

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 8th December 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor F. Browne, Cathaoirleach
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long),
Councillor J. Cassin,
Councillor J. Deane,
Councillor M. Doran,
Councillor D. Foley
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella,
Councillor A. McDonald,
Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor
Councillor C. Murphy,
Councillor J. Murphy,
Councillor B. O'Donoghue,
Councillor W. Paton,
Councillor J. Pender,
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn.

Apologies: Councillor W. Lacey,

In attendance: Mr. T. Barry, Chief Executive
Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service – Corporate, Planning,
Economic Development, Health and Safety
Mr. D. McLnerney, Director of Services
Transportation, Environment & Water Services
Mr. S. O'Connor, Director of Services, Community,
Housing, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control &
Emergency Services.
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance, Information
Technology & Culture (Libraries, Arts & County
Museum).
Ms. J. Coyne, A/ County Librarian
Ms. F. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Mr. D. Walsh, Senior Executive Planner

Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The Family of the late Annie Kenny, Shean, Garryhill, Fenagh former pensioner Carlow County Council.
- Teresa Browne, Assistant Staff Officer on the death of her father Pat Keegan, Farnans, Ballickmoyler.
- Maria Doyle and Family on the death of her husband Denis O'Grady
- Councillor Murnane-O'Connor on the death of her uncle Tommy O'Shea, Bennekerry
- The Corrie Family, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny on the death of Jonathan Corrie.
- The Healy-Rae Family, Kilgarvan, Kerry on the death of Jackie Healy-Rae.
- The Douglas Family on the death of Craig Douglas, Corduff, Dublin
- Mary Murphy & Family, 47 Oakley Park, Tullow Road on the death of her husband William.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

The Members expressed votes of congratulations to:-

- Borris Tidy Towns on turning on of Christmas lights
- Carlow Civil Defence members on receipt of Long Service Medals at a ceremony in Dublin Castle.
- Dermot O'Brien on launch of Old Carlow Photos the Book and photographic exhibition.
- Carlow Chamber of Commerce on turning on of Christmas lights.

Councillor Paton raised issue of funding of Christmas lights in Carlow Town which was agreed at the Budget meeting. Members reiterated their concerns in relation to the Christmas lighting and requested that the Chief Executive meet with County Carlow Chamber of Commerce in January to develop a plan in relation to funding of Christmas Lights going forward.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor M. Doran

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That the Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on 10th November 2014, at 2.00p.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That the Minutes of the Pre Budget Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on 21st November 2014, at 11.00 a.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor M. Doran

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on 21st November 2014, at 2.00 p.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

2. CIRCULARS

Circular letter L 6/02014. Control of vehicle speeds in “new” residential developments.

Members welcomed proposals instructing local authorities to place greater emphasis on road safety and street design in the assessment of planning applications in respect of new housing developments. Members expressed concerns in relation to funding for existing housing estates and requirement for Local Authorities to draw up an appropriate programme of measures aimed at reducing vehicle speeds to include the use of a combination of 30km/h speed limit in residential areas.

The Chief Executive advised that the Circular does not refer to funding for implementation measures in existing estates and referred the issue to the Transportation SPC for further discussion.

S. O'Connor advised of use of discretion in relation to implementation of speed limits in housing estates.

3. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUE, STANDING ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Extinguishment of public right of way over abandoned section of the N81 at Ellengrove

In a report dated 19th November from D. McInerney Members approval was sought to extinguish the public right of way over the abandoned section of the N81 at Ellengrove. Following the public consultation process no submissions were received.

Proposed by Councillor J. Pender

Seconded by Councillor W. Paton

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the extinguishing of public right of way over the abandoned section of the N81 at Ellengrove in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

(b) Consideration of Corporate Plan 2015-2019

Members had for their consideration Draft Corporate Plan 2015-2019 from B. O'Brien, Director of Services.

Councillor Paton raised issue in relation to Housing Needs Assessment with a 12 week period to adjudicate on applications, Casual Vacancy- re let in a timely manner, Tenant Handbooks itemising repair lists and customer service.

T. Butler advised that the 12 week is statutory period set by the Department but Carlow County Council takes on average 3 weeks to assess an application. In relation to casual vacancies T. Butler advised that it can take up to 3 months as the works go to tender.

Councillor Quinn raised issue of Fire Services with one Station located in Muinebheag Municipal District catering for 82% of the rural population and three in Carlow Municipal District.

Councillor Doran raised issue of making business case for the provision of a roundabout at the junction of the N80 at Ballinacarrig road.

Councillor Phelan said he could not support the Draft Plan as it provides for one new service delivery model for the County Library Service in Carlow and Kilkenny. The Draft Plan also provides for the implementation of a shared service delivery for Fire and Rescue Services between Carlow and Kilkenny County Councils. These shared services have not got the full support of the Members and are still under discussion.

Following debate it was proposed by Councillor Paton and seconded by Councillor Murnane – O'Connor to refer the Draft Plan to SPC meetings for further discussion.

B O'Brien advised that the Draft Plan was circulated to the SPC Chairs but no meetings have taken place as nominations for external representatives to the SPCs' are being finalised through the PPN process. Dates have been set for SPC meetings.

(c) Construction of 24 no. dwellings at Moneybeg, Bagenalstown Co. Carlow

Members welcomed report from the Chief Executive on the Council's proposals to construct 24 no. dwellings at Moneybeg, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

Proposed by Councillor D. Foley

Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the proposed construction of 24 no. dwellings to include 20 no. 3-bedroom dwellings and 4 no. 2-bedroom dwellings at Moneybeg, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow and to commence the public consultation process in accordance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000/2010 Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (Part V111) as amended”.

(d) Construction of 4 no. dwellings at Pound Lane, Borris, Co. Carlow

Members welcomed report from the Chief Executive on the Council’s proposals to construct 4 no. dwellings at Pound Lane, Borris Co. Carlow.

Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn

Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the proposed construction of 4 no. dwellings at Pound Lane, Borris, Co. Carlow and to commence the public consultation process in accordance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000/2010 Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (Part V111) as amended”.

(e) To approve in accordance with Planning & Development Act 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183 (1) the disposal of the freehold on Site No. 14 Kernanstown Industrial Estate to Engineering and Power Tools Ireland Limited in consideration of the sum of €2,000 plus all associated costs in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern

Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O’Connor

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve, in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2001-Section 211, Local Government Act 2001- Section 183 (1), the disposal of the freehold on site no. 14 Kernanstown Industrial Estate to Engineering and Power Tools Ireland Ltd in consideration of the sum of €2,000 plus all associated costs in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated and that the consent of the Minister of the Environment is not necessary.

4. COMMUNITY, HOUSING, RECREATION AND AMENITY, BUILDING CONTROL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

(a) Social Housing – Strategy 2020

S. O'Connor, Director of Services advised of Social Housing- Strategy 2020. The proposed strategy provides for 35,000 new units over the next 6 years at a cost of €3.5 billion. It is also proposed to rent /lease another 75,000 units during the same period. He said the Strategy is welcomed as it gives the opportunity to construct new dwellings and make some purchases. This new strategy would give Carlow a maximum of fifteen new houses per year and needs to focus on the areas of greatest need where there are no vacant houses or do not have houses to rent or lease.

Members expressed concern at the housing crisis in County Carlow with rent allowance limits too low and people unable to secure affordable accommodation. Income limits to qualify for a mortgage are low in Carlow in comparison to neighbouring counties as Carlow is viewed as a college town. Adults living with their parents are not qualifying to go on housing list.

Members also raised issue of homelessness in County Carlow and people on RAS Scheme being taken off the housing list.

These issues are to be brought to the Minister's attention.

Members urged resolution to issues with Fruithill Housing Estate, Graiguecullen in conjunction with Laois County Council.

Councillor Ahern expressed concern in relation to response from the Emergency Services to burst water tank at Sue Ryder Home. S. O'Connor advised that Carlow Fire Service received a single call relating to a water leak at the premises. As this was the only information related to the Fire Services the caller was advised that water leaks are not the remit of the Fire Services.

All issues raised by Members were addressed by S. O'Connor.

5. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Corporate Services Progress Report at 30/11/2014

Members noted progress report to 30th November from B. O'Brien on Corporate Services and Human Resources.

(b) Economic Development Progress Report at 30/11/2014

B. O'Brien introduced Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise. Mr. Comerford set out the main activities carried out by the Local Enterprise Office with Business Information and Advisory Services, Enterprise Support Services, Entrepreneurship Support Services and Local Enterprise Development Services.

Councillor McDonald queried the number of start-ups that received support during 2014 and the importance of supporting new businesses. K. Comerford advised that 50% of businesses seeking support are new businesses. He advised of one stop shops facilities for various services helping to break down barriers and streamline processes. In response to Councillor Cassin's query on availability of grants for start-up businesses K. Comerford advised of importance of having a proper Business Plan in place.

Councillor Doran raised issue of Braun site and the potential for new business. B O'Brien spoke of the strategic location of Braun and that every effort is being made to attract a manufacturing investor to the site but it takes time.

The Chief executive advised of slow process in attracting suitable investors to vacant properties with two IDA companies in the last eight years.

Councillor Phelan expressed dismay that Carlow received only one IDA sponsored site visit in 2013.

Councillor J.Murphy spoke of the importance of Bizfest Networking Event in association with Netwatch and Keenans of Bagenalstown to encourage young people and students to share ideas and get involved.

All issues raised by Members were addressed by the Chief Executive, B.O'Brien and K. Comerford.

(c) Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) for Carlow County Council

Members noted report from Ms O'Brien on the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for Carlow County Council. Ms O'Brien advised of process which will be brought to SPCs' for further discussion. Councillor McDonald requested a briefing on all new groups and committees formed under Local Government Reform. B.O'Brien advised that a lot has to be delivered in a short period of time but a process will evolve and an update will be given to Members at the January meeting.

Councillor McDonald queried if a training event could be organised by ALLG on the new group and committee formations for the benefit of Members.

DEPUTATION FROM "SAVE THE BARROW LINE COMMITTEE

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a deputation from 'Save the Barrow Line'.

Ms Olivia O'Leary, Chairperson gave a presentation to Members outlining their efforts to save the grassy Barrow towpath.

Members expressed the view that the investment needs to happen but the spending should be on repair and maintenance, dredging of the river and tourism boost.

A lengthy debate ensued with Members expressing concerns with Waterways Ireland's proposals for a cycle track along the route and favoured the grassy towpath as a shared amenity for walkers, joggers, cyclists and anglers. Mr. Larry Butler, Vice Chairman of 'Save the Barrow Line' also expressed his views on the issue.

A planning application has yet to be lodged by Waterways Ireland. All issues raised by Members were addressed by Ms. O'Leary.

5 (d) Planning & Development Activity Report at 30/11/2014

Members welcomed Planning and Development Activity report to 30th November 2014 from Ms. B. O'Brien.

Councillor Paton raised concerns in relation to public lighting in housing estates as follows; Phelim Wood, Rathsillen, The Links and Parkgate.

Members raised issues in relation to taking in charge of housing estates and unfinished housing developments. All queries raised by Members were addressed by Ms. O'Brien and Ms O'Neill.

The Chief Executive advised that a resolution will have to be found with Electric Ireland with regard to public lighting issues in estates. He said it was a complex issue dealing with a variety of bodies including NAMA, the banks, the developers and utility companies.

Extension of Time

Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern

Seconded by Councillor A. McDonald

AND

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“To suspend that part of Standing Orders to facilitate the meeting until 6.00p.m

6. TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & WATER SERVICES

(a) Winter Maintenance Plan

Members noted Winter Services Plan 2014/2015 from D. McInerney, Director of Services.

In response to members queries relating to contact details in emergencies E. Brophy advised of call centre – shared service based in Cork which operates after hours service. Callers are directed from the Council's main contact number to the call centre.

Members requested a PDF map and list of priority routes.

All queries raised by Members were addressed by D. McInerney.

7. FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE (LIBRARIES AND COUNTY MUSEUM)

(a) Library Shared Services – Circular LLS1/2014, Managing the delivery of Effective Library Services

Members had for consideration Circular LLS 1/2014 - Implementation of “Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services”.

P. Delaney updated Members on the review of the library service organisation with Carlow and Kilkenny under one management structure. P. Delaney advised that the new management and service delivery structures will enhance the quality and delivery of the library service and achieve efficiencies. The local library service will not be impacted under new management structure.

A debate ensued with Members expressing reservations in relation to the new management structure and said such change could lead to the disintegration of Carlow's own identity in terms of traditions and culture. Members expressed concerns that such change could impact on branch libraries in Carlow.

The Chief Executive outlined the executive functions and reserved functions of Council. The role of elected members to approve policies, priorities and budgets will continue unchanged. The Chief Executive advised that the current vacancy for County Librarian will not be filled until the new management structure has progressed.

Ms J. Coyne, Acting County Librarian outlined her approach to the new management structure.

Following debate it was agreed that a report be prepared by the Chief Executive for the January meeting of Council.

8. CORPORATE, PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

(a) Scheduling of Meetings 2015 (Council; Municipal District; CPG; SPC; Audit Committee; LCDC; JPC.

Members noted dates for Council Meeting 2015, Annual Meeting 2015, Municipal Districts meetings and other committee meetings, dates to be determined.

(b) Health

There were no matters arising.

(c) Tenders for opening if any

Members noted tenders opened since the last Council meeting.

(d) Conference Attendance Approvals

The Effects of Budget 2015,
Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.
28th to 29th November 2014

Cllrs. J. Deane, A. McDonald, W. Quinn

Alignment Local Government/Local Services,
Connacht Hotel,
Old Dublin Road,
Galway.
5th to 6th December 2014

Cllr. D. Foley

Charities Regulations & Legislation Conference,
Clonakilty Hotel,
Clonakilty,
Co. Cork.
5th to 6th December 2014

Cllr. A. Gladney

Protected Disclosures Act 2014,
Connacht Hotel,
Old Dublin Road,
Galway.
12th to 13th December 2014

Cllr. J. Murnane O'Connor, W. Lacey

Tourism Technologies & Strategies,
Four Seasons Hotel,
Carlingford,
Co. Louth.
12th to 14th December 2014

Cllrs. A. Ahern, J. Pender

9. Chief Executives Monthly Management Report

Members noted the monthly management report prepared by the Chief Executive as required under Local Government Reform Act 2014. The report set out the main activities of Carlow County Council across the various service areas for the period June 2014 to November 2014.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted correspondence from the National Roads Authority in response to Members correspondence in relation to NRA Safety Works Scheme for Tullow, Co. Carlow.

Members noted correspondence from Ann Marie Lanigan, Area Manager, South East Primary, Community & Continuing Care Services in response to Members correspondence concerning medical cards.

Members noted correspondence from An Post in response to Members correspondence in relation to the location of Bagenalstown Post Office.

Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in response to Members Notice of Motion regarding marriage equality.

Members noted the following Notice of Motion from Kerry County Council.

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Defence to rescind the 21 year rule from members of the Defence Forces.”

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Standing in the Name of Councillor Anne Ahern (nee Long)

Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern

Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O’Connor

And

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved;

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Justice and Equality to bring forward much needed legislation in order to regulate shops that give Cash for Gold.”

This notice of motion is to be forwarded to the Minister and all Local Authorities for their support.

Standing in the Name of Councillor Anne Ahern (nee Long)

Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern
Seconded by Councillor F. Phelan
And

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved;
“Carlow County Council, in the light of recent statements by the National Museum of Ireland confirming that it is due to close some galleries in early 2015 due to lack of Attendants to supervise the galleries, calls upon Michael Noonan TD, Minister for Finance and Heather Humphries TD, Minister for the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to ensure that adequate funding is forth coming in order to maintain accessibility to our cultural institutions.

It is imperative that they remain free of charge to the public and that closures on certain days are not put in place due to lack of funding. Based on evidence, County and City Museums account for tourist footfall of 400,000 in our major cities and towns. One cannot underestimate the negative impact reduced funding would have on the economy of the regions.”

Standing in the Name of Councillor Jennifer Murnane O’Connor

Proposed by Councillor J. Murnane-O’Connor
Seconded by Councillor F. Browne
And

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved;
“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government to put in place a Programme for Homelessness for people in Carlow as the rent allowance is not sufficient to cover the high cost of rent and therefore leaving people homeless.”

Standing in the name of Councillor John Cassin

“In light of recent letters from Meath and Wicklow county Councils to RAS tenants saying that failure to pay water charges could put a tenancy in jeopardy, the council resolves to

publicly declare that the council will not act as debt collectors for Irish Water, evict, threaten to evict, refuse or threaten to refuse to renew a tenancy or otherwise put RAS or other council tenants in fear of losing a tenancy should they choose to exercise their democratic right to civil disobedience in refusing to pay the water charge and resolves to request of the private landlords involved in the RAS scheme that they act in like manner.

That the council opposes the introduction of water taxes and members call upon the government to reverse its plans in this regard”

A debate ensued with some Members not supporting the Motion in full as they had issues with supporting that part of the motion which used the term civil disobedience. An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor Paton and seconded by Councillor Doran to remove the term civil disobedience.

The vote resulted as follows:

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long		√		
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin		√		
Jim Deane		√		
Michael Doran	√			
Denis Foley	√			
Andy Gladney		√		
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald		√		
Jennifer Murnane O'Connor		√		
Charlie Murphy		√		

John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender		√		
Fintan Phelan		√		
William Quinn	√			

8 votes for 9 Against 1 absent

The motion was rejected

Councillor Cassin's motion was divided into two parts 11 (a) and (b).

A vote was taken on 11 (a)

"In light of recent letters from Meath and Wicklow county Councils to RAS tenants saying that failure to pay water charges could put a tenancy in jeopardy, the council resolves to publicly declare that the council will not act as debt collectors for Irish Water, evict, threaten to evict, refuse or threaten to refuse to renew a tenancy or otherwise put RAS or other council tenants in fear of losing a tenancy should they choose to exercise their democratic right to civil disobedience in refusing to pay the water charge and resolves to request of the private landlords involved in the RAS scheme that they act in like manner."

The vote resulted as follows:

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran		√		

Denis Foley		√		
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald	√			
Jennifer Murnane O'Connor	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue		√		
William Paton		√		
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn		√		

9 votes for 8 Against 1 absent

The motion was carried

A vote was taken on 11 (b)

“That the council opposes the introduction of water taxes and members call upon the government to reverse its plans in this regard”

The vote resulted as follows:

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			
Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran		√		
Denis Foley		√		

Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald	√			
Jennifer Murnane O'Connor	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue		√		
William Paton		√		
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn		√		

8 votes for 9 Against 1 absent

The motion was rejected

Standing in the name of Councillors Phelan, McDonald, Pender, Ahern (nee Long) & Murnane O'Connor

“Carlow County Council recognises the public confusion and fear that the Government and Irish Water have caused surrounding the implementation of water charges, as a result Carlow County Council has no confidence in Irish Water and calls on the Minister for the Environment to abolish Irish Water immediately.”

Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan
Seconded by Councillor Murnane O'Connor
A vote was taken

The vote resulted as follows:

<i>Member of Carlow County Council</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ann Ahern nee Long	√			

Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin	√			
Jim Deane	√			
Michael Doran		√		
Denis Foley		√		
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Walter Lacey				√
Arthur McDonald	√			
Jennifer Murnane O'Connor	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue		√		
William Paton		√		
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn		√		

9 votes for 8 Against 1 absent

The motion was carried

12. Aon Ghnó Eile/Any Other Business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

There was no further business to be transacted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.