

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow  
held in Town Hall, Carlow  
on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 4.30 p.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Mr. T. Barry, Chief Executive  
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance  
Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Financial Accountant  
Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members and asked the Manager and Head of Finance to introduce the subject of the General Municipal Allocation.

The Mayor congratulated the Chief Executive on his forthcoming retirement.

The Chief Executive thanked the Mayor and introduced the General Municipal Allocation proposed.

He invited P. Delaney to introduce the GMA in detail. P. Delaney advised that the GMA was a component of the budget and advised that it is important to distinguish between the GMA and schedule of Municipal District works. He also advised that a lot of the parks and open spaces, the county town and another large town are located in the Municipal District of Carlow.

He advised of the options available to members:

1. Adopt plan as proposed
2. Amend and adopt by reallocating funding across services
3. Increase or decrease charges impacting on the overall level of funding available for the GMA

P. Delaney went through table for the GMA in detail as follows:

74% of the local authority houses are in Carlow Municipal District  
949 km of roads - 24% of these in Carlow area but following an analysis of extra costs of urban roads the allocation was increased to €329,000  
C and E based on population  
Spend €1,000 per member on projects in the community  
Heritage, Litter, Environment apportioned on population  
Street Cleaning €174,000 Carlow and €54,000 Muinebheag

It was noted efficiencies should achieve savings in street cleaning  
Contributions to external bodies – Graiguecullen Swimming Pool  
Parks – 95% to Carlow MD. Budget reduced by €80,000 for 2015 due to proposed efficiencies. Also  
proposed €5,000 for open spaces in Hacketstown and Rathvilly.  
Festivals Tullow €2,000

He advised members could propose changes within the GMA.

The Chief Executive, P. Delaney and P. Harrington answered questions from members on a number of issues.

Cllr. A. Ahern proposed to reduce roads allocation by €10,000 and add it to special projects and make it €20,000

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue Proposed that €5,000 be removed from each item in Column 9 which was over €100,000 (i.e. 4 No.) and increase special projects by €20,000,

A third motion was then proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue that €12,500 be taken from roads and €2,500 from each of the other three elements over €100,000 in Column 9.

Proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue,  
Seconded by Cllr. A. Ahern  
And Resolved unanimously following a show of hands.

With the Mayor's consent, Cllr. Paton raised the issue of illegal dumping at dangerous locations of dumping of 55 to 60 bags being left in the middle of the road in the Tullow area. P. Harrington replied on the issue and agreed it is a matter of grave concern.

Cllr. Cassin raised the issue of the subvention to Graiguecullen Swimming pool and  
It was proposed they be invited to address the Municipal District Meeting and this was seconded by Cllr. W. Paton and resolved following a show of hands.

Cllr. Cassin requested that Auto Launch Formula 1 Presentation College Carlow be invited to make a presentation to the Carlow Municipal District members at meeting to be held 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 in the Town Hall, Carlow at 4.00 p.m.

It was agreed to invite Ann Mulrooney, CEO Visual to an "In Committee" meeting of the Municipal District. It was noted Ms. Mulrooney was addressing the next Council meeting and the position would be reviewed after that meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.