

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow  
Held in the Town Hall, Carlow,  
on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**

**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 W. Paton  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor F. Phelan

**In attendance:** Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
T. Butler, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer/Meetings Administrator  
Mr. K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise  
Ms. F. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning  
Mr. M. Brennan, Senior Executive Officer, Community

**Confirmation of Minutes**

*Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015*

**Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton,**

**Seconded by Cllr. F. Browne**

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

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015, were agreed."

**Statutory Business:**

***Gaming and Lotteries Act***

E. Brophy summarised the contents of the memo issued.

Cllr. F. Browne requested a cost breakdown at the next Municipal District Meeting.

E. Brophy answered questions from members on the Gaming and Lotteries issues.

**Proposed by F. Browne,**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Cassin**

And following a roll call the motion was adopted unanimously

*"Pursuant to Section 13 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 and the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (Schedule 3 Part 1 Ref No. 43) to rescind the adoption of Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 in respect of the Municipal District of Carlow save in respect of the following premises being part of the Municipal District of Carlow specified in the schedule hereunder:-*

<b>Schedule</b>	
<b>Valuation Office No</b>	<b>Premises</b>
2175836	Charlotte Street
1138086	Tullow Street
1137047	Barrack Street
1137206	Barrack Street
1137204	Burrin Arcade, Kennedy Street

## **Housing**

Tim Butler circulated a document on housing activity and spoke on this document including Tenant Purchase, HAP's, housing loans, disability grants, construction report, preferred housing body for Fruithill.

Tim answered questions from members on various issues including preferred housing bodies, funding for capital projects, homelessness, emergency housing shelters, Sleaty Street, RAS Scheme and retrofitting on New Oak Estate, naming of a housing complex at Marlborough Street. It was decided Cllr. Lacey would contact the Brereton family to agree naming the complex 'Brereton House', Maryborough Street. It was noted there was a fire at the location several years ago in which three of the Brereton children perished tragically. Tim also answered questions on increase in rates for HAP payment and rent supplement and process of dealing with homeless families. Members thanked Tim for his contribution.

## **Planning**

### ***Update on Taking in Charge & Unfinished Estates***

F. O'Neill spoke on the comprehensive document circulated with the agenda on unfinished estates and taking in charge. She spoke on the different schedules circulated with the report.

Members thanked Fiona O'Neill for the comprehensive report and Fiona answered questions on various issues including bonds at Rathsillan, works and wall at Phelim Wood, bonds, taking in charge, sanctioning developers who have repeatedly failed to complete developments to an adequate standard.

Members requested details of the cost of repairs of public lights under the contract with Airtricity. Information to be provided at the next Municipal District meeting.

## **Transportation**

### ***Area Engineers report:***

P. Harrington circulated a report covering:-

- *Storm damage report*
- *Provisional surface dressing programme – map and spreadsheet*
- *Road surface dressing 2007 – 2015 map*
- *Application for NRA direct funding N81 Report*
- *Traffic count at community school in Hacketstown report*

P. Harrington spoke on the various items above and answered questions from members on various issues. Members thanked Pat and his team for the major effort put in during the adverse weather. Members also thanked him and the team for the works on the Burrin River which prevented flooding on this occasion despite the river being higher than the previous occasion when flooding did occur.

P. Harrington addressed members' attention to a map indicating proposals for surface dressing for 2016 and advised that by the end of 2017 all roads in the county will have been surfaced within the last nine years.

Members enquired as to the possibility of there being money for Local Improvement Scheme and on Community Involvement Schemes.

P. Harrington also spoke on the other items listed in his reports.

Members requested the MD write to the owner of Penney's Carpark to request improvement to the surface of the car park.

### ***IBAL Results January 2016***

#### **Community**

##### ***Draft Local Economic & Community Plan***

M. Brennan and K. Comerford were in attendance and addressed the meeting on the development of the LECP which will be considered at the February County Council meeting. Michael and Kieran answered questions from members on aspects of the draft plan. The members thanked them for their contribution.

The members requested there be no Municipal District meeting in February. This was agreed. The next full Municipal District Meeting (other than a specific purpose meeting to approve the annual Municipal District Works Plan) to be held in March 2016.

#### ***Any Other Business***

This concluded the business of the meeting.