

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Friday 29th June at 12 noon.

Members Present: Councillor Bohan, Mary
Councillor Barry, Brendan
Councillor Dolan, Frank
Councillor Gerry, Dolan
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 O'Rourke, Paddy
Councillor Warnock, Justin

And Councillor Finola Armstrong, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Councillor Stenson, Enda
Councillor McCartin, John
Councillor Mulvey, Caroline

Officials Present: Mr. Lar Power, Chief Executive
Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services
Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Ms. Mairead Shanley, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Kathleen McGovern Ellis, Assistant Staff Officer

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29/06/2018 Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire addressed the meeting and expressed her sincere thanks to three Chief Executives during her tenure as Cathaoirleach Mr. Frank Curran, Joseph Gilhooly, Deputy Chief Executive and Lar Power, Chief Executive and to the staff of Leitrim County Council for their assistance and support during her term in office. Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire also extended her gratitude to the many individuals and organisations that are working in the county, many of whom are working on a voluntary basis. Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, Fellow Councillors, local media and photographers for their support.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire said this is one Great County. Its people are its greatest asset and she paid tribute to the people of North and South of the County whom she was warmly welcomed by all. Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire noted that there is immense energy in

Leitrim people. There is a recognised warmth and friendliness and it was a pleasure to serve the people of Leitrim and this was a privilege given to her by her colleagues.

The Members congratulated Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire for the fair and impartial manner in which she conducted her role as Chairperson of Leitrim County Council. They also stated that Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire was a great Ambassador for Leitrim while attending to her official duties abroad.

Mr. Lar Power, Chief Executive, extended his gratitude to Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire on behalf of the management and staff of Leitrim County Council and he presented a pictorial memoir of Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire's year as Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire proceeded to deal with the first item on the agenda of the Annual Meeting and invited nominations for the Election of Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Sinead Guckian proposed that Councillor Sean McGowan be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the term 2018/2019. This was seconded by Councillor Frank Dolan.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire invited any other proposal for the Election of Chairperson, and no counter-proposal was proposed. Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire deemed Councillor Sean McGowan elected as Chairperson of Leitrim County Council for the term 2018/2019.

Proposed by Councillor Sinead Guckian, seconded by Councillor Frank Dolan AND RESOLVED;

"That Councillor Sean McGowan is elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2018/2019".

Councillor Sean McGowan accepted the nomination as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council. In his opening address, he extended his gratitude to his proposer and seconder, to his wife Christine and family for their support. Councillor McGowan advised that he looked forward to representing the county as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council. He outlined that he will seek the support of his fellow members to work together for the benefit of the county in regard to T- Test Percolation, Afforestation, Broadband, attract further direct investment, to maximise all funding opportunities, group sewerage schemes, maximise our tourism potential, support Angling clubs and town twinning.

The Chief Executive and the Members congratulated Councillor Sean McGowan on his election as Chairperson of Leitrim County Council.

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29/06/2018 Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Councillor Sean McGowan invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Sean McDermott proposed the nomination of Councillor Frank Dolan as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mary Bohan. Councillor Sean McGowan invited any other proposal for the Election of Chairperson, and no counter-proposal was proposed. Councillor Sean McGowan deemed Councillor Frank Dolan elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Frank Dolan is elected Leas- Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2018/2019.

Councillor Frank Dolan accepted the nomination as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council. He thanked his proposer and seconder and his fellow Councillors for their support. Councillor Dolan extended his good wishes to Councillor Sean McGowan as Cathaoirleach and assured him of his full support as Leas-Cathaoirleach over the next 12 months.

The Members congratulated Councillor Frank Dolan on his election as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Des Guckian addressed the meeting and stated that there was no requirement for an Annual Meeting. Councillor Guckian said he believed in parity of esteem for all elected Members. Councillor Des Guckian then left the meeting.

Councillor Mary Bohan said that Cllr Des Guckian was seeking publicity by his stunt of leaving the Chamber.

Councillor Pdraig Fallon expressed his disappointment with Cllr Des Guckian and accepted that this is a democratic process, and that all parties have worked together over the years.

Councillor Seadhna Logan expressed his disappointed with Cllr Des Guckian and noted that he had not attended any of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meetings to which he had been appointed to and his manner at the SPC meetings were not conducted very well.

Councillor Mary Bohan said that Members of Leitrim have always worked together. Ministers have paid tribute to how funding opportunities have been fully maximised in Leitrim which is a testimony to Elected Members for Leitrim and Staff of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Brendan Barry said that Sinn Fein party has to adopt budgets, work for the betterment and wear the Leitrim Jersey and all Elected Members are doing their best for the County.

Councillor Sean McDermott expressed his disappointment with Councillor Des Guckian and said that the common good is the way business is conducted here in Leitrim and this is the way it should be conducted.

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Dates and Times of Council Meetings

Councillor Sean McGowan moved to the next item on the agenda of the Annual Meeting to agree a schedule of Council and Municipal District meetings for 2018-2019.

Leitrim County Council Calendar 2018-2019 as circulated to the Members appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, Seconded by Councillor Felim Gurn 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.”

This concluded the business of the meeting at 12.40 pm

Signed:

Cllr Sean McGowan
Cathaoirleach

Mairead Shanley
Meetings Administrator

DATE: 2nd July, 2018