

## CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council,  
held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 2.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor W. Quinn, (Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor J. Deane  
Councillor M. Doran  
Councillor D. Foley  
Councillor A. Gladney  
Councillor T. Kinsella  
Councillor A. McDonald  
Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor  
Councillor J. Murphy  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor F. Phelan

**Apologies:** Councillor W. Lacey  
Councillor C. Murphy (Cathaoirleach)

**In attendance:** Ms. Kathleen Holohan, Chief Executive  
Mr Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services, Housing,  
Community, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control &  
Emergency Services  
Mr. Pat Delaney, Head of Finance  
Mr. Dan McInerney, Director of Services, Transportation,  
Environment and Water Services  
Mr. Tim Butler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department  
Mr. Michael Brennan, Senior Executive Officer, Community  
Department  
Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of LEO  
Ms Aileen Nolan, Arts Office  
Mr. Dermot Mulligan, Museum Curator  
Ms. Fiona O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Breda Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Councillor Quinn, Leas-Cathaoirleach presided over the meeting in the absence of Councillor C. Murphy, Cathaoirleach.

In commemorating the 1916 Rising the National Anthem was played and sung by tutors from Music Generation, Carlow.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

## **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- Brendan Dowling, Driver with Carlow Municipal District and Danny Dowling General Operative with Carlow Amenity Trust on the death of their father Mick Dowling, Dublin Road, Tullow.
- James Fennelly, General Operative on the death of his brother John Fennelly, 214, O’Hanrahan Ave., Carlow.
- Kathleen Doyle and Family, 18, Granby Row, Carlow on the death of her husband Thomas Doyle, Pensioner with Carlow County Council.
- Patricia Murphy, Environment Section on the death of her brother Peadar Jordan, Myshall.
- Tony Grey & Family, Borris Road, Kilree, Bagenalstown on the death of his wife Teresa.
- Maureen Kelly and Family, High Street, Leighlinbridge on the death of her husband Michael Kelly.
- Des Hutton & Family, 47, John Sweeney Park, Carlow on the death of his wife Anne.
- Limmy and Loreto Ryan, 75, John Sweeney Park, Carlow on the death of their son Mikey Ryan.
- Michelle Fennelly & Family 214, O’Hanrahan Ave., Carlow on the death of her husband John.
- Lisa Dempsey & Family, John Sweeney Park, Carlow on the death of her husband Denis.
- Dyna Canavan & Family, St. Brigid’s Crescent, Bagenalstown on the death of her husband Paddy.

- Marie Walsh & Family 100 New Oak Estate, Carlow on the death of her husband Sean.
- Lawlor Family, Market Square, Muinebheag on the death of their mother Hannah.
- P.J. and Bernadene Byrne, 83 Barrowvale, Graiguecullen on the death of their daughter Ali.
- The Family of the late Constance Pansy Boake, Rutland, Carlow.
- Paddy Connolly & Family, 8 New Park, Graiguenamanagh on the death of his wife Eileen.
- The Leonard Family, Collins Park, Rathvilly on the death of their father William Leonard.

### **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- The Members congratulated the newly elected Members of Dáil Éireann for the Carlow/Kilkenny constituency and commiserated with those who were unsuccessful in contesting the election.
- The Members congratulated all involved with the launch of Relay for Life 2016. Councillor Phelan advised of the St Laurence O'Toole AC Run 4 Life.
- The Members congratulated all involved with the 1916 memorial events taking place throughout the County.
- The Members congratulated the participants and winners of the County Final National Enterprise Awards 2016 as follows:
  - **County Winner:** Diarmuid Byrne & Sam Watson, Equi-Ratings, Ballybolger Stud, Ballyloo, Co. Carlow
  - **Customer Service and Innovation Award:** Paul & Olivia McNally, Denture Clinic, 4 Old Dublin Road, Carlow
  - **Marketing & Business Development Award:** Martin Rice, New Haven Kitchen & Bedrooms, Kernanstown, Carlow
  - **Manufacturing Award:** Kevin O'Neill, OnCraft, Kilcoole, Rathoe, Co. Carlow

It was unanimously agreed by the Members to suspend Standing Orders to facilitate a discussion on the proposed closure of Bagenalstown Vocational School.

A discussion took place on the matter during which Councillor Foley, Chairman of Carlow/Kilkenny Education Training Board expressed his regret at the manner in which the proposal had been communicated. The Members also queried the future of Bagenalstown Sports Hall located on the grounds of the school. Councillor Cassin suggested that Carlow County Council write to the Department of Education and the Dail Deputies regarding the closure of the Vocational School.

Councillor McDonald proposed that an invitation be issued to the CEO of Carlow/Kilkenny Education Training Board to attend a Special Meeting of Carlow County Council to be held in public. In relation to this proposal the Chief Executive was requested to ascertain the availability of the CEO of Carlow/Kilkenny Education Training Board to attend a Special Meeting of Carlow County Council.

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 was:-

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Doran**

**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That the Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.'*

## **2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

On the proposal of Councillor Murnane-O'Connor it was unanimously agreed by the Members that the first items to be dealt with on the Agenda would be items (g), (f) and (h) regarding the Fire Services.

### **(g) Fire and Emergency Operations Plan - Fire Services Act 1981-2003 - Section 26**

Members had for approval the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan-Fire Services Act 1981-2003 – Section 26.

The Members raised a number of queries regarding the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan which were responded to by Mr. Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services and Mr. Ger Guerin, Chief Fire Officer. It was proposed by Councillor Murnane and Seconded by Councillor Cassin that this item be deferred.

On a show of hands the Members unanimously agreed that the Fire Emergency Operations Plan be deferred.

**(f) Local Government Act 2001 - Section 85 - Fire Service Agreement with Kildare County Council**

The Leas-Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Niall Morrissey, Director of Services, Kildare County Council and Celina Barrett, Chief Fire Officer, Kildare County Council to the meeting.

The approval of the Members was being sought to a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council in respect of the provision of fire services in a defined area of South Kildare. It was noted that the proposed Agreement is almost identical to the previous Agreement of 1989 which is now due to expire.

Following consideration of the Section 85, Fire Service Agreement with Kildare County Council it was:-

**Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern  
Seconded by Councillor M. Doran  
AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve the entering by Carlow County Council into a section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council for provision of public service by Carlow Fire Service to area as described in schedule as set out in report.*

**(h) Planning and Development Act 2000-2013, Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2013 - Consideration of Part VIII Hacketstown Training and Development Centre, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow**

The Members were presented with a report on the construction of an extension to the Training and Development Centre at Hacketstown, Co. Carlow for the purpose of training fire and rescue service personnel.

It was noted that following the public consultation period no submissions were received. The approval of the Members was being sought to progress the Scheme, as proposed.

The approval of the Part VIII for the extension to the Hacketstown Training and Development Centre was:-

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donohue**  
**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve the scheme be progressed for the construction of an extension to the Training and Development Centre at Hacketstown, Co. Carlow in accordance with Sections 4 and 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.'*

Members queried the current position regarding the Erin Foods Site, Cannery Road in particular the status in terms of fire safety and environmental issues. Mr. Dan McNerney, Director of Services advised that statutory notices had been served and that the ownership of the site had changed. Mr. McNerney indicated that Carlow County Council was contacting the new owner to arrange a meeting to discuss the progress of the site.

#### **(a) Audit Committee Charter**

The Leas-Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Peter Scully, Chair of the Audit Committee to the meeting.

Mr. Pat Delaney, Head of Finance, presented the Audit Committee Charter to the Members and advised that there were no changes to the Charter.

The adoption of the Audit Committee Charter was:-

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne**  
**Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donohue**  
**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Audit Committee Charter in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.*

**(b) Audit Committee – Draft Work Programme 2016**

The Audit Committee draft work programme 2016 was presented by Mr. Pat Delaney, Head of Finance. Mr. Delaney informed the Members that the Audit Committee work programme had been agreed with the Internal Auditor.

Following consideration of the the Audit Committee – Draft Work Programme 2016 it was:-

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton**  
**Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**  
**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That we, the members of Carlow County Council, approve the Audit Committee Draft Work Programme 2016 in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014: Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014.*

**(c) Audit Committee – Annual Report 2015**

Mr. Peter Scully, Audit Committee Chairperson presented the Annual Report 2015 to the Members.

Councillor Paton requested that Carlow Arts Centre audited accounts for 2014 and 2015 be made available to the Members.

Mr. Scully advised that there were no major concerns in relation to the finances of Carlow County Council and responded to queries raised by the Members.

The Members noted the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2015.

**(d) Audit Committee – Report to Council on 2014 Annual Financial Statement & Local Government Auditors Report**

Mr. Peter Scully, Audit Committee Chairperson presented the Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report to the Members for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

In relation to the Local Government Audit Report Mr. Pat Delaney, Head of Finance advised that the Local Government Auditor had met with the Audit Committee. He indicated that the Auditor's Report was as prescribed by the Department of the Environment. He indicated that two items had been identified for attention namely income collection and procurement. He indicated that the 2015 Financial Accounts would be presented to the Members at the April or May Monthly Meeting of the Council.

During the course of discussion the Members queried the role of the Internal Auditor in relation to procurement and also the financial implications for Carlow County Council in relation to the Sports Hall, Bagenalstown with the proposed closure of Bagenalstown Vocational School. Councillor McDonald requested the terms and conditions of the transfer to Bagenalstown Vocational School be made available for the next meeting of the Council.

In response Ms Kathleen Holohan, Chief Executive informed the Members that the matter raised in relation to the role of a Procurement Officer has been addressed. Ms Holohan, Chief Executive also informed the meeting that the Education Training Board would be entering into discussions with all stakeholders in relation to the proposed closure of Bagenalstown Vocational School.

### **(e) Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council – Carlow and Wexford Bridges Works Contract 2016**

The approval of the Members was being sought for Carlow County Council to enter into a Section 85 agreement with Kildare County Council, who are the lead authority, for Carlow and Wexford Bridges Works Contract 2016.

The three bridges in County Carlow to be included for consideration are;

- CW-N80-006.00 Ballintrane Bridge
- CW- N80-004.00 Boggan Bridge
- CW- N81-001.00 Closh Bridge

Following consideration of the matter the Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council – Carlow and Wexford Bridges Works Contract 2016 was:-

**Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn**  
**Seconded by Councillor J. Pender**



**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve the entering by Carlow County Council into a section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council for Carlow and Wexford Bridges Works Contract 2016.*

Councillor McDonald queried the position in relation to the design of a bridge for Bagenalstown By-Pass. In response Mr. Dan McInerney, Director of Services advised that discussions had been held with Carlow Institute of Technology and that he will revert to Members on the issues raised.

Councillor Phelan referred to the new process for dealing with pre-planning consultations and stated that the new requirements would be onerous and costly on the applicants. In response Ms Fiona O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer advised that the purpose of reviewing the pre-planning process was to improve the service provided to the applicants in terms of the pre-planning advice provided. Ms. O'Neill informed the meeting that she would arrange for information regarding the new pre-planning process to be circulated to Members.

Councillor Quinn raised the issue of essential repairs to Class 3 roads which are in need of urgent attention. A discussion took place on the allocation of funding in respect of road works and also issues raised by Members regarding a number of roads in the two Municipal District Areas. Mr. Dan McInerney, Director of Services informed the meeting that he would assess the issues raised by the Members. Following further discussion on the position of the Class 3 roads it was:-

**Proposed by Councillor Quinn**  
**Seconded by Councillor Pender**  
**And**

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

*'Consideration be given to not charging development levies for rural development for a period of six months until funding is put in place and essential repairs on Class 3 roads are completed.'*

**Deputation from Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

The Leas-Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Frank Vaughan from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions to the meeting. Mr. Vaughan gave a presentation to Members on the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work and set out the key elements required to make Ireland the best place in which to live and work.

Following the presentation Mr Vaughan distributed the Decency at Work Pledge to the Members to pledge their support to the Congress campaign to achieve a living wage of €11.50 per hour and Fair Employment Conditions as set out in the Congress Charter.

A number of queries raised by the Members were addressed by Mr. Vaughan.

### **3. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORTS**

The Leas-Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed Mr. Michael O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer, assigned to the Environment Department, to the meeting and wished him well in his new role.

#### **(a) Community Progress Report**

Mr. Michael Brennan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the Community department progress report.

Members welcomed the report and raised the following issues:-

- Tidy Towns/Community Groups increasingly taking on the work of the Local Authority in maintaining the towns and villages in the county
- Audit of litter black spot areas and the impact that the closure of Powerstown Landfill will have on litter
- Derelict house and sheds at back of sensory garden, Queen of the Universe National School, Bagenalstown
- Ban on floats in the St Patrick's Day Parade
- Provision of playground equipment at the Plots
- Sourcing of School Warden in the Ballinabranna area by Carlow County Development Partnership
- Burnt out car, Hacketstown
- Councillor O'Donohue called for election posters to be banned in County Carlow. Councillor Paton advised that Bye-laws were prepared but required cross party approval prior to being presented to Council for adoption
- The date Leader funding will become available
- The number of applications received in respect of the Shop Front Improvement Scheme

All queries raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Brennan, Senior Executive Officer.

**(b) Housing Progress Report**

Mr. Tim Butler, Senior Executive Officer, presented the Housing department progress report.

Members welcomed the report and raised the following issues:-

- The rent scheme and the length of time taken to interview housing applicants
- Budget of Carlow County Council to purchase houses
- Update on current position in relation to Housing at Fruithill Manor, Sleaty Street, and St. Patrick's Park, Tullow
- The number of houses completed in 2016
- The issue of individuals not in a position to obtain mortgages
- A discussion took place in relation to the need for housing and the number of vacant units that could be utilised for housing with the suggestion of an Incentive scheme for Derelict houses to encourage owners to make the vacant houses available for occupation. Ms Kathleen Holohan, Chief Executive indicated that a vacant property does not necessarily come within the definition of a derelict site as set out in the Derelict Sites legislation and advised of new legislation coming into effect in January 2017 where local authorities must compile registers of vacant sites and a vacant site levy will be charged from 2019 onwards. Mr. Butler advised he will contact the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to the issue of derelict houses
- HAP rent caps need to be increased in line with market rents
- Correspondence has been forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to same
- Completion of retrofit programme in New Oak Estate and condensation from attic insulation
- Income threshold for social housing applicants needs to be increased for Carlow in line with neighbouring counties
- Tenant Purchase Scheme – The Members to be notified in the coming week with details of the new scheme

All queries raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Butler, Senior Executive Officer.

### **Extension of Time**

An extension of time to continue the meeting was:-

**Proposed by Councillor Phelan  
Seconded by Councillor Cassin**

**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*'That we, the Members of Carlow Council, revoke that part of Standing Orders to facilitate the continuation of the meeting until 6.00 p.m.'*

### **(c) Recreation and Amenity Progress Report**

Mr. Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services presented the Recreation and Amenity progress report to March 2016.

Mr. O'Connor advised of the necessary felling and planting of trees in Oak Park Forest Park for safety reasons due to damage to many trees and fencing.

Councillor Phelan raised issue of dredging of the River Barrow.

Councillor McDonald queried where the responsibility lies in relation to pruning trees in housing estates where the trees block the light and drains become blocked such as in St. Brigid's Crescent, Bagenalstown.

All queries raised were responded to by Mr. O'Connor, Director of Services.

### **(d) Emergency Services Progress Report**

Members welcomed Emergency Services and Building Control 2015 – Progress/Annual Report which was presented by Mr. Gerard Guerin, Chief Fire Officer.

Members complimented and wished Mr. Guerin, Chief Fire Officer well on his secondment to ECHOBI Emergency Response Unit, European Commission, Brussels commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016. Mr. Guerin thanked the Members for their good wishes and advised that Mr. Alan O'Neill will be the Acting Chief Fire Officer.

Councillor McDonald requested the current position regarding the Muinebheag Fire Station. Mr. Guerin, Chief Fire Officer advised that consideration is being given to building a new Fire Station on a green field site. He also advised of a proposal forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government seeking emergency funding for electrical wiring of the Fire Station.

#### **4. CORPORATE, PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY**

##### **(a) Health**

Councillor Paton brought to Members attention proposals for St. Patrick's Cheshire Home, Tullow which is currently vacant following service users move to supported housing. Councillor Paton proposed that the Carlow Municipal District meeting scheduled to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 be held in St. Patrick's Cheshire Home to enable Carlow Municipal District members familiarise themselves with the facilities. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Cassin and following a showing of hands was agreed. It was further agreed that a decision will be made at the Municipal District Meeting whether a cross party delegation consisting of Councillor Paton, Councillor Cassin, Councillor Pender and Councillor J. Murphy will meet with Ms Anna Marie Lanigan, HSE Area Manager to further this project.

Councillor Cassin raised issue of mental health services in Carlow/Kilkenny.

##### **(b) Tenders for opening, if any**

Members noted tenders opened since the last Council meeting.

##### **(c) Conference Attendance Approvals**

Members unanimously agreed following a showing of hands to the following conferences:

##### ***Forthcoming Conferences: March***

The Value of Local Government,  
White's Hotel,  
Wexford.  
11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Fee: €145**

LAMA Spring Training Seminar,  
Sligo Park Hotel,  
Sligo.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 **Fee: €160**

Microsoft Excel Workshop,  
Clonakilty Hotel,  
Clonakilty,  
Co. Cork.

30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 **Fee: €199**

Local Economic & Community Plans,  
Clonakilty Hotel,  
Clonakilty,  
Co. Cork.

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **Fee: €100**

Auditing and Governance in Local Government,  
The Four Seasons Hotel,  
Carlingford,  
Co. Louth.

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **Fee: €100**

2014 Freedom of Information Act & W.R.C,  
Silver Tassie Hotel,  
Letterkenny,  
Co. Donegal.

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **Fee: €145**

Cross Border Tourism Conference 2016  
The Four Seasons Hotel,  
Carlingford,  
Co. Louth.

20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **Fee: €20 + VAT**

#### **(d) Conference Attendance Reports**

There were no Conference Attendance Reports.

### **5. COMMUNITY, HOUSING, RECREATION AND AMENITY, BUILDING CONTROL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### **(a) Arts Act Grants – Community Groups and Arts Organisation**

Members had for approval 2016 Arts Act Grant – Arts Organisations and Community Groups.

The approval for the Arts Grants – Arts Organisations and Community Groups was:-

**Proposed by Councillor J. Deane  
Seconded by Councillor J. Murphy  
AND**

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

*'That we, the members of Carlow County Council, approve Arts Organisation and Community Groups Grants Scheme 2016 as set out in schedule of grants listed for approval.'*

**6. FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE (LIBRAIRES, ARTS & COUNTY MUSUEM)**

**(a) Museum Annual Report 2015**

Members noted the Museum Annual Report 2015.

**7. Chief Executive's Report**

Members noted Chief Executive's Report for period 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

**8. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence**

**Members noted correspondence from Department of Health** in response to Members letter concerning the waiting period for assessment of first time medical card applicants.

**Members noted the Notice of Motion from Dublin City Council**  
*'That Dublin City Council, in the context of the 'age friendly villages' initiative, undertake to arrange a 'Caring for Dementia' Concert as an acknowledgement of carers who care for loved ones with dementia'.*

**Members noted Pádraig Pearse Award 2016**

Final date for receipt of nominations is Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

**Members noted Notice of Motion from Limerick City and County Council**

*'That, Limerick City and County Council request the Minister responsible, namely Finance & Agriculture, to legislate for the immediate reintroduction of the Early Retirement and Farm Installation Schemes so as to ensure viability and continuity within this valuable sector of our local economy; and that we seek the support of Councils nationwide with Farming Interests.'*

**Members noted email from Emer Rocke, Director, Irish Abroad and Global Irish Network Unit** advising that the nomination process for the 2016 Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad (PDSA) is currently open and will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

**Members noted correspondence from EIRGRID** in response to Members invitation to address members of Carlow County Council on regional option for the Grid Link Project. Members agreed that an invitation be issued to EIRGRID to address the Members at a suitable date and time to be decided.

## **9. Notices of Motion.**

Fógraí Rúin/Notices of Motion.

Standing in the name of Cllr. William Paton

*"That the riverside park at the Thomas Traynor Road, Tullow, be named (re-named) the Thomas Traynor Memorial Park."*

Following a brief discussion the Notice of Motion was:-

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton**

**Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan**

**AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*"That the riverside park at the Thomas Traynor Road, Tullow, be named (re-named) the Thomas Traynor Memorial Park."*

## **10. Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.**

The following matters were raised by the Members:

- It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cassin that Aspiro Choir be invited to address the April Meeting of Council
- The issue of no right turn when exiting from Dr Cullen Park causing delays at Roundabout be brought to the attention of the Roads department
- Councillor Quinn raised the issue of the number of reports on the Agenda and that same should be examined for future meetings in order to enable full discussion on all items listed on the Agenda
- On the proposal of Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Cassin and agreed by the Members present Councillor McDonald



presented the Leas-Cathaoirleach with a request to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the closure of Bagenalstown Vocational School as follows:

*'We, the below Members call on Carlow County Council to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the closure of Bagenalstown VEC and to invite the CEO of the ETB in Carlow/Kilkenny to attend. Councillors Paton, McDonald, Pender, Phelan, Quinn, Doran, Murphy, Deane and Cassin.'*

***This concluded the business of the meeting.***