

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow
Held in the Civic Offices, Tullow, on
Carlow, on Thursday, 3rd December 2015**

Present: Councillor J. Cassin (Mayor)
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Paton

Apologies: Councillor W. Lacey

In attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Lena Smith, Administrative Officer
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer/Meetings Administrator

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of 22nd October, 2015.

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton,

Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern,

And following a show of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That the Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow held on the 22nd October, 2015, were agreed.”

Housing

Lena Smith addressed the meeting and updated on the current housing construction programme and circulated a document detailing the current position on the various schemes.

Lena also updated on the HAP scheme, the voids programme, adaptation works to social housing, housing stock and the new tenant purchase scheme including the terms of the scheme and the various discounts.

Lena advised that Tim Butler would issue a comprehensive document on the new tenant purchase scheme. She answered questions from members on various housing issues.

Planning

There were no planning issues raised.

Transportation

P. Harrington advised of report circulated and answered questions from members on various issues including Cross keys junction, premises for sale at Cross Keys being a purchase opportunity, request for a feasibility study on the purchase of property at Cross Keys, transport to hospitals, a proposed meeting between transport officials and interest parties at Cross Keys, funding source for the proposed purchase.

Cllr. Paton proposed that a formal report would be prepared which would include a consultation by council officials with stakeholders

Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin and resolved following a show of hands.

He answered questions on drainage at Beechwood Park and the possibility of making Montgomery Street a one way street with parking on both sides. P. Harrington advised of a review of parking which will be advertised in the future and residents can make submissions.

P. Harrington advised the rate of rise in the river Slaney was over 1 mm per minute.

P. Harrington also answered questions on leak management at Church Street, Graiguecullen, dangerous bend at Aghalona (junction of Killerig and Friarstown) and location of water mains at Rathnapish.

Members welcomed the consultation on the review of paid parking and parking byelaws in Carlow.

Cllr. F. Browne suggested the Council write to the Minister outlining that the largest facility in Carlow/Carlow IT, does not pay rates.

Any Other Business

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue enquired if it was possible to mobilise local residents to assist in unblocking shores etc. and being trained in safe pass etc. P. Harrington and E. Brophy replied advising of safety issues.

Members commented on the closure of Supervalu in Carlow Shopping Centre.

Cllr. Anne Ahern congratulated the board of Tullow Museum for the warm welcome received today at the visit to the Museum prior to the Municipal District Meeting. Cllr. W. Paton replied on behalf of the Tullow Museum and thanked the Council for their ongoing support.

This concluded the business of the meeting.