

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow
Held in the Cheshire Home, Tullow,
on Thursday, 22nd March, 2016**

Present: Councillor J. Cassin (Mayor)
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan

Apologies: Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor
Councillor Brian O'Donoghue

In attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Services
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
Margaret Nolan, Administrative Officer, Community

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th January, 2016.

The Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow held on the 28th January, 2016, were agreed.

Draft Annual Service Plan 2016

Proposed by Cllr. Fergal Browne

Seconded by Cllr. John Cassin

And following a show of hands

“The Annual Service Plan for 2016, as circulated, is hereby approved.”

Housing

Tim Butler updated on the Housing Programme and advised that for capital schemes up to €2 million, there are now less steps involved but still four stages of approval. He also advised that there are still delays at approval stage.

Transportation

Speed Limit Order R448 South of Carlow Town

P. Harrington referred to the roundabout under construction at Mortarstown and advised there is a possibility of a 60kmph limit at the roundabout, reverting to 80 kmph or 100 kmph after the roundabout on the town side, until the school is constructed, after which the situation will be reviewed.

In relation to the review of Parking Bye-Laws for Carlow Town, P. Harrington advised seventeen submissions had been received and a report will be prepared and submitted to the elected members for consideration.

P. Harrington circulated a report on Graiguecullen Traffic Light System showing dynamic control systems managing 14,000 vehicles on four lanes. He advised this is a highly sophisticated system which feeds directly back to the area office.

P. Harrington spoke on public lighting maintenance arrangements with AUS at a cost of €25 per lamp per year. He outlined details of the contract and advised that penalties are now being applied but many faults are not routine bulb replacements. There are 6,500 lights in Carlow and a survey is currently underway. P. Harrington answered questions from member on public lighting issues.

P. Harrington advised of a decision to close a road at Lisnavagh.

Planning

B. O'Brien informed members that the Tullow Local Area Plan (LAP) review had commenced and a workshop is required with the Municipal District members in advance of completing the Draft Local Area Plan for the period 2016 to 2022. It is proposed to hold the workshop on Thursday, 28th April at 2.30 p.m., to be followed at 4.30pm by the Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. Pender raised the issue of revised procedures for preplanning and said he trusted this would not cause delays in persons getting pre-planning appointments.

Any Other Business

B. O'Brien advised that the Pan Celtic Opening is Tuesday, 29th March at 7.30pm in VISUAL and members were requested to reply to invitation received, for the purpose of determining numbers.

Cllr. W. Paton thanked members for attending the meeting in the Cheshire Home and referred to the importance of the building for the town of Tullow. He advised that Cllrs. W. Paton, J. Pender, J. Murphy, and J. Cassin would meet the general management of the HSE with a view to determining a new use for the Cheshire Home. It was also agreed to send a letter to the Cheshire Foundation thanking them for hosting the meeting.

A discussion took place on the delay in the commencement of the ordinary meeting due to the length of the In Committee Meeting of the Municipal District. A discussion also took place on the procedural issues involved in County Council Meetings especially presentations, votes of congratulations and votes of sympathy

This concluded the business of the meeting.