

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 10th October 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J. Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor D. Foley
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor W. Quinn,

Apologies: Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor F. Phelan

In attendance: Mr. D. McInerney, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service – Corporate, Planning, Economic Development, Health and Safety
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr S. O'Connor, Director of Services, Housing, Community, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control & Emergency Services
Ms. L. Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Services, Transportation, Environment and Water Services.
Ms Anita Sweeny, Senior Planner
Mr. M. O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer, Environment
Mr. Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Officer, Water Services
Ms Arlene O'Connor, Executive Planner
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. D. Flynn, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services.

In commemorating the 1916 Rising the National Anthem was played.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Patrick Donohue, 46, St Brigid's Crescent, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow on the death of his brother James.
- Annette Mahon & Family, Ballyellin, Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Joe.
- The Family of the late Tom Coleman, Straduff, Garryhill, Myshall, Co. Carlow.
- Joe McNabb & Family, Tullow Hill, Tullow, Co. Carlow on the death of his wife Eileen.
- The Family of the late Sarah Jordan, Coolnasnaughta, Myshall, Co. Carlow.
- The Murphy Family, Pollerton Little, Pollerton, Carlow on the death of their father, Seamus Murphy.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Palatine Senior Football on winning the County Final.
- Old Leighlin Football on winning the Junior B County Football Final.
- Eire Óg on winning the Junior A County Football Final.
- Ballinkillen on winning the U/16 A Carlow Hurling Final.
- Myshall on winning their 19th County Camogie Final in a row.
- Bagenalstown on winning the Junior County Camogie Final.
- All Carlow Tidy Towns Groups on increasing their marks in Tidy Towns Awards 2016.
- The Village Dairy, Clonmore, Killeshin on receiving their first Irish Food Award by winning the best milk for their Jersey Milk and receiving the 'Best in Carlow' award.
- Netwatch Carlow on creating eighty five new jobs, sixty of which are earmarked for Carlow.
- Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services, Zena Keane, Health and Safety Advisor and the Housing Department on receiving the President's Award new entrant at the National Irish Safety Organisation Awards 2016.

- Carlow Mental Health Association on promoting positive mental health in Carlow.
- Eileen O'Rourke on the success of 'Carlow Autumn Walking Festival 2016'.

Councillor Doran expressed concern about the publication of signatures of members, several of whom are peace commissioners and about identity theft. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Paton and seconded by Councillor Pender and unanimously agreed that conference reports are to be maintained on a separate register which is to be brought to Council Meetings for inspection by any member who wishes. Also any uploading of these reports would have the signature removed and the members name inserted. It was further agreed by the Members not to include the list of tenders in the Council agenda from now on but to make them available for inspection in a separate folder to be brought to Council meetings.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September Council Meeting held on 12th September, 2016 were:-

Proposed by Councillor W. Lacey

Seconded by Councillor W. Paton

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That the Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 12th September, at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.'

The minutes of the Special In Committee Meeting held on 27th September, 2016 were:-

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That the Minutes of the Special In Committee Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Tuesday 27th September, 2016, at 2.00 p.m. having been circulated to each Member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.'

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27th September, 2016 following Special In Committee Meeting were:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Deane

Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Tuesday 27th September, 2016, at 3.00 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

(a) 21, Dolmen Court, Browneshill Road, Carlow

Proposed by Councillor W. Lacey

Seconded by Councillor D. Foley

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183(1), Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, the disposal of Council's Rented Equity portion of Shared Ownership Loan (Freehold Interest) in dwelling situated 21, Dolmen Court, Brownshill Road, Carlow, to Ms. Estella Maye in consideration of the sum of €20,641.19 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated and that the consent of the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government is not necessary.'

(b) Muine Bheag / Royal Oak Local Area Plan 2016-2022

E. Brophy brought to the attention of the Elected Members the requirement of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, in relation to Disclosure of Interest. He advised that any Member or any connected person who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest on any item in the subject matter before the meeting must disclose the nature of that interest and then withdraw fully from the meeting for as long as the matter is being discussed or considered.

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined the Local Area Plan Process and indicated that the draft plan was placed on public display from 15th June – 27th July 2016. Twelve submissions were received on the draft plan. Ms. Sweeney advised that the Chief Executive's Report was circulated on 6th

September and included; a list of persons who made submissions, a summary of the issues raised and opinion and recommendation of the Chief Executive.

Councillor Arthur McDonald withdrew from the meeting due to beneficial interest in subject matter being considered.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the Chief Executive's report and amendments therein in accordance with Section 20 (3)(d)(i).

Amendment No. 1 - Submission no. MBLAP-1 – Michael Drea

Chief Executive's Recommendation: That the lands be rezoned from agriculture to Residential Phase 2 given the availability of sufficient land to accommodate the core strategy figures over the period of the Plan.

Cllr. Tommy Kinsella proposed that the lands be rezoned from agriculture to Residential Phase 1.

This was proposed by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. Denis Foley.

Amendment No. 2 - Submission no.'s 2 (Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources), 3 (Environmental Protection Agency), 6 (Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government), 8 (Michael Cassidy Architect), 10 (ESB) and Chief Executive Recommendation (re: Archaeological Heritage)

Recommended the following be included as material amendments to the draft Plan:

Chief Executive's Recommendation: Include additional Section as follows: 10.4.5 Geological Heritage: The geology of County Carlow has influenced the landscapes, soils, habitats, economic activities such as quarrying and features of local cultural interest such as stonewalls, limekilns etc. The Geological Survey of Ireland, in partnership with Carlow County Council, has developed a list of County Geological Sites (CGS), as part of the Irish Geological Heritage Programme. These are sites of local geological and geomorphological interest, or sites which contain a feature of local geological and geomorphological interest. Some of these sites, which are of national significance, may in the future, be proposed by the Geological Survey of Ireland and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, as geological Natural Heritage Areas (NHA's). The programme of CGS documentation is an on-going, dynamic process as additional sites may be added through new

exposures such as quarrying and road cuttings and through notifications from local community knowledge.

Chief Executive's Recommendation: (a) Include additional policy of *"To seek to protect and maintain the character, integrity and conservation value of features or areas of geological interest that may be proposed by the DoAHG and / or the GSI within the Plan area and to seek the promotion of the importance of Country Geological Sites in tourist material / publications as appropriate"*.

Chief Executive's Recommendation: (b) Include in Section 1.5 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment the following text:

The Muine Bheag / Royal Oak area was assessed for risk of flooding in line with the standards and recommendations of the Flood Risk Guidelines. Certain lands within the Plan boundary were rezoned to water compatible uses (including lands from residential to open space and amenity uses). An assessment of flood risk is required in support of any planning application where flood risk may be an issue and this may include sites where a small watercourse or field drain exists nearby. The level of detail will vary depending on the risks identified and the proposed land use. As a minimum, all proposed development must consider the impact of surface water flood risks on drainage design. In addition, flood risk from sources other than fluvial and tidal should be reviewed.

Chief Executive's Recommendation: Include addition text in **Chapter 4 Section 4.5 Brownfield/ Derelict/ Vacant/ Underutilised Sites** Vacant development sites are an opportunity for Muine Bheag to provide for additional housing, employment and other space. Active land management including the implementation of the vacant land levy are key planning policies to implement the vision of the LAP and the core strategy of the County Development Plan. The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 provides for a levy on vacant sites and this is a key measure in implementing the Core Strategy by encouraging the development of such vacant sites.

Include additional objective as follows:

ECO 6: To provide for the development of vacant sites in designated areas (residential land and / or regeneration land) and to encourage and facilitate the appropriate development and renewal of sites and areas in need of regeneration in order to prevent;

Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land

- Urban blight or decay
- Anti-social behaviour, or
- A shortage of habitable houses or of land for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses.

Include additional text in **Chapter 6, Section 6.3 Strategic Approach**

Encourage and facilitate the appropriate development and renewal of sites and areas in need of regeneration in order to prevent;

- o Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of ruinous or neglected condition of any land
- o Urban blight or decay
- o Anti-social behaviour
- o A shortage of habitable houses or of land for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses.

Map of potential areas to be included identifying lands at Canal Front and Royal Oak Road.

Chief Executive's Recommendation: (d) Include additional text underlined to HO 6 "*To support and facilitate in co-operation with relevant interested organisations including NPWS, the OPW, the Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society and Failte Ireland, the development of an appropriate cycle and defined pedestrian way linking the railway station, town centre, river and sites and facilities of interest in the town and its environs. Any proposed cycling or walking routes along the River will be subject to Appropriate Assessment in accordance with the Habitats Directive*".

Chief Executive's Recommendation: (e) Include additional policy in Section 6.5 "*It is the policy of the Council to promote the development of quality shopfronts and in particular traditional shopfronts which contribute to the distinctive character of the town and to facilitate the improvement of vacant shops and premises in the town centre.*"

Chief Executive's Recommendation: (f) Amend Policy LU 2 with text underlined "*To prioritise the use and enjoyment of the town streets and spaces by pedestrians and cyclists so that the impact of the private car and HGV traffic is moderated and a more reasonable balance is achieved*"

between the interests of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, including a more consistent approach to car parking in the town centre including increased provisions of off-street car parking”.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation: (g) Amend Policy TP 4 with additional text underlined_“It is the policy of the Council to support the Government’s Electric Transport Programme 2008 – 2020 by facilitating the roll-out of battery charging infrastructure for electric vehicles at various locations throughout Muine Bheag”. The provision of such infrastructure shall comply with the requirements and specifications of Trans Policy 14 and Energy Policy 12 as contained in the Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation: (h) Section 10.4.2 Archaeological Heritage include reference to 8 no. sites and amend map to reflect same.

- CW016-023 in Dunleckney – A Mound
- CW016-112 in Dunleckney – A Ring Ditch
- CW016-118 in Moneybeg – A Field System (now occupied by housing)
- CW016-119 in Moneybeg – A Field System (now occupied by housing)
- CW016-126 in Dunleckney – A Ring Ditch
- CW016-131 in Kilree – Excavation / Miscellaneous
- CW016-040002 in Kilree – A Quarry
- CW016-040001 in Kilree – An Enclosure

Cllr. Tommy Kinsella proposed this amendment and it was seconded by Cllr. Denis Foley.

Amendment No. 3

Ms. Anita Sweeney advised the Elected Members that in the absence of detailed modelling of the Dunleckney Stream and further to concerns expressed by the Elected Members the Council engaged IE consulting to undertake hydraulic modelling of the stream to better inform land use zoning decisions.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation: The amended floodlines significantly reduces the area affected by potential flooding. Having regard to same and given the availability of more accurate detail it was recommended that the flood lines along Dunleckney stream reflect the modelling exercise and the open space areas be amended to follow amended flood zones A/B and that a 10m Riparian Zone be retained along stream as appropriate (map circulated to illustrate proposed changes.)

The elected members considered that the area of lands within the amended flood lines south of McGrath Park and the lands within the flood lines north of Pairc Mhuire notwithstanding the above recommendation could be zoned for residential purposes and subject to a site specific flood risk assessment as part of any planning application on those lands.

Cllr. Tommy Kinsella proposed this amendment to the Chief Executive's report and it was seconded by Cllr. Denis Foley.

Amendment no. 4

Following the presentation and recommendations outlined above, Cllr. Tommy Kinsella recommended the following:

Proposed changes be incorporated into the land use matrix to facilitate further development within the employment zones.

LAND USE Amendments suggested by Members of Muinebheag/Borris Municipal District – re LAP Muinebheag 2016 – indicated in red	INDUSTRY WAREHOUSING AND ASSOCIATED OFFICE USE H	ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT Q	MANUFACTURING, TOURISM, ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT M & M1
Guest house/hotel/hostel	N	N	⊖ Y
Restaurant	N O	O	Y
Pub	N	O	⊖ Y
Retail warehouse	N O	N O	N O
school	N	O	N O
Medical and Related Consultant	N	Y	N O
Health Centre	N	Y	N Y
Recreational buildings	N O	⊖ Y	Y
Live/work unit	N	N	N O
Garages, panel beating and car repairs	Y	N O	N O
Petrol Station	O	Y	N Y
Motor sales	O	Y	N Y
Car parks	Y	Y	⊖ Y
Heavy commercial vehicle parks	⊖ Y	N	N
Repository, store, depot	⊖ Y	⊖ Y	⊖ Y
Industry	Y	N O	Y
Industry (light)	Y	⊖ Y	⊖ Y
Workshops	Y	⊖ Y	Y
Tourist related facilities	N O	⊖ Y	O Y
Utility Structures	⊖ Y	⊖ Y	O Y

Cllr. Tommy Kinsella proposed this amendment and it was seconded by Cllr. Denis Foley.

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne				√
John Cassin				√
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald				√
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue				√
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan				√
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 13 for, 5 absent.

The Motion in favour of the amendments and that the Material Alterations of the Muine Bheag / Royal Oak Draft Local Area Plan 2016-2022 be placed on public display **was carried**.

(c) Companies Act 2014 – Carlow Arts Centre Ltd

The elected members of Carlow County Council, at meeting held Monday 10th October, 2016, considered report and recommendation from Mr. Michael Brennan, Company Secretary, Carlow Arts Centre Ltd., to approve the New Constitution of the Company and that Carlow Arts Centre Ltd. re-register as a Private Company Limited by Shares, under the Companies Act 2014. Councillor Paton raised a concern that there was no reference to the Company Shareholders, i.e. the Elected Members of Carlow County Council, in Article 43 of the Constitution relating to ‘Notices’ and requested that, subject to clarification on the legal position, a line be added to Article 43, stating that “the Elected Members of Carlow County Council, nominated to represent the Shareholders on the Board of Carlow Arts Centre Ltd., will act on behalf of the Company Shareholders”. Councillor Paton also queried the position relating to the former Carlow Town Council which was one of the two Shareholders. Members were advised by B. O’Brien, Director of Services, that Carlow Arts Centre Ltd. is now a single member limited company owned by Carlow County Council, the Shareholders.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey

AND following a showing of hands

RESOLVED

‘We, the undersigned, being all the Members for the time being of the above-named Company entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at General Meetings, hereby pass the following Resolutions as Special Resolutions and agree that the said Resolutions shall, pursuant to Section 193 of the Companies Act 2014 and the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association, for all purposes be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held.’

Special Resolutions

- 1. “That the Company, being a Private Limited Company, re-register as a Private Company Limited by Shares pursuant to Section 59 of the Companies Act 2014”.*
- 2. “That the regulations contained in the printed document marked “B” for the purpose of identification, be approved and with effect from the date of re-registration of the Company as a Private Company Limited by Shares, be adopted as the constitution of the Company to the exclusion of the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.”*

- (d) To approve Overdraft Accommodation in the sum of €2 Million for the year ending 31st December 2017 in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001**

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton
Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey
AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve Overdraft Accommodation in the sum of €2 million for the year ended 31st December 2017 in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

- (e) (i) 5 Houses at the Laurels, Carlow**

Members welcomed report from the Deputy Chief Executive on proposals to carry out development on five houses at the Laurels, Carlow. Members' approval was sought to progress the proposed Scheme on the basis of report submitted.

**Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey
AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the proposed development by Carlow County Council to refurbishment works to five dwellings at 66-70 The Laurels, Tullow Road, Carlow in accordance with Planning & Development Acts, 2000-2013, Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013, Part V111.

- (ii) 2 No. extensions to bays at Ardristan Heights, Tullow, Co. Carlow**

Members had report from the Deputy Chief Executive on proposals for 2 no. extensions to bays at Ardristan Heights, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

A discussion took place on the issue with some Members expressing reservations on the proposals due to concerns of anti-social behaviour at this location.

It was

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton
Seconded by Councillor J. Pender
AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'that we, the Members of Carlow County Council agree that proposals for two extensions to bays at Ardristan Heights, Tullow, Co. Carlow not be progressed until all issues have been resolved.'

Mr. S. O'Connor advised of new initiative, announced by the Minister on 6th October, **New Repair and Leasing Scheme**. The Scheme is being rolled out on a pilot basis in Carlow County Council and Waterford City and County Council from 6th October. Owners of houses or apartments in Carlow and Waterford that have been vacant for a least one year and which require an amount of repairs to bring the property to the required standard for rented properties may contact their local authority and express an interest in the scheme. The Local Authority or Approved Housing Body will pay for this repair work up-front in return for the property being made available for social housing through a lease for a period of at least ten years. The maximum costs of repairs allowable under the initiative will be €40,000. Queries raised by the Members were addressed by S. O'Connor.

Members requested that going forward all reports/circulars, for consideration at Council meetings, be forwarded to Members in advance of meetings to enable Members consider the subject matter in more detail prior to meetings.

5. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Transportation Progress Report

Members welcomed progress report to end of September 2016 and complimented L. Fitzgerald on roads services in County Carlow.

The following issues were raised by the Members:-

- Kilkenny Road Roundabout dangerous cycle path. L. Fitzgerald advised that the Roundabout has come through Road Safety Audit on design of Scheme. He advised of requirement for a second Road Safety Audit to be carried out by an independent group.
- Provision of Footpath Leighlinbridge. Councillor Doran raised issue of loan renewal to complete footpaths in Leighlinbridge.
- Public Lighting energy usage. L. Fitzgerald advised of EU Directive that by 2020 there is an obligation to reduce energy efficiency target by 20%. He advised that LED lighting is the way forward. Councillor Quinn advised of section in Borris requiring 6 public lights to be completed.
- Dr. Cullen Road left turn only exiting from Oak Park Road and cannery site left turn only when exiting site and left turn to enter site from Athy Road Roundabout direction. L Fitzgerald advised that issues in relation to

this junction will be raised at upcoming meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

- Improvement works Tullow Street. L. Fitzgerald advised that works will not commence until site investigation work has been completed by Irish Water. It is likely works will not commence until 2018.
- Roundabout at Royal Oak, Bagenalstown. L. Fitzgerald advised that Royal Oak is a Regional Road and funding for Roundabout is unlikely.
- Road markings in certain areas in Bagenalstown need to be addressed- Bank, Railway House, and Filling Station. Filling Station also in need of parking bay layout. Filling Station, Bagenalstown and proposal by owner on suitability for skips to be located in this area.
- Dangerous junction at Tullow Boys School.
- Tullow By Pass. L. Fitzgerald advised of funding issue.
- Progress on works at bridge in Tullow
- Left turn only signs not been adhered to in Carlow Town Centre
- Green Lane school crossing. School Warden dealing with three lanes of traffic.
- Falling leaves blocking drains
- Scallywags Playschool, Fenagh. For safety reasons the requirement for the 'yield' sign to be replaced by a 'stop' sign.
- Wall Ballygowan, issue of cappings needs to be resolved.
- Design of Bridge Relief Road, Bagenalstown. L. Fitzgerald advised that preliminary design has been completed. More refined design work has to be completed before the bridge design is commenced and due to priority demands the works will not commence in the near future.

All issues raised by Members were addressed by L. Fitzgerald.

(b) Environment & Water Services Progress Report

Members had Environment and Water Services Progress Report to October 2016.

Issues raised by the Members included the following:-

- Buy/hire screen on a pilot basis as a cost saving measure for disposing of demolition type waste.
- Recycling facility Powerstown. Use as a Transfer Station.
- Members requested that the Council write to Irish Water requesting that they engage locally qualified contractors to carry out works.
- Current position on Cannery site.

Queries raised by Members were addressed by the Deputy Chief Executive and M. O'Brien.

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

(a) Agriculture

There were no matters arising.

(b) Health

There were no matters arising.

(c) Tender for opening, if any

Members noted tenders opened since the last Council meeting.

(d) Conference Attendance Approvals

Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor W. Paton

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

'That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the attendance of Members at the following conferences.

Funding Local Government! Your View?

White's Hotel,
Wexford.

30th September to 2nd October 2016

Fee: €145

Waterways Ireland: the Vision/Expectations for 2017/2020

The Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.

11th 12th & 13th November 2016

Fee: €100

Microsoft Excel Workshop for Councillors,

The Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.

23rd & 24th November 2016

Fee: €150

Local Authority Budgets 2017,

Radisson Blu Hotel,

Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal.

4th to 6th November 2016

Fee: €145

Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing
And Homelessness,

Park House Hotel,

Edgeworthstown,

Co. Longford.

4th to 5th November 2016

Fee: €70

(e) Conference Attendance Reports

Members noted Conference Attendance Reports

5. Chief Executive's Report

Members had Chief Executive's Report to 30th September 2016.

E. Brophy advised that the shared Dog Warden Service with Kilkenny County Council, managed by the ISPCA, will cease in February 2017. The operation of the Dog Warden Service will go to public tender.

6. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence

Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine in response to Members' correspondence regarding the disposal of cattle on a Monaghan farm.

Members noted correspondence from Iarnród Éireann in response to Members' correspondence concerning pedestrian access in Carlow Station.

Members noted correspondence from TUSLA in response to Members' correspondence in relation to mental health services for 10 to 16 year olds and funding requested by Carlow Regional Youth Services

Members noted Correspondence from Dogs Trust requesting a meeting with the Members of Carlow County to discuss how both can work together to improve dog control and animal welfare. It was agreed that E. Brophy would meet with Dogs Trust.

7. Notices of Motion.

Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

In the absence of Councillor Cassin E. Brophy brought the Notice of Motion to the attention of the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)

Seconded by Councillor W. Paton

AND following a showing of hands

Resolved

‘Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, pay for Shauntelle Tynan cancer treatment - Histiocytosis X, which is so rare that she has to be treated by a specialist in the Texas Children’s Hospital in America. ‘

8. Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Paton raised the issue of Lime Kiln, former Irish Sugar Factory (former CW77), Strawhall, Athy Road, Carlow. Councillor Paton advised of concerns re possible plan to demolish this Lime Kiln and asked members to commence the process to add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures. Members discussed the matter especially the Historic, Architectural, Cultural, Social and technical value of the Kiln. It was noted that this structure was built mainly by local Carlow people. A number of members did not see any merit in protecting this structure.

Councillor Paton asked that Carlow County Council commence the process to add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures and to immediately serve notice on the owner advising on same. Councillor Doran proposed an amendment which was not proceeded with. Councillor Paton submitted a copy of his motion to the Cathaoirleach.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor J. Pender

That the Lime Kiln/ Cooling Tower at the former Sugar Factory, Athy Road, Carlow be added to the list of Protected Structure in the Carlow County Development Plan (2015 – 2021) of August 2015.

And following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			

Fergal Browne				√
John Cassin				√
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran		√		
Denis Foley				√
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella				√
Walter Lacey	√			
Arthur McDonald		√		
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue				√
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan				√
William Quinn	√			

The vote resulted in: 8 for, 4 against, 6 absent.

The Motion was carried.

Other issues raised by the Members:-

- Councillor Quinn raised issue of recent closure of Borris Library for a short period.
- Councillor McDonald raised issue of Slaney Foods being taken over by Larry Goodman ABP Foods and the issue of one major player having control of the market
- Councillor Paton raised issue of poor 3 mobile phone coverage.

- Councillor Murnane raised issue of Central Bank's regulations not taking into account a person's track record of paying rent when being assessed for a first time mortgage.
- Councillor Ahern raised issue of works on courthouse railings. The Deputy Chief Executive advised that correspondence has issued to the Court Service on the matter and that a tender for a section of railing on the old Dublin Road side is expected in November.

This concluded the business of the meeting.