Minutes of March Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow on Monday, 7th March, 2005 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor M. Deering, Cathaoirleach, Carlow County Council


In attendance: Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager
Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Planning and Corporate Services
Mr. J. Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment
Mr. S. O’Connor, Director of Housing, Emergency Services and Amenity.
Ms. B. O’Brien, A/Director of Community & Enterprise and Economic Development.
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment
Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Financial Accountant, Finance
Mr. A. Oakes, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate.
Mr. B. Duff, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise
Ms. M. Murphy, Staff Officer
Ms. M. O’Brien, Assistant Staff Officer

OPENING PRAYER
The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the members.

APOLOGY
An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from Councillor W. Lacey,

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS
Councillor Michael Deering, Cathaoirleach, on behalf of the Members congratulated Ms. Bernie O’Brien, Acting Director of Community and Enterprise and Economic Development and Staff on being presented with two Awards – “Innovation in Marketing” – Carlow Local Authorities and “Best Human Resources Development” - CRISP at the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards held on the 4th March, 2005.
VOTES OF SYMPATHY
Members expressed sympathy to the families of the late
- Conor Healy, Pollerton Castle, Carlow.
- Tim Brennan, Killedmond, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- Sean Quinn, Sleaty Street, Graiguecullen.
- Denis Hickey, Larkfield, Carlow.
- Olivia McCullagh, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
Proposed by Councillor M. Abbey
Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O’Connor
AND RESOLVED:

“That the Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on Monday, 7th February, 2005 at 2.30 p.m. having been circulated to each member, be amended to include under South Eastern River Basin District Management System – Progress Report, the following paragraph -

“Members were informed that the Article 5 Characterization report was submitted to the EPA by Carlow County Council by the statutory deadline of December 22nd 2004.”

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS
- Members noted Resolution from Cavan County Council:
  “That 50% of Councillors expenses arising from attendance at the Conference on Suicide Prevention and Awareness in the Abbey Manor Hotel, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim, on the 18th and 19th February, 2005, be donated to a charity nominated by the sponsors of the Conference”.

- Members supported Resolution from Naas Town Clerk
  “That this Council again requests that the Minister for Justice immediately activates the necessary legal and constitutional measures to create a Garda Reserve Force, organised on a regional basis and with emphasis on community “protection” requirements in developing towns like Naas”.

- Members noted Resolution from Longford Town Council that each Local Authority be requested to write to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, requesting that guidelines be prepared for the calculation of the County Demand.

- Members supported Resolution from Derry City Council
  Derry City Council:
• Notes the concerns expressed regarding the conditions under which people with learning difficulties are accessing work places in the Derry City Council area
• Recognises that all our citizens have equal worth and value
• Commits to the review of current practices regarding such work placements
• Calls on the Mayor to convene a meeting of interested parties, including DESTINED, to examine current practices in the Derry City Council area and to compare this with practice elsewhere throughout Ireland.
• Send a copy of this motion to all Councils throughout Ireland urging that they endorse this Motion and conduct similar reviews and send details of their findings to the Mayor’s Office.

• Members supported Resolution from Leitrim County Council
  “That this Council requests the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Seamus Brennan, to introduce a scheme of waiver of refuse collection charges for social welfare recipients, pensioners and other such persons. Such waivers were in operation in this Council prior to the service being privatised; it is still provided by some local authorities. The Minister has said he is considering dealing with the provision of waivers in counties such as ours. We urge the Minister to introduce a waiver scheme as soon as possible to provide for the elderly, the infirm and the needy in our county and that this resolution when passed be circulated to all local authorities”.

• Members supported Resolution from Galway County Council:
  “That each member of Galway County Council donate €1,000 of their Conference money to help the victims of the recent tsunami Disaster”.

• Members noted invitation from The Bagenalstown St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee to members to attend the Parade in Bagenalstown on the 17th March, 2005.

• Members noted Notice from Kilkenny County Council of Environmental Impact Statement of proposed N9/N10 Kilcullen to Waterford Scheme: Waterford to Powerstown.

• Members noted correspondence from South East on Track in relation to nomination of a Councillor to attend the meetings of the Company.

Proposed by Councillor M Abbey,  
Seconded by Councillor F. Hunter,  
AND RESOLVED:  
“That Councillor Denis Foley be nominated to attend meetings of the South East on Track on behalf of Carlow County Council”
• Members noted request from VOICE of Irish Concern for the Environment who wish to address members of Carlow County Council at their monthly meeting in relation to issues concerning fluoridation in the county. It was agreed that VOICE be asked to address a future meeting of the Council in order to address issues concerning fluoridation in the county.

• Members noted that the closing date for receiving nomination to the Padraig Pearse Award 2005 is Wednesday, 30th March, 2005.

  Proposed by Councillor P.J. Kavanagh,
  Seconded by Councillor J. Pender,
  AND RESOLVED:

  “That Willie White, St. Brigid’s Terrace, Clonegal, be nominated for Gradam an Phiarsaigh 2005”.

• Members noted letter from the National Roads Authority stating that the Compulsory Purchase Order and Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Section (i.e. Powerstown to Waterford) of the N9/N10 Waterford-Dublin road scheme proposal were published recently, thereby initiating the formal statutory procedure of seeking approvals for the scheme from An Bord Pleanala. Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the members that construction on the Northern Section (Kilcullen to Powerstown) of the Carlow Bypass will commence in 2006 with a target completion date of 2008. Construction on the Southern Section (Powerstown to Waterford) Waterford-Knocktopher will commence in 2007 with a target completion date of 2005. Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the members that the NRA had allocated €30 million to Kildare County Council and €5 million to Kilkenny County Council in respect of the Northern and Southern sections of the N9/N10 Kilcullen-Waterford Road Improvement Scheme.

Members attendance at the following Conferences were approved:

Galway County International Genealogical Conference The Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Galway. 19th & 20th March 2005  
Cllrs. Denis Foley, P.J. Kavanagh, R. Kelly, M. Abbey, M. Meaney, J. Townsend & D. Alcock


Local Authority Members Association 22nd Annual Conference Celebrating 25 years of LAMA. Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork. 31st March & 1st April 2005  
Cllrs. R. Kelly & M. Deering
COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STATUTORY DISPOSAL
Proposed by Councillor J. Pender,
Seconded by Councillor F. Hunter,
AND RESOLVED:
“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Planning and Development Act, 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act, 2001 – Section 183, the disposal of Site No. 10, 11 and 12 – Tullow Industrial Estate to Kilkenny/Carlow & District (KCD) FRS Limited, Barrack Street, Kilkenny, in the sum of €68,083.35 (€67,765.92 plus €317.43 fee for Freehold) in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated”

UPDATE ON MEETINGS RE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF IRISH SUGAR MANUFACTURING PLANT IN CARLOW.
Members were circulated with summary of meetings held by delegation from the Carlow Local Authorities with

- Union/Employees Nominees from Irish Sugar Limited, Carlow Co. Council
- Ms. Mary Coughlan, T.D., Minister for Agriculture and Food
- Dr. Sean Brady, Chief Executive, Irish Sugar Limited

to discuss proposed closure of Carlow Manufacturing Facility of Irish Sugar Limited on the 11th March, 2005. Members were informed that at each meeting members of the delegation outlined their concerns and disappointment at the manner in which Irish Sugar had dealt with the proposed closure of the manufacturing plant in Carlow.

Members again discussed the impending closure of the Sugar Plant on Friday, 11th March, 2005, and also the recent announcement by Celtic Linen that 80 jobs are to be lost at their Carlow Plant. Members stated that the closure of the Sugar Company and Celtic Linen would also have a major financial impact on the Carlow local authorities in that these two companies contributed 25% of the rates payable to the Council. Members were unanimous in favour of securing an alternative industry for Carlow on the Sugar Plant site and that it was imperative to get a beet depot up and running as soon as possible.

Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager, accepted that the closure of the sugar plant on the 11th March, 2005 would be a black day for Carlow, but he remained confident that Carlow was still fundamentally right for business. In relation to the rate loss, Mr. Crockett informed the members that the rate loss would have a major financial impact on the Council’s finances and services, but that following legal advice the rates owed by Greencore for 2005 would have to be paid. For 2006 the Council will be seeking an increase in local government funding having regard to the loss of 25% in our total rates, but it is unlikely that there will be a full restoration of the funds lost.
REZONING OF LANDS – DUNNES STORES
Some members queried the decision made by Carlow Town Council in relation to the decision not to rezone lands in the vicinity of Hanover to make way for Dunnes Stores to locate in Carlow. Members of Carlow Town Council informed the members that the decision had been reached democratically by the Town Council.

DEPUTATION – CARLOW AND SOUTH LEINSTER RAPE CRISIS AND COUNSELLING CENTRE
Councillor Michael Deering, Cathaoirleach, on behalf of the members of the Council, welcomed Ms. Daphne Hunt and Ms. Una Travers of the Carlow and South Leinster Rape Crisis and Counselling Centre, who were invited to make a presentation to Council on the activities of the Centre to the members. Ms Hunt outlined to members the activities of the Centre and that the Centre now has a 24 hour call service to the local Garda Station. She stated that counsellors were invaluable at providing a support system where a victim of sexual abuse was making a complaint and could, if desired, be present at the Garda station. The centre is currently providing counselling support service at a centre in Tullow and Bagenalstown on a weekly basis. Ms. Travers outlined the statistical information relative to the Centre and called on members to lobby the Minister for Justice for an increase in funding for Centres such as the one in Carlow.

Members were unanimous in their appreciation of the work being carried out by the centre and thanked Ms. Hunt and Ms. Travers for their presentation.

DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2005-2008
Members were circulated with Draft Litter Management Plan for the three year period 2005-2008. Members were informed that the Plan, as circulated, was presented to the Environmental Policy Strategic Policy Committee at meeting held on the 15th February, 2005, and following consideration by the Strategic Policy Committee it is now recommended for approval by the Council.

Members queried the legal position in relation to the proposed introduction of new charges in respect of waste collection by Ray Whelan Limited. Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the meeting that legal advice had been obtained in relation to the proposed new charges and that as no formal communication had been received from Mr. Whelan in relation to the proposed new charges, no action could be taken until such time as a letter of communication issues from Mr. Whelan. Members requested that copies of waste permits issued be circulated to members for information purposes.

Members stated that indiscriminate dumping was taking placing all over the county, especially in the Tullow area and called for an affordable refuse collection system to be introduced in the county.
Proposed by Councillor M. White,
Seconded by Councillor M. Abbey,
AND RESOLVED:
“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve the adoption of the Draft Litter Management Plan, for the three year period 2005-2008, as circulated”.

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 2005
Ms. B. O’Brien, Acting Director of Community and Enterprise and Economic Development, notified members by report dated 28th February, 2005, that all community groups, tidy towns committees and schools were informed of the availability of Environmental Grants from Carlow County Council under the 2005 scheme. Members noted that the closing date for receipt of completed forms is Friday, 18th March, 2005 and a report and recommendation on all applications will be submitted to the members for consideration at the April meeting of Council.

NATIONAL TREE WEEK 2005
Members were informed by Ms. B. O’Brien, Acting Director of Community and Enterprise and Economic Development, that National Tree Week takes place from Sunday, 6th March, to Saturday, 12th March, 2005. Members noted the number of activities that have been arranged throughout the county to mark National Tree Week.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 2005
Members were informed by Ms. B. O’Brien, Acting Director of Community and Enterprise and Economic Development, that National Spring Clean takes place during the month of April, 2005. Ms. B. O’Brien, Acting Director of Community and Enterprise and Economic Development, outlined the planned activities of the Council during National Spring Clean 2005.

LITTER LEAGUE AWARDS/LAUNCH OF PRIDE OF PLACE
Members noted that the Launch of Carlow’s Pride of Place 2005 and the Awards Ceremony for Carlow’s Litter Action League 2004 will take place on Monday, 4th April, 2005 at 8.00 p.m. in the Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES
ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE, NEW YORK
Proposed by Councillor D. Foley,
Seconded by Councillor F. Hunter,
AND RESOLVED:
“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve the attendance of Mr. Michael Deering, Cathaoirleach at the 2005 St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New York”.

CRISP ANNUAL REPORT
Members noted the CRISP Annual Report for 2004 which was circulated to each member.
LOCAL AREA PLAN - PALATINE
Members welcomed the plan but requested time to give further consideration to its objectives and it was agreed to defer the making of a Local Area Plan for Palatine for a period of one month.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME – PALATINE
Members agreed to defer the making of a Development Contribution Scheme for Palatine village for a period of one month.

TENDERS
Members were circulated with schedule of tenders opened since the last Council meeting and were informed that there were no tenders to be opened at the February meeting of Council.

INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT
PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AT BALLON, MYSHALL AND PALATINE
Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the members that the Carlow County Council’s Water Services Investment Programme – Assessment of Needs 2003 to 2006 make provision, inter alia, for improvement to sewage treatment and capacity enhancement at Ballon, Myshall and Palatine. The schemes as proposed provide for new sewage treatment plants, fencing, access roads, screen planting and drainage improvements so as to provide for the following population:

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<td>Palatine</td>
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Members were informed that details of the proposed development were placed on public display for the statutory six-week period and no submissions/observations were received. The Schemes as proposed are in compliance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations and the County Development Plan and the proper planning and development of the three areas in question.

Members agreed to proceed with the proposed development of sewerage treatment plants at Ballon, Myshall and Palatine as placed on public display.
NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY – ALLOCATIONS 2005

Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the members by report, dated the 28th February, 2005, that the National Roads Authority has notified Carlow County Council of national road improvements and maintenance allocations for 2005.

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<td>€2,804,984</td>
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The amount notified represents an aggregate increase in funding of 26% over last year’s allocation.

Members noted that the NRA has allocated €30 million to Kildare County Council and €5 million to Kilkenny County Council in respect of the Northern and Southern sections of the N9/N10 Kilcullen/Waterford Road Improvement Scheme.

Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, replied to queries raised by members in relation to the allocation received from the National Roads Authority.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME – BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2005

Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the members that the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, has notified Carlow County Council of its rural water block grant allocation for 2005.

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<td>Group Schemes Capital Grants</td>
<td>€640k</td>
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<td>Design build and operate proposals</td>
<td>€1,500k</td>
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<td>Takeover of group schemes</td>
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<td>Total Allocations</td>
<td>€3,640k</td>
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Members were informed that the increase of 149% over and above the 2004 allocation is extremely welcome and will assist Carlow County Council to advance further the improvement of a number of rural water supply schemes and small sewerage schemes in the county.

The allocation of €600,000 in the “takeover of group schemes” is of significance in that it will provide Carlow County Council with the resources to complete work on the Ballyloo/Nurney, Kilbride, Craan/Newstown and Killerig/Straboe water supply mains and networks. The allocation of €1.5 million towards the continuation of work on the South Leinster DBO rural water quality project is welcomed. Members are aware that Carlow County Council acts as the lead authority for the purpose of procuring solutions to water quality issues to group water supply schemes in the South Leinster area. Work is scheduled to commence on the construction of advance civil works very shortly. Contract documents had issued to contractors in respect of the main DBO contract. Completed tenders are expected to be received in late May with a view to construction work proceeding in September, 2005.

Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, replied to queries raised by members in relation to the allocation as outlined.

BYE-LAWS FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLES IN MOUNT LEINSTER AREA

Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Infrastructure, Water Services and Environment, informed the members that at the September 2004 meeting of Carlow County Council it was agreed to refer the Draft Off-Road Vehicles Bye Laws to the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

Members were informed that an amended version of the proposed Bye-Laws was considered by Members at the Environmental SPC meeting in February, 2005. The amendments to the Draft Bye Laws include:-

• The omission of any requirement to hold a permit
• The provision of a general prohibition on the use of off-road vehicles for recreational purposes in the areas/townlands specified in the draft document.

As the above changes are significant, it is therefore necessary to recommence the public consultation process on this matter.

**Proposed by Councillor D. Alcock,**
**Seconded by Councillor M. White,**

**AND RESOLVED:**

“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve to proceed to advertise the amended Off Road Vehicle Draft Bye Laws – Revised Draft of 2005 (as recommended by the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee)”. 
HOUSING, EMERGENCY SERVICES, RECREATION AND AMENITY

STATUTORY DISPOSAL
Proposed by Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor,
Seconded by Councillor W. Paton,
AND RESOLVED:
“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve in accordance with Planning and Development Act, 2000 – Section 211, Local Government Act, 2001 – Section 183, the disposal of Council’s rented equity (a shared ownership house) ion dwelling situated at 2 Somerton Court, Leighlin Road, Graiguecullen, Carlow to Lorraine Dowling in the sum of €30,842.71 in accordance with the terms of the statutory notice already circulated”

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2005 – 2008
Proposed by Councillor J. Pender,
Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor,
AND RESOLVES:
“That we, the members of Carlow County Council approve the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005 – 2008, as circulated."

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGUALTIONS 2001 – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT ARDATTIN
Members agreed to defer the decision in relation to the housing development at Ardattin for a period of one month.

AGENDA – REMAINING ITEMS
It was agreed that the remaining items that were not discussed at the March monthly meeting of Council would be placed on the Agenda for the April monthly meeting of Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.
Ballon Sewage Treatment Works Improvement Scheme

Part VIII – Planning

John Mulholland,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure, Water Services & Environment,
Carlow County Council,
County Buildings,
Athy Road,
Carlow.

November 2004
Ballon Waste Water Treatment Works Improvement Scheme

Part XI – Planning

Introduction

Ballon Village is located on the N80, 12 miles south of Carlow town. The village has an existing population of approx. 560 and at present, sewage in the village is treated on a site west of the N80 before discharge to the adjoining the Barrack Stream, which is a tributary of the River Douglas.

It is proposed to upgrade the existing treatment works to provide an improved quality of effluent and to provide for future development in Ballon.

Existing Treatment Works

The existing treatment process consists of an aeration tank, settlement tank/clarifier and sludge drying beds. The plant is at the end of its useful life and is at its design capacity. It will not be able to accommodate future development in Ballon. Problems have been experienced with the plant during periods of heavy rain when the river has flooded the existing settling tank and aeration tank, causing pollution of the stream.

Description of Proposed Works

It is proposed to provide a new treatment works on the site of the existing treatment works in Ballon, with an enlarged site footprint. The new works will cater for future development in Ballon, up to a population equivalent of 1,200 people, and will provide a high quality of treated effluent, which will comply with the highest standards. The plant has been designed so that additional capacity can be added at the site with relative ease in the future if the need arises.

The treatment process will consist of the following treatment processes

- fine screening
- grit removal
- biological treatment
- Sludge Treatment

Tertiary treatment will be provided to ensure that the effluent meets the required high standard.

The existing inlet pipe to the works will discharge to a new inlet works, which will consist of fine (6mm) screening together with grit removal. Screenings will be compacted and discharged into a sealed bin for disposal. The grit removal system consists of a grit chamber, in which the grit is allowed to settle out of the flow. From this chamber, the settled grit is discharged to a sealed bin for
disposal. The effluent will then discharge to an inlet pump sump from where it will be pumped to a proprietary Biological Treatment unit, called a Stahlermatic Biological Treatment unit.

The Stahlermatic (STM) Process is an advanced process incorporating a combination of fixed film and activated sludge growth mechanisms in a single unit. Further details of the process are given in Appendix 1 and a brochure for the system is given in Appendix 2.

The effluent from this Stahlermatic unit will discharge to a settlement tank where the sludge will settle from the effluent. Clarified effluent from the settlement tank will then flow into the outfall chamber, which will consist of a wedge wire screening. This screening will remove any remaining suspended solids from the final effluent, thus producing the required final effluent standards.

Settled sludge will be removed to a sludge holding tank where it will be stored for removal off site.

The treatment works will fully treat flows up to 3 times the Dry Weather flow of 276 m$^3$/day. Flows in excess of this will pass through the fine screens and grit removal systems before flowing to a stormwater holding tank, which will provide storage for a further 3 times the Dry Weather flow. Any additional flow will then pass from the stormwater holding tank to the stream. Following the storm event, the contents of the stormwater holding tank will be returned to the main treatment process stream where it will be fully treated.

The effluent from the plant will be treated to the following standards:

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The works will also include necessary accommodation works for the site including the construction of a new entrance detail at the existing entrance to the works and the construction of an access road to the new works which will be fenced. Some elements of the existing treatment works will also be demolished to facilitate the construction of the new works.

**Impact of the Scheme**

The treatment works site is located on a country road out of Ballon. An earthen berm is to be constructed around the site to screen the works from view and to lessen the visual impact of the scheme. The berm will be planted to a detailed landscaping plan to further screen the works and blend the site in with the local environment. The site will also be fenced with a welded mesh
panel security fence, which will be coloured green, again to reduce the visual impact of the site.

The major impact of the scheme will be the high quality treated effluent which will be discharged from the works to the Barrack stream, a tributary of the Douglas River. This will result in a lower impact on the water quality in the Barrack stream than the current plant.

**Archaeological Impact**

An Archaeological Desktop Study, including a site inspection, of the scheme was carried out by Tobar Archaeological Services in November 2004. This study found that there are "no recorded monuments located on or in close proximity to the proposed development site" and "no previously unrecorded monuments were detected during field walking of the proposed site".

Whilst there is no evidence to suggest that the works will interfere with any known archaeological remains, the archaeologist has recommended as a mitigation strategy that either "a suitably qualified archaeologist should monitor the removal of topsoil" or "archaeological testing of the proposed site should be undertaken". — see Appendix 3 for Archaeological Report.

**Drawings & Appendices**

The drawings and Appendices which accompany this report are:

- Existing Ballon sewer network
- Ballon WWTW Site Location
- Ballon WWTW Site layout
- Ballon WWTW Site Sections
- Fencing Standard Details

Appendix No. 1 Details of Proposed Treatment System
Appendix No. 2 S.T.M. / Stahlermatic Aeration System – process brochure.
bridge/pipe culvert 15FT
1.8 metre high galvanised steel gates

1 metre grass verge either side of 4 metre road way
to be screened with selected trees

Sewage Works

2.4 metre high welded mesh panel fence

1800 mm high concrete post & wire fence
bridge/pipe culvert 15FT
6 metre roadway between fences
1.8 metre high 225mm plastered block wall
1.8 metre high galvanised steel gates
5 metre agricultural gate
Carlow Local Authorities

Request for Proactive Provision of Waste Water Licence Information for water for use in homes

Carlow Local Authority seeks to assess the level of availability of recent domestic water supply information and, in particular, whether County Carlow may be suitable for water users. The assessment of properties in the following towns: - Carlow, Carlow Town, Carlow North, Carlow South, Luggala, Patrician and Patrician.

The above local property assessment is conducted by interest parties having a social housing utility. The social housing utility is interested in the assessment of the area.

Notice hereby given that any interested party may submit a proposal for the Carlow Local Authority to provide a water supply licence information for the water for use in homes.

Notice hereby given that the proposal for the water supply licence information for the water for use in homes is to be submitted to the Carlow Local Authority by 15th March 2023.

After the receipt of the proposal, the Carlow Local Authority will consider and make a determination.

Residents and interested parties are requested to submit their proposals to the Carlow Local Authority.

MUNKHEEBA TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE PUBLISHING COMMENCEMENT OF AUDIT

Notice hereby given that the audit of the accounts of the above-named local authority for the financial year ended on the 31st day of December 2020 shall be commissioned by the Local Government Authority on the 24th day of March 2023. If objections are made in writing, the objection or objections must be sent to the above Local Government Authority at the above address.

If written objections are received, the above Local Government Authority shall cause the draft audit to be determined. Where our objection are not determined in writing, the audit shall be determined at the above address.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Grant Scheme 2009

Carlow Town Council provides funding to select groups, clubs and organisations who provide diverse facilities in Carlow and many of them are umbrellas for Carlow in a rural and urban setting.

Applications are invited for consideration for 2009 Grants and it is a submitted to the Town Clerk, Carlow Town Council. The applications are due by following:

(b) Statement of accounts being 2008

(c) Statement of accounts being 2009

Closing date for receipt of applications is 6th March 2009.

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A WASTE WATER DISCHARGE LICENCE

Carlow County Council, County Carlow, County Musgrave, Carlow. Notice hereby given that an application will be made to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Waste Water Discharge Licence in respect of the Carlow Waste Water Treatment Plant in a conventional activated sludge system, with the capacity to treat a population equivalent of 12,000 and proposed WTP at Carlow, the proposed WTP is to be constructed as a conventional activated sludge system, with the capacity to treat a future population equivalent of 15,000. The Waste Water Treatment Plant is situated at Carlow, the National Grid reference for the Waste Water Treatment Plant is: E: 242,443,500 and N: 168,457,98.

The discharge from the Carlow Waste Water Treatment Plant is into a 120m sewer discharge pipe into the River Barrow in the area of Rathangan, Carlow. 60 metres downstream of Rathangan, Carlow. The discharge from the Carlow Waste Water Treatment Plant is into a 120m sewer discharge pipe into the River Barrow in the area of Rathangan, Carlow. 60 metres downstream of Rathangan, Carlow.

Notice hereby given that the application for the Waste Water Discharge Licence is made in writing via e-mail to the Environmental Protection Agency, E: E: 242,443,500 and N: 168,457,98.

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Note: The above notice is in relation to the waste water discharge licence application made in writing via e-mail to the Environmental Protection Agency, E: E: 242,443,500 and N: 168,457,98.