

**7ú lá de Deireadh Fómhair, 2015**

**Don Chathaoirleach agus gach Ball de Chomhairle Chontae Cheatharlocha**

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Tionólfar cruinniú na míosa de Chomhairle Chontae Cheatharloch do Mhí de Deireadh Fómhair i seomra An Chomhairle, Oifigí an Chontae, Ceatharloch, ar an **12ú lá de Deireadh Fómhair 2015** ag 2.00 i.n.

Pléfar na gnóthaí thíos luaite agus iarrtar ort bheith i láthair.

**TO THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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The October monthly meeting of Carlow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, at 2.00 p.m.**

The following business will be transacted and your attendance is requested.

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**E. Brophy,  
Senior Executive Officer/  
Meetings Administrator**

## Agenda

1. Dearbhú Miontuairisc í/Confirmation of Minutes
  - (a) Approve Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, at 2.00 p.m.
  - (b) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 5.00 p.m.
  
2. Ciorcláin/Circulars
  - (a) Planning Circulars PL6/2015 & PI8/2015 – Urban Regeneration Housing Act 2015 – Planning & Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2015
  
3. Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle  
Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council
  - (a) Fix date for the Annual Budget Meeting
  - (b) Planning & Development Acts 2000/2010 & Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (Part 8) as amended – Borris Viaduct – Access Detail
  - (c) To consider in accordance with Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003, the adoption of the draft County Carlow 2015 -2021 Local Arts Development Plan
  
4. Corporate, Planning, Economic Development & Health & Safety  
Seirbhísí Corporáideacha, Pleanáil, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht
  - (a) Agriculture
  - (b) Health
  - (c) Tenders for opening, if any
  - (d) Conference Attendance Approvals

5. Community, Housing, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control & Emergency Services  
Pobal, Tithíocht, Áineas agus Áiseanna, Rialaithe Tógála agus Seirbhísí Éigeandála
- (a) Housing Progress Report
  - (b) Recreation & Amenity Progress Report
  - (c) Fire & Emergency Services Progress Report
  - (d) Community Progress Report

6. Chief Executives Report  
Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh

7. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence

8. Fógraí Rúin/Notices of Motion.  
Standing in the names of Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Fintan Phelan  
"That Carlow County Council put in place a programme now and going forward every year for security in Carlow Town Park i.e. Park Rangers, CCTV and in consultation with the local gardai because of the problem with litter and anti social behaviour in the park."

Standing in the name of Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor,

"That Carlow County Council re-examine parking issues in the Town Centre. With the amount of shop closures in the town we need to give incentives to people to come to Carlow Town Centre to shop i.e. free parking."

Standing in the name of Councillors Brian O'Donoghue, Fintan Phelan, Denis Foley

"That this Council would adopt this resolution in support of Cork City Council in its actions against the proposed merger of Cork City and County Councils, and further supports its challenge to the Local Government Reform programme, which undermines the European principal of subsidiarity."

"We also direct the meeting administrator to inform the Minister for The Environment and Local Government and the Secretary General of the same Department of the passing of this motion by this Council".

Standing in the Name of Cllrs. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Anne Ahern (nee Long)

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health to honour their commitment to funding €360,000 towards the proposed Tir na nÓg Respite Centre in Carlow. This will be the only children’s respite centre for Carlow and the surrounding areas providing a service to over 40 children with disabilities ranging in ages of 2 to 18 in Carlow.”

Standing in the Name of Cllr. John Cassin

“Carlow County Council call on Waterways Ireland to carry out a structural engineering review of the River Barrow Track to ascertain safe and appropriate weight limits for vehicles and equipment carrying out works on the track. This would clarify the appropriate type of vehicles allowed on the track. The heavy equipment Waterways Ireland is presently using is causing damage to the integrity of the track by breaking the grass surface, damaging the track and the puddle walls, causing the track to cave and crack and to come away from the banks. An example of this problem near the Carlow boundary with Kildare was illustrated in our presentation to Carlow County Council 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

In the last six weeks the use of heavy machinery without due care and adherence to best practice at the site has broken the track again at the site of repair, making the repair pointless and causing long term damage. The moving of this heavy machinery along the track has now cracked the banks and top-sod closer to Bestfield Lock. Further, the heavy tractor Waterways Ireland used to cut the hedges on this section has exacerbated a crack causing the inside puddle wall to cave in. We predict that the damage will become irreversible, and an important part of our history will be lost.

Carlow Barrow Users Group walk the track every day and we want to repair, maintain, and promote this historical and unique habitat for use by everyone. Should Waterways Ireland be unwilling to engage with these concerns and provide an engineering review, perhaps Carlow County Council can pick up their slack in the interest of protecting our history and heritage for use by future generations?”

Standing in the name of Cllr. John Cassin

“That Carlow County Council call on Waterways Ireland to use proven methodologies, to maintain, repair, and protect the River Barrow track, the puddle walls, culverts, etc. This would include the carrying out of track maintenance and repair from barges on the river, using puddle clay and loam for track repair, maintaining the grass surface in good repair by rolling, cutting grass and reseeding on a regular basis. These methodologies have worked successfully for over two centuries. It is due to the excellence of design and engineering of the Barrow Navigation System, and to the care afforded to it by our ancestors, that we have this wonderful natural resource which is free for all to enjoy, and which is also candidate Special Area of Conversation.

Carlow Barrow Users Group want to preserve the River Barrow Track as accessible and safe for everyone’s use, and to preserve our heritage for future generations. At present Waterways Ireland are compromising the integrity of the track in their use of inappropriate and damaging methods, materials, and equipment for maintenance and repair. As we mentioned in our presentation of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015, if these practice remain unchecked we predict that the track will continue to fall apart, the damage will become irreversible, there will be no continuous track way running the length of Carlow County for future generations, and an importance part of our history will be lost.”

9. Aon gnó eile le haontú an Chathaoirligh.  
Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.