

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow
held in Mount Wolseley Resort Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow
on Thursday, 18th December, 2014 at 4.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor J. Pender (Mayor)
Councillor J. Murnane O'Connor
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor A. Ahern (nee Long)
Councillor W. Lacey

In attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Services
Mr. S. O'Connor, Director of Services
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. L. Slye, Senior Executive Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

(a) Minutes of Meeting held on 20th November, 2014

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern (nee Long)

And

Following a show of hands unanimously resolved:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow held on the 20th November, 2014, having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed".

2. Matters arising

Members thanked Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer, for carrying out works at Bridge Street, Tullow at night to reduce inconvenience to traders.

Pat Harrington advised on Browneshill Road and Kellysford Bridge

B. O'Brien advised on Lime Grove.

E. Brophy advised that he would request a meeting with the Graiguecullen/Portarlinton Municipal District to coincide, if possible with the January Meeting of the Carlow Municipal Meeting.

3. Housing Update

Seamus O'Connor introduced Lily Slye, Senior Executive Engineer to the meeting. Lily gave a presentation of a housing proposal for Rathvilly for an integrated housing and amenity scheme. Lily circulated a map/drawing and a report. Policy approval was requested from the Municipal District.

S. O'Connor answered questions from members on the proposal, which include consideration of a possible new entrance.

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donoghue,

And Agreed

Following a show of hands unanimously resolved:-

"That the Municipal District approves the proposal for Rathvilly, as presented".

S. O'Connor advised of a planning application for 27 houses in Graiguecullen, which is being advanced and of a 4 house special needs project at Mount Leinster Park, Carlow. S. O'Connor answered questions from members on this proposal, which comprises of two x two semi detached houses. S. O'Connor also advised in general terms of the need for a co-ordinated approach required in the general John Sweeney Park area and the need to deal with issues of back lanes.

The issue of proceeding to Part 8 for the Scheme at Mount Leinster Park was proposed as amended

Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern (nee long)

Seconded by Councillor F. Browne,

And Agreed the Scheme, as amended, proceed to Part 8

S. O'Connor advised of the Committee recently reconstituted to address district community facilities for the general John Sweeney Park area. This Committee is multi-agency and is now meeting fortnightly.

4. Transportation and Environment

1. Flooding at Mill Race Housing Development

Pat Harrington gave a verbal report of flooding on the 14/15th December, 2014 in and around the Mill Race. The matter has been reviewed by RPS Consulting Engineers and €35,000 has been allocated for a review at Hanover Crescent. At the Mill Race he advised of extreme flooding not previously witnessed at these areas. RPS will seek further funding to investigate the matter of levels in relation to the flood relief scheme. He advised he would bring proposals back to the Municipal District in the next couple of months. Pat Harrington answered questions from members on the issue.

2. Triathlon

E. Brophy advised members of the Racing 795 (amateur Triathlon club) and Paul Hutton's proposals for a triathlon to be held in Carlow Town on Sunday, 17th May, 2015. E. Brophy answered a number of questions from members in relation to the event. Agreed officials to meet Paul Hutton.

3. Pedestrian Crossing Askea Schools

Councillor Phelan said he had met school authorities re. crossing from car park at Askea across towards Church and into schools and requested the Engineer to examine same. Pat Harrington asked members to email any proposals for works to Anna Duggan so that he can have them costed for budgetary consideration. Pat Harrington distributed a summary of the most important road issues in his view and requested comments be forwarded to him.

4. Roads Programme

P. Harrington circulated a list of the projects carried out in 2014 and reported on same. Members acknowledged the work carried out and Pat Harrington answered questions from members on the scheme and on various road issues in the Municipal District.

5. Notice of Motion – Councillor Walter Lacey

“That Carlow Municipal District call on Carlow County Council to begin the process of amending the traffic bye laws to introduce a 30km speed limit in housing estates in line with the wishes of Jake’s Legacy”

B. O’Brien advised that Liam Fitzgerald is liaising with the Department of Transport on the issue following the December Council meeting and Transportation SPC in December.

6. Schedule of Meetings

B. O’Brien advised of an agreed schedule for 2015, which are the last Thursday of each month except August. Agreed. Next meeting in Carlow, if possible, in Oak Park.

7. Any other business

P. Harrington distributed members of a proposal for 5 new footpaths to be funded under development levies. Total cost - €125,000. He advised this money could not be used for repairs under the scheme and only for new footpaths. The proposed footpaths were :

- 1.Rathsillan to Tullow including pedestrian crossing € 22,000
- 2.Ballymurphy Road to Tullow GAA pitch €31,400
- 3.Ardattin Road to Mt Wolseley € 33,500
- 4.R417 Educate Together footpath and pedestrian crossing
- 5.Vicinity of Ticknock school .

Proposed by Councillor W. Paton

Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane O’Connor

And Agreed

Following a show of hands agreed to proceed with the schedule of works.

F. Browne requested the new road linking Greenbank to Barrow Track to be named – the matter to be referred to L. Fitzgerald. F. Browne asked for a review of parking byelaws for Barrack Street and Montgomery Street. Pat Harrington advised that Tullow environs would be done first.

F. Browne advised of the necessity for road works to be carried out at Kearnstown.

J. Murnane O’Connor expressed concern in relation to lack of advertising for free parking.

Councillor Ahern (nee long) advised of a need for advance signage advising of location of car parks.

Councillor Cassin advised the Scouts wishes to make a deputation to the January Municipal District Meeting in relation to the use of the former FCA hunt on the Green Road in Carlow.

B. O'Brien clarified the position in relation to the FCA site which is of strategic importance for the Council and the Executive does not wish to let the building again.

This concluded the business of the meeting.