

## **CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 2.00 p.m.**

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- 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 W. Lacey,  
Councillor A. McDonald,  
Councillor C. Murphy,  
Councillor J. Murphy,  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue,  
Councillor W. Paton,  
Councillor J. Pender,  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor W. Quinn.
- Apologies:** Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor
- In attendance:** Mr. T. Barry, Chief Executive  
Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service – Corporate, Planning,  
Economic Development, Health and Safety  
Mr. S. O'Connor, Director of Services, Community, Housing,  
Recreation & Amenity, Building Control & Emergency  
Services.  
Mr. D. McInerney, Director of Services  
Transportation, Environment & Water Services  
Mr. D. Walsh, Senior Executive Planner  
Ms. A. O'Connor, Executive Planner  
Ms. F. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning  
Ms. A. Oakes, Acting 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 Members expressed votes of sympathy to:-

- Bernie O'Brien, Director of Services on the death of her mother-in-law Joan O'Brien, Green Lane, Carlow.
- Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor on the death of her mother-in-law Maureen O'Connor, Glin, Co. Limerick
- Oliver Kehoe, Ganger on the death of his sister Kathleen Reilly, Birmingham, England.
- The Family of the late John Nolan, 71 The Downs, Pollerton, Carlow.
- The Family of the late Louise Scully, 14 McGamhna Road, Carlow.
- Joe Hayden & Family on the death of his wife Tina Hayden, 52, Askea Lawns, Carlow.
- Tom Comerford, General Operative on the death of his father Michael Comerford, Milford, Co. Carlow
- Martin Guidera, General Operative on the death of his sister Brenda Nolan, Fairgreen, Bagenalstown
- Barry Dowling, Executive Technician on the death of his father John Dowling, Hanover, Carlow
- Pat Balfe, General Operative and Mick Balfe, Ganger on the death of their mother Teresa Balfe, Abbeydown, Clonegal.

## **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

The Members expressed votes of congratulations to:-

- Carlow Community Games on their achievements at Community Games 2014.
- Miriam Smyth, Conaberry, Ballon, Co. Carlow on being selected the Carlow Rose of Tralee 2014.
- Carlow County Football Team on their success in the All Ireland qualifiers against Waterford and wished them well in the next round with a home draw against Clare.
- Clonmore Boys U/14 on their All Ireland victory in the Féile na nGael football Division 8 2014 final.

- Rathvilly Girls on their All Ireland success in Division 4 Feile na nGael Football final.
- Local actors on their excellent performance in ‘Kings of The Kilburn High Road’ production.

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Amendment to May Monthly Meeting – Establishment of Interim Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Pender  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey  
AND**

*Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-*

*“That the Minutes of the May Monthly meeting in relation to the establishment of Interim Local Community Development Committee be amended to reflect the interim basis pending enactment of Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.*

**Proposed by Councillor J. Pender  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey  
AND**

*Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-*

*“That the Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 12th May 2014, at 2.00p.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed subject to amendment in relation to establishment of Interim Local Community Development Committee.*

**Proposed by Councillor J. Pender  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey  
AND**

*Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-*

*“That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 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. Pender  
Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey  
AND**

*Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-*

*“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, at 3.30p.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.*

**2. CIRCULARS**

**(a) Circular PL.1/2014 Assessment & Evaluation of Development Plans**

Members noted Circular PL. 1/2014 requesting planning authorities to submit Development Plan in writing to the Department no later than 5 days after being made to facilitate timely evaluation and assessment of such plans and to enable the Department to comply with internal procedures and timeframes.

**(b) Circular LG 05/2014 Local Government Reform Act 2014.**

Members noted Circular LG 05/2014 in relation to Local Government Reform Act 2014 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) (No.3) Order 2014 Establishment Day Order – Transfer Date Order.

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

**(a) Appointment of Members to Kilkenny and Carlow Education & Training Board (4)**

Ms B. O'Brien advised Members of Regulations under Education and Training Boards Act 2013 (Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014 where Regulation 4 specifies the gender balance and provides that the membership of the Board be divided into a male and female panel constituting the full membership. As Carlow County has two female members they are deemed to be elected.

Councillor Paton proposed that Councillors Browne and Foley be elected to fill the remaining two seats on the Board.

Councillor Ahern advised of her intention to tender her immediate resignation from the Board as she will be unable to take up the position due to work commitments. Councillor Ahern proposed that Councillor Phelan be

considered for the vacancy once her resignation has been accepted. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Pender.

Members requested that the Council seek clarification from the Minister on the Regulations in relation to female balance where a female is unable to take up the position and where there are no available female members on the Council to fill the vacancy.

Following recess and further discussion it was agreed that Carlow Council would immediately write to the CEO of Kilkenny & Carlow Education & Training Board advising of Councillor Ahern's intention to tender her resignation due to work commitments and requesting acceptance of her intended resignation. It was further agreed that the CEO of Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board be advised that there are no available females on the membership of Carlow County Council to fill the vacancy and to advise of Members' approval to the appointment of Councillor Phelan to fill the vacancy, if accepted.

Members also requested that Councillor Phelan be afforded the opportunity to attend the first meeting of the Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board. Members said it was important that Councillor Phelan's position be clarified with regard to his voting rights at the Inaugural meeting of the KCETB.

It was

**Proposed by Councillor Ahern**

**Seconded by Councillor McDonald**

**And**

Following a showing of hands it was agreed

*“that we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the appointments of Councillors Ahern, Murnane-O'Connor, Browne and Foley as members of Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board in accordance with Education and Training Boards Act 2013 (Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014, Education and Training Boards Act 2013 (Composition of Local Authority Membership) Order 2014 and Education and Training Boards Act (Section 32) Order 2014.*

**And**

*“We, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the appointment of Councillor Phelan to fill the immediate vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Ahern due to work commitments, if accepted.”*

**(a) Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021**

Ms B O'Brien advised in her report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June of the necessity to place the Draft Carlow County Development Plan on public display in accordance with Section 12 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended.

Ms. Arlene O'Connor, Executive Planner advised that the Draft Plan will be advertised in local and national newspapers on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and the public display period will be for a period of ten weeks.

Mr. D. Walsh gave an overview of the statutory requirements, time frame and procedures for Adoption of the Plan in accordance with Section 10 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Members raised the following issues:-

- PLO9 2012– list of maps of Public Rights of Way in the Draft Plan.
- Eirgrid Project and whether the south of the county is adequately protected in the Draft County Development Plan. Prospects of Pylons going underground.
- Availability of Draft County Development Plan on-line and public areas.
- Wind Turbines and the role of An Bord Pleanála. Mr Walsh advised of Departmental Circular in relation to wind energy strategy where the governments wind energy policy is not to be reviewed until the Department reviews their guidelines. Mr Walsh advised that development levies for Wind Turbines can be dealt with under the Development Contribution Scheme which will be reviewed in the next year.
- Eirgrid- €100,000 levy per pylon. The Chief Executive advised that this issue can be dealt with under Development Contribution Scheme and public consultation.

Members had for consideration proposed Amendments to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021 as discussed in detail at workshop held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 prior to Council meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Paton seconded by Councillor Lacey a roll call was taken to proceed to the public consultation stage of the Draft County Development Plan incorporating amendments as set out.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT PLAN	AGREED CHANGES TO BE MADE TO PLAN
Insertion of additional wording in relation to Roadside boundaries and hedges	It was agreed that Section 2.7.11 on Roadside Boundaries and Hedges and Section 11.7.3 on Tree and Hedgerow Preservation be amended to include additional wording
<b>Clogrennan Lime - Policy 13</b>	It was agreed that Policy 13 be removed from Section 3.5.7 and retained in Section 3.5.7.1 of Chapter 3
<b>Section 3.7</b> - smaller towns and villages, Hacketstown or Rathvilly be included	It was agreed that the table in Section 3.7 of Chapter 3 will be amended to include Rathvilly and Hacketstown
No mention of Carlow County Council providing Industrial Land	It was agreed that Industrial and Business Parks are addressed in Section 11.14 of the Draft Plan, however this can be dealt with more comprehensively in Local Area Plans
<b>Housing Policy 2 (Section 4.1)</b> states 15% of zoned residential land be available for social housing but Section 4.6.3 states 20%	It was agreed that the text will be amended in Section 4.6.3 to state 15%
Change wording of <b>Section 4.6.1 (Policy 5)</b> It is the policy of Carlow County Council to: <b>Seek to meet individual accommodation needs in a manner that facilitates and empowers personal choice and autonomy in a rapidly changing environment</b>	It was agreed that wording of Section 4.6.1 will be changed to read; <b>Seek to meet individual accommodation needs in a manner that facilitates and empowers personal choice and autonomy in a rapidly changing environment</b>
Change wording of <b>Section 5.0 (Trans - Policy 1)</b> It is the policy of Carlow County Council to: <b>Develop an accessible county, well-connected internally and with national strategic transport infrastructure, with a more balanced modal split, with strong integration between transport nodes and intensive land uses, and an efficient and safe road and public transport network</b>	It was agreed that wording of Section 5.0 will be changed to read as follows; <b>Develop an accessible county, well-connected internally and with national strategic transport infrastructure, and an efficient and safe road and public transport network</b>
<b>Section 5.2.1 – Motorway Network</b> Encourage the provision of service areas for the M9	It was agreed that the text will stay as is
<b>Trans – Policy 3</b> Use of abbreviations DMRB and DMURS	It was agreed that full title of documents will be placed in text prior to the abbreviations
Add policy that all new car parks or extensions to car parks include electric car charging points at the rate of 1:50 spaces	It was agreed that new policy will be placed in Policy 12 – Trans Chapter regarding this
Add above policy re electric car charging points into Energy -Policy 12	It was agreed that text will be amended to add a policy on electric cars into Energy – Policy 12
Recreational Needs Assessment required for all developments over 100 units	It was agreed that the figure of 100 units will be added into Rec - Policy 3

<b>Section 11.9.7 Provision of Sports and Recreation Facilities</b> Recreational Needs Assessment should be required for all development over 100 units	It was agreed that the figure of 100 units will be added into Section 11.9.7
In relation to a Recreational Needs Assessment being required, should the figure of 100 (as per above) be reduced outside of Carlow Town and Environs	It was agreed that figure of 100 will remain the same in text
Add Policy that requires all new developments to erect LED lights instead of normal lighting	It was agreed that the text will be amended to include this as a policy within Env – Policy 5
<b>Section 11.3.13 Street Lighting</b> Include in text that all new street lighting shall be LED lighting	It was agreed that Section 11.3.13 be amended to include that all new street lighting shall be LED
<b>Section 10.5.6 Managing Flood Risk</b> No policy to protect existing flood plains	It was noted that the SFRA contains information on protecting existing flood plains
Add point that back lanes are never permissible	It was agreed to include a policy that the creation of a new development should not include back lanes
<b>Section 11.3.9 Boundary Treatment of House Sites</b> Change wording to state “boundary walls should always be of cement block, capped and rendered – no pillar and posts permitted”	It was agreed that text in Section 11.3.9 be amended to state “All new boundary walls shall be of cement block, capped, rendered and plastered on both sides, unless the use of stone or other material is conditioned in a grant of planning permission”
<b>Section 11.3.15 – Bonds</b> Consider taking lien over two properties in each development of 100 houses	It was agreed that there be no change to existing text in Section 11.3.15
<b>Serviced sites of 250m2 is too small</b>	Section relevant reads that serviced sites of not less than 0.1 hectares (0.25 acres) are provided on this land, except in exceptional circumstances. Large sites may be required for <b>housing exceeding 250m2</b> to allow sufficient space for private amenity space, parking and landscaping – therefore no change to text required. This position was noted
<b>Section 11.5.12 Gated Communities</b> Should be allowed in areas of high anti social behaviour in particular communities such as the aged, the infirm or those with disabilities	It was agreed that text be amended in Section 11.5.12 to include that “only in exceptional circumstances will these be considered, such as nursing homes / care homes.”
<b>Section 11.9.2 Play Areas</b> Play areas such as basket ball courts, tennis courts, playgrounds, hurling walls etc. are required for estates of 75 units or more – is this too high?	It was agreed that the text remain the same with no changes
<b>Section 11.12.9 Fast Food Outlets</b> Restrict hours of trade by policy	It was agreed that there will be no changes to text as this issue can only be determined through conditions on a planning file



<p><b>Section 11.17 Archaeology</b> Developers required to notify County Museum staff of opening of any trenches and Museum Staff to facilitate inspection of these trenches. Also copies of Archaeological Report to be provided and given to County Museum</p>	<p>It was agreed that the text of Section 11.17 be amended following discussions with the Museum Curator.</p>
<p>Place in new policy “in line with our sustainable development and in support of the provision of bicycle lanes, Carlow County Council will provide suitable public parking bays for bicycle in Carlow Town and call on private enterprise to provide similar bicycle parking bays”</p>	<p><b>Trans – Policy 8</b> states that “ Introduce minimum cycle-parking standards for retail, commercial, residential, community development and public transport stops and stations” Bicycle standards will be added into Chapter 11 alongside Car parking standards and Policy 8 will be expanded to state “Introduce minimum cycle-parking standards for retail, commercial, residential and community development along with public transport stops and stations throughout County Carlow” Trans - Policy 8 was noted</p>

**Roll Call:-**

<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	√			

17 votes for: 1 Absent

**The motion was carried**

**And Resolved:**

*“That the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021 be placed on public display incorporating proposed amendments as set out and agreed in attached schedule of amendments in accordance with Part 11 Section (11) 5 (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.”*

Members thanked Mr Walsh for his work on the Carlow County Development Plan and complimented Ms. O'Connor on her absolute inclusiveness in the preparation of the Draft Plan.

**(b) To Consider Standing Orders (for adoption)**

Members had for their consideration Draft Standing Orders 2014.

The Cathaoirleach raised issue in relation to the use of mobile phones in the Chamber.

Councillor Paton proposed amendment to Standing Order no. 15 in relation to Notices of Motions. A Notice of Motion which requires a response from the Chief Executive to be delivered to the Meetings Administrator at least ten clear days before the date of such meeting.

A Notice of Motion that does not require a response from the Chief Executive to be delivered to the Meetings Administrator prior to issue of Agenda.

Members were advised that no Whips meeting had taken place in relation to the Draft Standing Orders 2014.

It was

**Proposed by Councillor Paton**

**Seconded by Councillor Ahern**

**And**

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

*“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Draft Standing Orders 2014 with amendments as set out in accordance with Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and agree that a Whips meeting be convened to discuss details of Standing Orders 2014.*

**(c) Draft Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Scheme 2014-2019.**

Members had for their consideration report from Ms. B O’Brien on the re-establishment of Strategic Policy Committees and Draft Corporate Policy Group Scheme 2014-2019. Ms. O’ Brien advised that it is envisaged that the appointment of elected members to the SPCs will be undertaken at the September monthly meeting. The nomination process for external representatives will now be commenced.

It was

**Proposed by Councillor W. Paton**

**Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn**

**AND**

*Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-*

*“That we, the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the Draft Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Scheme 2014-2019 as set out in accordance with Section 133 (10) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by section 48 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 in relation to Corporate Policy Groups and Section 54 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 in relation to Strategic Policy Committees.”*

**(d) Taking-in-charge of footpath and public light at The Mill, Tinnahinch, Graiguenamanagh, 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 commencement of the taking-in-charge process by advertising the Council's intention to the taking-in-charge of footpath and public light at the Mill, Tinnahinch, Graiguenamanagh, Co Carlow in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993; Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended; and Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010.*

#### **4. CORPORATE, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

##### **(a) Economic Development / Enterprise Support & LEO Carlow (Local Enterprise Office, Carlow)**

Ms B O'Brien introduced Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to the meeting.

Mr Comerford gave a broad remit of the functions of the Local Enterprise Office which includes four clusters as follows:-

- Business Information & Advisory Services
- Enterprise Support Services
- Entrepreneurship Support Services
- Local Enterprise Development Services.

Members thanked Mr. Comerford for his presentation and queries raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Comerford and Ms O'Brien.

##### **(b) Tenders for opening, if any**

Members noted tenders opened since the last Council Meeting.

Members raised issue in relation to the tendering process for Irish Water contracts and expressed concerns that small local contractors are being disadvantaged by the process. Members requested that this Council write to the Minister expressing their concerns.

Members also raised issue of waste of resources in Irish Water and requested that Irish Water be invited to address this Council at a suitable date. The Chief Executive advised that issues have yet to be finalised under Service Level Agreements but Irish Water can be invited to attend a meeting of Carlow County Council.

## **5. COMMUNITY, HOUSING, RECREATION & AMENITY, BUILDING CONTROL & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **(a) Local Community Development Committee**

Mr. S O'Connor advised of the establishment of Carlow Local Community Development Committee on an interim basis at the May meeting of Council pending the enactment of Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

Statutory regulations came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 commencing Sections 36 of the Act and Members are statutorily obliged to establish the Carlow LCDC in accordance with Section 36 49 A (1) Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

Members approval was sought to the establishment of the Carlow Local Community Development Committee on a formal basis including the four members delegated by Carlow County Council at the Annual Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 i.e Councillors Quinn, C. Murphy, Doran and Murnane-O'Connor.

Members noted 17 members on the Membership Committee with members from the Community/Voluntary, Social and Environmental pillars on an interim basis pending the establishment of the Public Participation Network (PPN)

**Proposed by Councillor W. Quinn**

**Seconded by Councillor W. Lacey**

**AND**

*Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-*

*That we the Members of Carlow County Council hereby approve the establishment of Carlow Local Community Development Committee including the four members Councillors Quinn, C. Murphy, Doran and Murnane-O'Connor in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 Section 36 49A (1) Chapter 2 of Part 13.*

### **(b) Public Participation Network**

Mr S. O'Connor outlined the background and steps to set up Public Participation Networks (PPN) for Local Authorities. An allocation of €12,000 has been made for second half of year to help with set up

costs. The County Structure and it's Secretariat will be set up initially pending completion of regulations and final guidelines.

Mr O'Connor advised that the first step is to undertake a public consultation with public meetings and advertisements. Groups will be asked to register under different Collages (Community/Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environment. All registered groups will be called to a meeting to set up the County Structure and the Secretariat. Once set up the PPN will run their own affairs.

Members noted that a Public Information Meeting relating to Public Participation Network (PPN) will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 in McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown.

Mr O'Connor advised Members in relation to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP). SICAP is the successor programme to the Local Community Development Programme (LCDP). Mr O'Connor advised Members on the public procurement process for potential programme implementers of SICAP and outlined indicative timelines and actions in relation to the process. The programme is scheduled to commence in January 2015.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Members noted correspondence from the Secretariat: Oireachtas All Party Consultation Group on Commemorations** requesting Local Authorities to examine positive steps in their jurisdiction to commemorate the role of women, Cumann na mBan in the revolutionary era of our history.

Members agreed that this Council request Museum Curator Dermot Mulligan to carry out research on Carlow connections with Cumann na mBan to enable the Council to suitably honour County Carlow's role in Cumann na mBan.

**Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Secretary General to the President** in response to Members letter concerning President Michael D. Higgins visit to the United Kingdom in April.

**Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government** in response to Members letter in connection with commercial rates.

**Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government** in response to Members Notice of Motion in relation to rate exemption for childcare facilities.

A discussion ensued on this issue and Members expressed dissatisfaction with the process as voluntary facilities are exempt from rates and community facilities are liable for rates. The rates burden is putting immense pressure on community facilities. Members requested that this Council write to the Valuation Office requesting clarification on what constitutes a charity status for childcare facilities for rating purposes. Members also requested that a copy of the Notice of Motion be forwarded to the Minister for Finance.

In response to request, at the May meeting of Carlow County Council, from crèche owners to address the Members it was agreed that they be afforded the opportunity to address the September meeting of Council after 4.30p.m.

**Members noted correspondence from Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc** in response to Members letter of congratulations on Junior Enterprise Award.

**Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government** in response to Members letter in connection with funding for development of rivers and greenways.

**Members noted correspondence from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government** in response to Members letter in connection with the Local and European Elections.

**Members noted Notice of Motion from South Dublin County Council.**

*“That this Council calls on the Minister to introduce as a matter of priority Mandatory Oxygen Saturation screening with the use of Pulse Oximeters in every Maternity Hospital in the State as part of the general*

*postnatal assessment of babies. These Pulse Oximeters already exist in all Maternity Hospitals for use in difficult births. Only seven of the twenty Maternity Hospitals in this State use this system, consequently over half of babies born with a heart defect are discharged without a diagnosis and relevant care. This has resulted in death and lifelong health problems which could have been improved with early diagnosis with the use of this simple and quick test.”*

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Standing in the name of Cllrs. William Paton, William Quinn, Charlie Murphy, Walter Lacey, Fergal Browne, Michael Doran, John Murphy, Denis Foley, Brian O'Donoghue and Tommy Kinsella.

**Proposed by Councillor Paton  
Seconded by Councillor Cassin  
And**

Following a showing of hands unanimously agreed:-

*“Mindful of the need for a secure supply of electricity which is vital for the development of County Carlow, the South East Region, the economy and society as a whole:*

- (a) *We the members of Carlow County Council re-affirm our opposition to the transmission electricity associated with “**The Grid Link Project**”, via 400 Kv overhead power lines supported on unsightly steel pylons, and*
- (b) *We call upon EirGrid to substantially underground the transmission network associated with “**The Grid Link Project**.”*

## **(8). ANY OTHER BUSINESS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH**

- Councillor O'Donoghue raised issue in relation to sequence of colour of Carlow Flag as displayed in the chamber. Councillor Lacey advised that the colour sequence is correct.
- Councillor Quinn requested update on staff phone numbers, departments and job descriptions for ease of reference.
- Councillor Deane expressed regret that Carlow County Library Local Studies and Archives Department are closed Thursday and



Fridays. Ms O'Brien advised of staffing issues over the summer. The section will be fully operational again in September.

- Councillor Kinsella raised issue of Assembly Rooms being closed to the public.
- Councillor Foley read email received in relation to footpath at Ballygowan, Milford and urged immediate action to resolve this issue.
- Councillor Cassin expressed disappointment at poor response received from the Chief Executive of AIB David Duffy in relation to Dan Morrissey Ireland Ltd. Councillor Cassin requested that this Council write to the Minister for Finance expressing Members views.
- Councillor McDonald queried as to when information on actual discretionary funding for each Municipal Districts will be available to Members.
- Councillor Paton requested copy of P. Delaney's Annual Budgetary Process 2015 presentation to Members and diary dates for meetings etc that are currently available.
- Councillor Doran raised issue of Lifebuoys being vandalised at Milford and Carlow Town and of the importance of making people aware that it is a criminal offence to interfere with water safety equipment.
- Councillor Pender raised issue in relation to Traffic Management Safety Report for Browneshill Ave/Browneshill Forge. This issue to be raised at Carlow Municipal District Meeting.
- Councillor Browne raised issue in relation to very poor upkeep of Browneshill Dolmen which is maintained by the Office of Public Works and queried if Carlow County Amenity Trust could carry out this work more satisfactorily on behalf of the OPW.  
Councillor Browne also referred to derelict house in College Street where a tree is growing up through it. This matter is to be raised at Municipal District Meeting.  
Councillor Browne also raised issue in relation to lack of signage in Carlow Town for Ducketts Grove.

- Councillor Cassin raised issue in relation to lack of signage in CarlowTown for Browneshill Dolmen.
- Councillor McDonald queried if there was an update on Waste Permit for Ward Recycling. The Chief Executive advised that there was no further update.
- Councillor Foley raised issue of Chain of Office for the Cathaoirleach of Muinebheag Municipal District.
- Councillor Doran complimented Bagenalstown on the pooper scooper initiative sponsored by a local anonymous donor.

This concluded the business of the meeting.