, access to Tullow Road housing estates, pricing structuring, funding commitments, late night services, overbridge at rail station to commence in November 2019 to be completed in June 2020

The Mayor thanked the Team for their presentation and the team agreed to return in six months' time. The Team then departed.

Notices of Motion

Standing in the Name of Cllr. Adrienne Wallace

Carlow Cricket Club has a long history spanning from the 1800's to its re-establishment in 2011 following the resettlement of the Rohingya community in Carlow. It has many nationalities in the club with two adult teams, two children's teams and a youth development squad, all competing in Cricket Leinster Leagues.

The current grounds kindly donated by St' Patrick's Carlow College is not suitable for higher division games. In order to continue the future success of Carlow Cricket Club and allow it to move forward this council should endeavour to find suitable grounds for the club. The council should form a working group with Carlow Cricket club to complete this.

The Motion as specified on the agenda was

Proposed by Cllr A. Wallace

Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne

Councillors mentioned several other sporting organisations and suggested a further meeting be held to see what land might be available and what clubs may be interested. K. Comerford advised that an Outdoor Recreation Strategy had been commissioned last year and is at public consultation stage and it will come to members for ratification later this year and all clubs need to be considered under the strategy. Following a discussion, it was agreed to defer until the Outdoor Recreation Strategy was completed.

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That this council liaise with Carlow's First Scout Club in order to provide support and information that would help find a secure base they can operate from.

The motion was also deferred as per terms of Motion No. 1.

This concluded the business of the meeting.