

**Minutes of Budgetary Plan 2016 / General Municipal Allocation**  
**Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow**  
**Held in the Town Hall, Carlow, on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at 4.30 p.m.**

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

In attendance: Ms. Kathleen Holohan, Chief Executive  
Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Michael Brennan, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Financial Accountant  
Mr. T. Butler, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. J. Kinsella, Administrative Officer  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer/Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Cassin welcomed the new Chief Executive to the meeting and invited Kathleen to address the meeting. K. Holohan said she was delighted to be in Carlow County Council as Chief Executive and looked forward to working in partnership with all people in Carlow. Other members of the Municipal District also welcomed Kathleen to her new role.

The Mayor then moved to the draft budget and invited P. Delaney to address the meeting. P. Delaney advised of the budgetary process as it related to the General Municipal Allocation or GMA. The three options are to adopt, amend and adopt or raise additional funding and ring fence for the Municipal District. It was noted that parking fees were the only source to raise additional income.

He advised there was not an apparent reduction of 9% in the Carlow Municipal District Area but this was due to a change in description in housing maintenance. P. Delaney went through each individual expenditure item.

P. Delaney answered questions from members on various issues to do with the budget, including parking charges, housing maintenance, security at Town Park, swimming pools, shop front/paint schemes, funding for roads, open spaces, special

projects (members) and items which were listed in last year's budget but not this year's budget e.g. mobility aids, housing aids for the elderly.

Members paid tribute to the Council's, Gateway and Volunteer staff for work done in the Carlow Municipal District area.

Cllr. W. Paton proposed and Cllr. B. O'Donoghue seconded that the meeting go into committee to discuss special projects for members. E. Brophy outlined the provisions of standing order No 50 in relation to such motion.

B. O'Brien advised that an allocation of funding has been made for Christmas lights in 2015 in response to query from Cllr. Phelan. Following a show of hands it was agreed to go into committee.

Cllr. W. Paton proposed an additional of €20,000 to members special projects and take €5,000 from A0101, B0405, E0601 and F0301.

Cllr. A. Ahern suggested that whatever figure was agreed as the special projects budget (members) for 2016, would be the starting allocation for the 2017 budget. This was agreed by members present.

It was agreed to have a meeting in committee at municipal district level prior to next year's GMA meeting.

Cllr. W. Paton proposed adoption of Budget / General Municipal Allocation with increase of €20,000 D0601 special projects with this funded by €5,000 from housing and €15,000 from Road Maintenance. This was seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue and a roll call vote was held.

	For	Against	Abstain
A. Ahern			✓
F. Browne	✓		
J. Cassin		✓	
J. Deane	✓		
W. Lacey	✓		
J. M. O'Connor		✓	
B. O' Donoghue	✓		
W. Paton	✓		
J. Pender			✓
F. Phelan	✓		

The motion was accordingly passed by six votes in favour, two against and two abstentions.

This concluded the business of the meeting.