

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council, held in The Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 9th September 2013 at 2.00 p.m

- Present: Councillor D Hurley, Cathaoirleach
Councillor M. Abbey
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor W. Fennell,
Councillor D. Foley,
Councillor F. Hunter
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor A. McDonald,
Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor,
Councillor J. Murphy
Councillor T. O'Neill
Councillor P. O'Toole
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender,
Councillor W. Quinn.
Councillor C. Townsend,
Councillor J. Townsend,
- Apologies: Councillor C. Murphy
- In attendance: Mr. T. Barry, County Manager
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Service - Environment, Water Services & Health and Safety.
Mr. S. O'Connor, Director of Services, Housing, Recreation & Amenity & Special Projects.
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance.
Mr. L Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer Roads.
Mr. G. Guerin, Chief Fire Officer.
Mr. T. Butler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

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

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

Due to the unavoidable absence of the Chairperson, Councillor Hurley, the Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor J. Murphy presided over the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The Members expressed votes of sympathy to:-

- The Family of Anastatia Doyle, Clonmore, Hacketstown, former pensioner with Carlow County Council.
- The Family of Joseph Earl, Rathellen, Leighlinbridge, former pensioner with Carlow County Council.
- Eddie Nolan, Augharue, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow on the death of his wife Mary Nolan.
- John Comerford, 64, St Brigid's Crescent, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown on the death of his sister Rose Hogan, Shankill, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny.
- Nellie Connolly, Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown, on the death of her brother-in-law Tom Connolly, Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown.
- Marie Heaney and Family, Dublin on the death of her husband Poet Seamus Heaney.
- Kathleen Chada, Ballinkillen, Co. Carlow on the tragic death of her sons Eoghan and Ruairi Chada.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

The Members expressed votes of congratulations to:-

- Carlow Athletes Molly Scott, Marcus Lawler and Siobhra O'Flaherty on their success representing Ireland at recent international events.
- Finn Lynch, Bennekerry on securing gold in the 2013 U/21 Men's Laser Radial World Sailing Championship.
- Members were unanimous in their praise of County Carlow towns and villages on their performances in Tidy Towns 2013.

County Carlow Medal Winners:-

Gold Medal:	Clonegal
Gold Medal:	Leighlinbridge
Gold Medal:	Carlow Town
Endeavour Award:	Ballon

All entrants in the various categories increased their markings this year. Members paid tribute to the outstanding community spirit, residents associations, volunteers and Local Authority staff for their commitment to Tidy Towns. Members also praised the Community and Enterprise Department of Carlow Local Authorities for their continued assistance to Tidy Towns.

- John and Mary Meaney, Leighlinbridge on winning the 'Local Hero Award' at Tidy Towns 2013.
- Muinebheag Swimming Pool on their success this summer and with Lifeguard training courses.
- Mount Leinster Rangers on winning the County Carlow U/14 'A' Hurling Final.
- All involved with the Borris Railway Fair celebrating the heritage of the historical Borris Railway Line and viaduct.
- Ballymurphy Macra on raising much needed funding for a defibrillator for their centre.
- All involved with the Gathering Festivals held throughout the County with particular mention of Gathering Event at Ducketts Grove organised by the committee of Bennekerry past and present.
- Fenagh Steam Rally on their vintage rally held 8th September.
- Clare and Cork on the wonderful display of hurling in the All Ireland Final drawn game and Waterford and Galway in the All Ireland Minor Final with victory to Waterford.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**(a) Proposed by Councillor M. Abbey
Seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill
AND**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday 24th June 2013, at 2.00p.m having been circulated to each

Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor P. O'Toole
Seconded by Councillor W. Fennell
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 Monday 24th June 2013, at 2.30p.m having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.

2. CIRCULARS

There were no circulars

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

- (a) Disposal of 0.475 Acres at Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow**

Mr. S. O'Connor requested that this item be deferred for continued financial appraisal.

Members unanimously agreed but requested that the matter be progressed as a matter of urgency.

- (b) Taking-in-charge of roads and services at Barrowlough, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow**

Members' approval was sought to commence the taking-in-charge process for the roads, footpaths, public lighting, water and waste-water services for Barrowlough Housing Development, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow. The necessary advertisement will be placed in the Nationalist and Leinster Times on the 17th September, 2013.

- Proposed by Councillor M. Doran
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 commencement of the public consultation process for taking-in-charge of roads and services at Barrowlough, Leighlinbridge, 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”.

Councillor Doran raised issue in relation to taking-in-charge of Ballyknockan Manor, Leighlinbridge.

Councillor Paton queried the length of time it takes to notify Airtricity of an estate being taken-in-charge with particular reference to Rathsillan Housing Estate.

Councillor Townsend queried why public lighting at Raheendoran, Ballinabranna has not been connected.

Queries raised by Members were addressed by the County Manager.

(c) To give consideration to Proposed Amendment 1 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018.

Members had for their consideration Proposed Amendment to Carlow Town Environs Local Area Plan 2012-2018 and Joint Spatial Plan for the greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 in respect of lands at Mortarstown Upper, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

The County Manager advised for the consideration of Members that the said proposal should be revised to reflect local amenities, approved development and flood data, as follows:-

Proposed Residential 1 - 7.40 hectares

Proposed Residential 2 - 2.03 hectares

as described on attached Map B.

Members' approval was sought to the County Managers proposal.

Proposed by Councillor M. Abbey

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 proposed Amendment 1 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 comprising of :

- *Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018*
- *Graiguecullen Local Area Plan 2012-2018*

- *Carlow Town Environs Local Area Plan 2012-2018*

as follows:-

Proposed Residential 1 - 7.40 hectares

Proposed Residential 2 - 2.03 hectares

as described on Map B as per County Manager's Report."

Councillor Pender raised issue on policy in relation to validation of planning applications where 62% of applications are returned for modest reasons and requested a more proactive approach.

The County Manager advised that the planning application form is a national standard form and agents submitting applications should be familiar with requirements. The Manager is to investigate the issue and revert to Members.

Members also raised issue in relation to Building Control regulations not delivering the required standard with responsibility resting with owners and builders.

The County Manager advised that the Building Control Amendment Regulations coming into effect 1st March 2014 will greatly strengthen the regulatory process.

4. FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(a) Financial Management Report to 30th June 2013

Members had for their consideration extract from the financial accounts of Carlow County Council at 30th June 2013.

Mr. P Delaney gave an overview of accounts with the following tables showing the position as at 30th June 2013.

REVENUE ACCOUNT 01/01/2013 TO 30/06/2013 (percentage of year complete 50%)							
	EXPENDITURE BUDGET 2013	COMMITTED EXPENDITURE 30/06/2013	%		INCOME BUDGET 2013	INCOME ACCRUED 30/06/2013	%
HOUSING	9,228,064	4,367,901	47%		9,688,535	4,883,633	50%
ROADS	7,707,971	3,766,142	49%		4,499,654	1,720,772	38%
WATER SERVS	7,698,339	3,489,253	45%		2,174,872	1,017,152	47%
DEVELOPMENT	2,426,538	1,173,305	48%		512,596	245,624	48%
ENVIRONMENT	7,891,417	3,678,635	47%		3,843,362	1,514,494	39%
RECREATION	2,548,442	1,191,936	47%		153,323	75,077	49%
AGRI, EDUC	1,561,688	838,835	54%		1,238,053	641,346	52%
MISCELLANEOUS	3,847,436	1,844,409	48%		2,851,440	1,134,974	40%
LOCAL GOV					8,560,760	4,280,381	50%

FUND						
PENSION LEVY				770,000	360,951	47%
COMM RATES				5,738,000	2,869,000	50%
TOWN CHARGES				2,879,300	1,439,650	50%
TOTAL	42,909,895	20,350,416	47%	42,909,895	20,183,054	47%

Major Collection Accounts Income Accrual V Collected	485,095
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT 01/01/2013 TO 30/06/2013			
	COMMITTED EXPENDITURE 30/06/2013	INCOME ACCRUED 30/06/2013	EXPENDITURE V INCOME ACCRUED
HOUSING	1,520,150	989,959	530,191
ROADS	391,110	16,735	374,375
WATER SERVS	1,649,002	817,161	831,841
DEVELOPMENT	123,982	324,043	- 200,061
ENVIRONMENT	204,962	850,079	- 645,117
RECREATION	64,718	133,895	- 69,177
MISCELLANEOUS	427,421	895,060	- 467,639
TOTAL	4,381,345	4,026,932	354,413

DEBTORS 30/06/2013			
	01/01/2013	30/06/2013	MOVEMENT YTD
GOVERNMENT DEBTORS	1,420,339	1,605,113	184,774
COMMERCIAL DEBTORS	2,858,797	6,114,900	3,256,103
NON COMMERCIAL DEBTORS	546,656	625,610	78,954
DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	1,221,654	1,169,872	- 51,782
OTHER SERVICES	608,153	722,164	114,011
OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES	644,970	1,394,562	749,592
AGENCY WORKS RECOUPABLE	186,457	- 372,219	- 558,676
OTHER	25,745	82,395	56,650
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YR	1,215,017	1,215,017	-
TOTAL	8,727,788	12,557,414	3,829,626

MAJOR COLLECTION ACCOUNTS		
	30/06/2013	30/06/2012
	% Collected	% Collected
COMMERCIAL RATES	27%	27%
HOUSING RENTS	84%	84%

WATER CHARGES	38%	42%
HOUSING LOANS	50%	63%

Receipt & Allocation of Development Contributions from 1/01/2013 to 30/06/2013		
Particulars	Income	Assigned
Development Contributions - Amenity	76	
Development Contributions - Ancillary	6,072	
Development Contributions - Local Area Plans	5,703	
Development Contributions - Community, Recreation, Parks, Leisure	70,514	
Development Contributions - Roads	17,855	
Development Contributions - Water	33,952	127,500
Development Contributions - Waste Water	27,566	511,186
Total	161,736	638,686

Councillor Browne expressed concern at financial burden to Local Authority of €8 million loan associated with Carlow Eastern Relief Road and Pembroke. Councillor Browne queried if the loan could be restructured and requested the Manager to investigate the issue. All queries raised by Members were addressed by County Manager and Mr. Delaney.

5. TRANSPORTATION & EMERGENCY SERVICES

(b) Emergency Services Progress Report

Members welcomed Progress Report on the Emergency Services from January to June 2013 and complimented the Chief Fire Officer and staff on an excellent service.

The report covered the following areas:-

- Capital Programme
- Muinebheag Fire Station Development
- Fire Service Operations
- Training and Development
- On Station Training
- Hacketstown Training and Development Centre
- Major Emergency Management
- Fire Safety Schools Programme
- Enforcements Fire Services Act – Inspections
- Fire Safety Certificates
- Disabilities Access Certificates
- Planning

- Licensing
- Building Control Section and Amendment Regulations 2013
- Commencement Notices
- Statistics for Building Control, Prevention, Dangerous Substances, Community Fire Safety and Pre Incident Planning.

Councillor Fennell requested the immediate demolition of derelict house in Pollerton following recent fire.

Mr. Guerin advised of current risk assessment project which will be brought to Council in October. This project will be followed by Plan prepared pursuant to Section 26 of the Fire Services Act.

Members also raised the following issues:-

- Inspections under Fire Services Act
- Policy in relation to fire call outs
- Licensing of outdoor events
- Shared services Carlow/Kilkenny
- Farming community – burning of bushes
- Halloween - controlled bonfires.

All queries raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Guerin.

6. COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) Overview of the Draft Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017- public consultation phase

Ms J. Coyne, County Librarian gave an overview of the Draft Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017.

The Public consultation is the final phase of the strategy. Members were advised that any comments/observations can be sent to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government via Libraries Development, Local Government Management Agency, by 11th October 2013.

Councillor Hunter raised issue of Library service in Hacketstown which currently has a community library but requires the services of the Library Service.

Queries raised by Members were addressed by Ms. Coyne. The Chairman presided over the meeting from 4.30p.m and thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach for conducting the meeting in his absence. The Chairman paid tribute to County Carlow Medal Winners in Tidy Towns 2013:-

Gold Medal:	Clonegal
Gold Medal:	Leighlinbridge
Gold Medal:	Carlow Town
Endeavour Award:	Ballon

and to John and Mary Meaney, Leighlinbridge on receiving the 'Local Hero Award' 2013.

5(a) Transportation Progress Report

Members welcomed progress report for the Roads Section to the end of August 2013 from Liam Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer.

The report covered the following areas:-

- Road Safety Remedial Measures
- Restoration and Improvement Works and Surface Dressing for Muinebheag, Borris North, Borris South, Tullow and Carlow Electoral Areas.
- Low Cost Safety Funding
- Specific Improvement Schemes
- Discretionary Improvement Works for Muinebheag, Borris South and Carlow Electoral Areas.
- CIS Funding for Class 111 Local Roads
- Drainage Grant.

Members conveyed their good wishes to Mr. Fitzgerald and welcomed him back following his recent illness.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Speed limits; Dublin Road 80km from town to Toghers and 100km at Kildare border. Friary Lane 60km more appropriate. Speed limit sign Fenagh - close to housing estate. Speed limit review at Swimming Pool, Bagenalstown.
- Murphy's Corner – provision of traffic lights
- Improvement works Uppr Tullow Street from Shamrock Plaza to Jones's Corner.
- Footpaths Dublin Street

- Tullow Beg and Thomas Traynor Street pavement and street upgrade and removal of ESB poles.
- Lack of road signage on rural roads
- Use of link road Brownseshill by heavy HGV vehicles.
- Wexford Road Roundabout and Southern Relief Road.
- Community Improvement Schemes. Lack of funding to complete non public roads under Local Improvement Schemes.
- Car parking Borris
- Clashganny road project
- Drainage St. Mullins
- Wall repairs Fonhill
- Macadam works Friarstown
- Realignment of engineering areas with new Electoral boundaries.

All queries raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Fitzgerald. The County Manager advised that the engineering areas are currently being examined in view of the boundary changes and will revert to Members.

Extension of time

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to suspend that part of Standing Orders of Carlow County Council to facilitate the Meeting to 6.00p.m

Councillor Pender raised issue of Grid Link project identifying route corridor options for a new 400kV overhead power line linking Leinster and Munster. Councillor Pender expressed concern that the proposed lines may go through County Carlow. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that Eirgrid be invited to address members, at a date yet to be decided, to facilitate open discussion on the issue.

(b) Agriculture

There were no matters arising.

(c) Health

Councillor Fennell brought to Members attention news release from HSE on services available to tackle suicide in the South East. He also

advised that questions in relation to HSE hygiene policy and capital expenditure in nursing homes will be brought to next HSE South Forum meeting.

Councillor McDonald raised issue in relation to difficulty for people trying to access the HSE system.

(d) Tenders for opening, if any

Members noted tenders opened since last meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted resolution from Limerick City & County Council

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Government to carry out a serious review of its present policies on Free Legal Aid with a view to having people who currently qualify for Free Legal Aid making a substantial contribution themselves; and that having means-tested as eligible for Free Legal Aid, applicants would select from a panel of the legal profession, directly employed by the State on a fixed annual salary; and that recipients of Free Legal Aid should have the cost associated with this aid paid back through the following ways: (1) if in receipt of Social Welfare, a weekly deduction should be taken from same, (ii) if a property owner, a charge should be put on this property which could be collected with interest if that property is sold in the future, or handed down.”

Members noted resolution from Limerick City & County Council

“That Macroom Town Council calls on Minister Phil Hogan to write to all Town Councils explaining the breakdown of exact savings that are to be made by the proposed abolishment of Town Councils.”

Members noted resolution from Dundalk Town Council

“That this Council calls on the Government to give official recognition status to Irish sign language which would improve the lives and well being of our deaf and hard of hearing citizens.”

Members noted resolution from Clones Town Council

“That Clones Town Council calls on the Minister for Health Dr. James O’Reilly, TD to confirm that discretionary medical cards will not be withdrawn from cancer patients who are not considered terminally ill.

I would ask that the Minister make a clear unambiguous statement on this matter. Is the criteria being changed or is it not? Are the rules on the discretion by which medical cards will be issued being changed or are they not? The fact that we are getting mixed messages is causing cancer patients further distress.

In recent days I have listened to the genuine and extreme distress of people suffering from cancer and this situation needs to be clarified immediately so that patients can concentrate on getting better and not have to worry about how they are going to afford treatment.

I propose that this Motion be forwarded to the Minister for Health and circulated to each Town and County Council.”

Members noted resolutions from Offaly County Council

“That Offaly County Council supports the radical reform of Seanad Éireann.”

That Offaly County Council writes to the Minister for Health to highlight the importance of Community Care and the role of the Public Health Nurse.”

Members noted resolution from Carrickmacross Town Council

“ That Carrickmacross Town Council notes that a significant piece of immigration reform legislation is currently due to come before the US House of Representatives. This has the potential to positively transform the situation for the estimated 50,000-70,000 undocumented Irish people in the United States.

That we hereby agree to write to Congressman John Boehner, Speaker in the US House of Representatives commending this legislation and encouraging its approval by Congress

That we circulate a copy of this motion to each local authority on the island of Ireland and to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Eamon Gilmore.

Members noted resolution from Monaghan County Council

“In light of the Government’s improved financial situation that this Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to increase all Old Age Pensions to match the inflation rate over the last three years.”

Members noted resolution from Limerick City & County Council

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., and the Department of Education to allow some choice based on the old second level school catchment areas and tradition when it comes to assessing school transport eligibility, especially in areas where it is cost neutral and, if agreed, that this motion would be circulated to other local authorities.”

Members noted resolution from Monaghan Town Council

(a) “Monaghan Town Council calls on the Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn TD to reverse his decision relating to the reduction in support hours to children with special educational needs.”

(b) “That the Minister would look at EU Directive Regulation 56, Sub-Section 7 of the European Communities Regulations 2007 to insert a clause that any company that has gone into receivership or liquidation cannot tender for public contracts for a period of 5 years under a new company name when that new company is relying on technical or professional abilities of the old company.”

Members noted correspondence from Kerry County Council

in relation to the failure of Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) in its management of Ireland’s third level grants. Kerry County Council requested the Minister for Education and Skills to return the administration of the Higher Education Grant Scheme to Education and Training Boards (ETB’s) and Local Authorities.

Members noted correspondence from Liam Kenny, Director of Association of County and City Councils(ACCC) re meeting schedules.

Members noted correspondence form the office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine in response to Members correspondence concerning issues affecting farmers due to bad weather and fodder shortages.

Members noted resolutions from Dundalk Town Council

“That this Council calls on the Government to implement the National Epilepsy Care Programme in full, in particular the critically needed Epilepsy Monitoring Units as a matter of urgency, and that this motion be sent as a resolution to other Local Authorities.”

“That this Town Council calls for the expedition of the passage through the Dáil Éireann of the Poor Relief Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2013, in an effort to boost commerce and regeneration.”

“That this call is made upon the Ministers for Finance: for Public Expenditure and Reform, for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation: and for Environment, Community and Local Government.”

“And, should this motion be passed, that a copy thereof be forwarded to the above-mentioned.”

Members noted correspondence from the Franchise Section, Dept of Environment, Community and Local Government in response to Members letter of 18th June in relation to Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee report.

Members noted resolutions from Kildare County Council

1. *“That this Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government in the context of his proposed reform of local government, to ensure that funding will be allocated in a fair manner across the proposed Municipal Districts within the Local Authorities.”*

2. *“In view of the ongoing housing crisis in the local authority sector, this Council calls on the Department of Environment, Community and*

Local Government housing section to invest a minimum of €100,000,000 on a house building programme. This is to alleviate the huge housing waiting lists while at the same time providing employment for a sector of people who have gone through very difficult times.”

8. Notices of Motion.

Standing in the name of Cllrs. Anne Ahern, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Pender and Arthur McDonald

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to reverse the decision to discontinue the administration of the SWA Rent Allowance Scheme from the local Carlow office in favour of a postal unit in Dublin that has no public access. Such a system deprives members of the public who use the service of the opportunity to engage with any individual either by phone or face to face.”

This notice of motion was proposed by Councillor McDonald, Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor and following a showing of hands unanimously agreed.

Mr. T. Butler, Housing Officer said he supported the motion. He also advised that it is expected that the Scheme will be administered by the Local Authorities from 2015.

Extension of time

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to suspend that part of Standing Orders of Carlow County Council to facilitate the Meeting to 6.10p.m

Standing in the name of Cllr. Fergal Browne

“That Carlow local authorities bring forward proposals to lower development charges and in the interim period make special arrangements with those granted planning permission.”

This motion was proposed by Councillor Browne and seconded by Councillor McDonald.

The County Manager advised that the Development Levy Scheme applicable at date of granting planning permission is applied.

This item is to be put on Council agenda for discussion.

Standing in the name of Cllrs. Denis Foley & Thomas Kinsella

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to introduce Legislation to Regulate Fairs and other Outdoor Activities in the interest of Health & Safety. The associated costs to the Taxpayer and to ensure Compliance with other associated Regulations (packaging Regulations, Litter Control etc)”

This item was proposed by Councillor Foley and seconded by Councillor Kinsella.

Councillor Quinn said he could not support this motion in relation to Borris Fair. A discussion took place in relation to alternative proposals for Borris Fair.

Standing in the name of Cllrs. Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, John Pender, Arthur McDonald and Anne Ahern

“That Carlow County Council support the campaign of the Restaurant Association of Ireland to keep the VAT Rate for the Tourism and Hospitality sector at 9% into 2014 and beyond.”

This item was proposed by Councillor J. Murnane-O’Connor and seconded by Councillor A. Ahern and following a showing a hands unanimously agreed.

Standing in the name of Cllr. Walter Lacey

“That Carlow County Council supports the campaign of the Restaurants Association of Ireland to keep the VAT rate for tourism and hospitality at 9% into 2014 and beyond.”

This item was proposed by Councillor W. Lacey and seconded by Councillor J. Murnane O’Connor and following a showing of hands unanimously agreed.

Standing in the name of Cllrs. Anne Ahern, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, John Pender & Arthur McDonald

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Ministers from the various relevant departments to engage immediately with The Sports Council of Ireland in some joined up thinking to ensure

that red tape does not prevent the position of Sports Inclusion Disability Officer from being renewed in this County.”

This item was proposed by Councillor Ann Ahern and seconded by Councillor J. Murnane O’Connor.

The County Manager advised that the Sports Inclusion Disability Officer comes under the aegis of County Carlow Sports Partnership established through the Irish Sports Council. How the service going forward is to be provided will be the responsibility of Carlow Sports Partnership. The contract of employment is a separate issue.

(9) Any other business with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Invitation Davenport 3rd to 6th October 2013

On the proposition of Councillor J. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Doran and following a showing of hands Members unanimously agreed that if the Council wants to be represented in Davenport Members should submit expressions of interest to Corporate Services.

Members attendance at the following conferences were approved:-

10 th Irish National Radon Forum, Chartered Accountants House, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.	Cllr. J. Pender
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Mortgage Resolution Bill 2013, Manor West Hotel, Killarney Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry. 28 th to 29th June 2013	Cllr. D. Foley
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EURES Cross Border Conference, Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth. 24 th April 2013	Cllr. J. Pender
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Resilient Communities on The Edge,
Rochestown Park Hotel,
Douglas,
Cork.
6th June 2013

Cllr. J. Pender

Community Development Arts & Sports,
Quality Hotel,
Killarney, Co. Kerry.
26th to 28th July 2013

Cllrs. F. Browne & M. Abbey

Active Citizenship,
Connacht Hotel,

Cllrs. D. Foley, A. Ahern,
& D. Hurley

Dublin Road, Galway.
29th to 30th July 2013

Tax for The Business Sector,
Connacht Hotel,
Dublin Road, Galway.
2nd to 3rd August 2013

Cllrs. D. Foley & A. Ahern

Community Development,
Connacht Hotel,
Dublin Road, Galway.
23rd to 24th August 2013

Cllr. D. Foley

Changing Social Relations of Housing
Tenure,
Westport Plaza Hotel,
Castlebar Street,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.
30th to 31st August 2013

Cllrs. D. Foley, P. O'Toole &
J. Murnane O'Connor

The Effect of BIM on Local Authorities,
The Landmark Hotel,
Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.
30th August to 1st September 2013

Cllr. Fergal Browne

William Carleton Summer School,
Corick House Hotel,
Corick, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.
5th to 8th August 2013

Cllrs. A. McDonald &
J. Townsend

LAMA Autumn Seminar,
Falls Hotel,
Ennistymon,
Co. Clare.

Cllrs. T. Kinsella, D. Hurley,
& J. Murphy

Kennedy Summer School,
St. Michael's Theatre,
New Ross, Co. Wexford.
12th to 14th September 2013

Cllr. T. Kinsella

AMAI Annual Conference 2013,
Inchydoney Lodge & Spa,
Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
12th to 14th September 2013

Cllrs. D. Hurley, T. O'Neill

The Defining Document on the
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This concluded the business of the meeting.