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## MUSEUM BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIRPERSON

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Councillor Walter Lacey has been elected the Chairperson of the Board of Carlow County Museum for 2010.

The Museum Board oversees the strategic development and devises the County Museum's policies. The Board comprises seven members, three from the Town Council. Councillor John Cassin, Councillor Rody Kelly and Councillor Walter Lacey. Joe Watters, Town Clerk is the County Manager's nominee. The Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society is represented by three of their members, Ms Noreen Whelan, Seamus Murphy and Martin Nevin. The position of Chairperson alternates on an annual basis between the Members of the Town Council and the CHAS representatives. Councillor Lacey replaces Martin Nevin as Chairperson.

The Museum is being developed in association with the Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society ( CHAS ). The Society, founded in 1946, has been collecting artefacts and archives relating to all aspects of County Carlow's history since the late 1960's. The Society opened a museum in 1974 and it was relocated in 1979 to the former Theatre of the Town Hall, a space provided by Carlow Town Council. The Society managed the Museum on a voluntary basis with employment assistance from FAS. In 2002 Carlow Town Council took over the operations of the Museum.