

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Friday 17th June, 2016 at 12 noon.

Members Present: Councillor Armstrong–McGuire, Finola
Councillor Barry, Brendan
Councillor Bohan, Mary
Councillor Dolan, Frank
Councillor Gerry, Dolan
Councillor Caroline, Gildea
Councillor Fallon, Pdraig
Councillor Ellis, Caillian
Councillor Guckian, Des
Councillor Guckian, Sinead
Councillor Gurn, Felim
Councillor Logan, Seadhna
Councillor McDermott, Sean
Councillor McGowan, Sean
Councillor Paddy O'Rourke
Councillor Stenson, Enda
Councillor Warnock, Justin

And Councillor John McCartin, Cathaoirleach presiding

Officials Present: Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive
Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services
Mr. Seamus O'Connor, A/Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation
Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance & Water Services
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Kathleen McGovern Ellis, Assistant Staff Officer

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17/06/2016 Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor John McCartin addressed the meeting and he expressed his gratitude to the Leas-Cathaoirleach, his fellow members and to the management and staff of Leitrim County Council for their assistance and support during his term of office. Councillor McCartin stated that it was a great honour to have served as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and he also paid tribute to the individuals and organisations that he had worked with during his term of office.

The Members expressed their gratitude to Councillor McCartin for the fair and impartial manner in which he fulfilled his role as Cathaoirleach. They also congratulated Councillor McCartin on being a great Ambassador for Leitrim at events that he had attended at home and abroad.

Councillor Des Guckian stated that a new era in politics is evident in Dail Eireann and he expressed his hope that this could be achieved in Leitrim.

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive, also extended his gratitude to Councillor McCartin on behalf of the management and staff. He presented Councillor McCartin with a pictorial memoir of his year as Cathaoirleach.

Councillor McCartin then proceeded to invite nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Councillor Sean McGowan proposed that Councillor Mary Bohan be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the term 2016/2017. This was seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott AND RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Mary Bohan is elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2016/2017.

Councillor Mary Bohan accepted the nomination as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and extended her gratitude to her proposer and seconder and to her family, friends and colleagues for their support.

Councillor Bohan advised that she looked forward to representing the county as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council. She outlined that she will seek the support of her fellow members to work together for the benefit of the county. Councillor Bohan stated that Leitrim is a county of outstanding natural beauty and that in her role as Cathaoirleach she will continue to promote the tourism potential of the county.

The Members and the Chief Executive extended their good wishes to Councillor Bohan on her election as Chairperson of Leitrim County Council.

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17/06/2016 Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Councillor Mary Bohan invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Justin Warnock AND RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Sean McDermott is elected Leas- Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2016/2017.

Councillor Sean McDermott accepted the nomination and thanked his proposer and seconder and his fellow Councillors for their support. Councillor Sean McDermott also extended his good wishes to Councillor Mary Bohan as Cathaoirleach and assured her of his full support as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

The members congratulated Councillor Sean McDermott and wished him every success as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

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17/6/2016 Dates and Times of Council Meetings

Leitrim County Council Calendar 2016-2017 as circulated to the Members appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book. Ms Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator advised that it is proposed that the arrangements currently in place in relation to the Council Meetings and Municipal District Meetings will continue as per the existing arrangements. She outlined that the Council Meetings will take place on a bi-monthly basis on the first Monday of the month, with Municipal district meetings to take place on a once monthly basis on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday of the month. She advised that it is proposed that, where a meeting, either Council or

Municipal, falls on a Public Holiday the meeting will take place on the day after the Public Holiday i.e. the Tuesday.

A discussion in relation to the dates and times of the Council meetings ensued. Councillor Des Guckian proposed that the meeting scheduled be amended to provide for monthly Council meetings and bi-monthly Municipal District meetings. This proposal was not supported by the other members.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, Seconded by Councillor John McCartin AND RESOLVED:

“That Council meetings be held bi-monthly on the first Monday of alternate months. Where the first Monday falls on a Public Holiday the meeting will be held on the day after the Public Holiday i.e. the Tuesday. That presentations be limited to one per Council meeting with a brief summary of the purpose of the presentation to be circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.”

Councillor Sinead Guckian proposed that the date of the July Council Meeting move from Monday, 4th July 2016 to Monday, 11th July 2016 at 11.00 am in order to facilitate policies that are listed on the Agenda for discussion at the Environment & Transportation and Infrastructural SPC meeting to be brought forward to the full Council Meeting for adoption on the 11th July 2016.

This change in date to the July, 2016 Council meeting was agreed by the Members.

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17/06/2016 Any other Business relevant to the Annual Meeting

Votes of Sympathy

The Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following:-

- The family of the late Jo Cox, MEP
- The family of the late Muhammad Ali
- The family of the late Sean Devine
- The family of the late Michael John Mulvanerty
- The family of the late Naoise Bird
- The family of the late Michael John Jack Reynolds
- The families of the victims of the Orlando Tragedy

This concluded the business of the meeting at 12.55 pm

**Signed: Councillor Mary Bohan
Cathaoirleach**

**Sinead Flynn,
Meetings Administrator**

DATE: 11th July 2016