

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber,
Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Friday, 26th June 2015 at 12 noon.**

Members Present: Councillor Armstrong–McGuire, Finola
Councillor Barry, Brendan
Councillor Bohan, Mary
Councillor Dolan, Frank
Councillor Gerry Dolan
Councillor Fallon, Padraig
Councillor Ellis, Caillian
Councillor Guckian, Des
Councillor Guckian, Sinead
Councillor Gurn, Felim
Councillor Kenny, Martin
Councillor Logan, Seadhna
Councillor McDermott, Sean
Councillor McCartin, John
Councillor McGowan, Sean
Councillor Stenson, Enda
Councillor Warnock, Justin

And Councillor Paddy O'Rourke, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Councillor Gerry Dolan

Officials Present: Mr. Frank Curran, 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. John McKeon, 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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Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Paddy O'Rourke stated that he was honoured and privileged to have served as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and to have represented the Council and the people of County Leitrim, both nationally and abroad during his 12-month term as Cathaoirleach. He publically acknowledged and commended the various organisations and community groups that he had the privilege to engage with while performing his official duties as the Cathaoirleach. He thanked the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council for affording him that privilege and for all their support throughout the year. He also expressed thanks to the Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Curran and to the Staff of Leitrim County Council for their support and assistance given to him as Cathaoirleach. He also thanked the local Media for their coverage of activities throughout the year and he paid tribute to his wife and family for their continued help, co-operation and support. Councillor O'Rourke also expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sinead Guckian for her assistance and support.

The Members expressed their gratitude to Councillor O'Rourke on his fairness and impartiality in his role as Cathaoirleach. They also commended Councillor O'Rourke on the manner in which he had represented the Council and the County with dignity and distinction in performing his official duties as Cathaoirleach both at home and abroad and they wished him well in the future.

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council extended his gratitude to Councillor O'Rourke and commended Councillor O'Rourke on the exemplary manner in which he had fulfilled his duty as Cathaoirleach. Mr. Curran then presented Councillor O'Rourke with a pictorial memoir of his year as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Des Guckian addressed the meeting and expressed his disappointment with the power sharing agreement that existed in the Council Chamber. He outlined that he had expectations when he was elected as an Elected Member of Leitrim County Council that he would be fairly appointed as a Chairperson/Vice Chairperson to any of the Committees' of the local authority.

Councillor Des Guckian then informed the meeting that he would be leaving the Chamber and would not take any further part in the meeting as a form of protest.

Councillor O'Rourke then proceeded to invite nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott

“That **Councillor John McCartin** be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the ensuing year.”

Proposed by Councillor Seadhna Logan seconded by Councillor Brendan Barry;

“That **Councillor Martin Kenny** be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the ensuing year.”

Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator outlined that as there were two proposals for the position of Cathaoirleach a vote would have to be taken. The result of the poll taken was as follows:

McCartin, John	Kenny, Martin	Abstain	Absent
Armstrong-McGuire, Finola	Barry, Brendan		Dolan, Gerry
Bohan, Mary	Fallon, Pdraig		
Dolan, Frank			Guckian Des
Ellis, Caillian	Kenny, Martin		
Guckian, Sinead	Logan, Seadhna		
Gurn, Felim			
McCartin, John			
McDermott, Sean			
McGowan, Sean			
O'Rourke, Paddy			
Stenson, Enda			
Warnock, Justin			
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As Councillor John McCartin obtained 12 votes, which was the majority of the members present and voting, he was deemed elected Cathaoirleach for the year 2015/2016.

Councillor John McCartin accepted the nomination as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and he thanked his proposer and seconder and his party for their support. He stated that it is great honour to be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and he extended his gratitude to his wife and family, friends and colleagues for their support.

He acknowledged that the local authority and the County is facing into significant challenges and he informed the Members and the people of the County that he would work in partnership with Mr. Curran, Chief Executive to ensure that all funding sources can be maximised for the further development of the County.

The Members congratulated Councillor McCartin and wished him every success as Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year and he thanked them for their good wishes.

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Leitrim County Council congratulated Councillor McCartin and wished him well in his role as Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year. He assured him of the full support and co-operation of the staff throughout his term of office.

A debate amongst the Members ensued in relation to the power-sharing agreement that is in place in Leitrim County Council. A number of Members voiced their dis-satisfaction in relation to this arrangement.

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Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Councillor Sinead Guckian, outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach thanked the Members, Staff and the Media for their support and co-operation throughout her term as Leas Cathaoirleach. She also congratulated Councillor Paddy O'Rourke on a very successful term as Cathaoirleach. .

Councillor John McCartin invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Councillor Justin Warnock, seconded by Councillor Sinead Guckian

"That ***Councillor Mary Bohan is*** elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2015/2016.

Councillor Mary Bohan accepted the nomination and thanked her proposer and seconder and her fellow Councillors for their support. She stated that it is a great honour to be elected Leas Cathaoirleach and that she looked forward fulfilling the duties of the role as Leas-Cathaoirleach. She extended her good wishes to Councillor John McCartin as Cathaoirleach and assured him of her full support as Leas-Cathaoirleach. She also paid tribute to the outgoing Leas Cathairleach, Councillor Sinead Guckian.

The members congratulated Councillor Mary Bohan and wished her every success as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

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26/6/15 Dates and Times of Council Meetings

Leitrim County Council Calendar 2015-2016 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.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, Seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny 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. There will be no Council meeting in the month of August.”

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26/6/15 Appointment of one Elected Member to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg

Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator advised that there was one (1) Member to be appointed to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg for 1 year.

Proposed by Councillor Callian Ellis, seconded by Councillor Justin Warnock

That Councillor Paddy O'Rourke be appointed to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg for the ensuring year.

Proposed by Padraig Fallon, seconded by Councillor Brendan Barry

That Councillor Seadhna Logan be appointed to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg for the ensuring year.

Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator outlined that as there were two proposals for the appointment of one Elected Member to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg a vote would have to be taken on the counter proposal.

The result of the poll taken was as follows:

Proposed by Councillor Padraig Fallon, Seconded by Councillor Brendan Barry
That Councillor Seadhna Logan be appointed to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg”

FOR	AGAINST	Abstain	Absent
Barry, Brendan	Armstrong-McGuire, Finola		Dolan, Gerry
Fallon, Padraig	Bohan, Mary		
	Dolan, Frank		Guckian Des
Kenny, Martin	Ellis, Caillian		
Logan, Seadhna	Guckian, Sinead		
	Gurn, Felim		
	McCartin, John		
	McDermott, Sean		
	McGowan, Sean		
	O'Rourke, Paddy		
	Stenson, Enda		
	Warnock, Justin		
4	12	0	2

Ms. Flynn outlined that there were 4 votes in favour of the counter-proposal, 12 votes against and two absent. She outlined that, accordingly, the counter-proposal is defeated and the original proposal is carried:

Proposed by Councillor Caillian Ellis, Seconded by Councillor Justin Warnock and RESOLVED:

“That Councillor Paddy O'Rourke be appointed to the Steering Committee of Comhairle na nOg”

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26/6/15 Any other Business relevant to the Annual Meeting

- **Appointment of One (1) Member to the Irish Central Border Areas Network**

Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator advised that a vacancy will now arise for the appointment of one member to the Irish Central Border Areas Network (ICBAN) due to Councillor Caillian Ellis not being in a position to continue in this role.

Councillor Caillian Ellis outlined that due to work commitments he was unable to give his full commitment to attend the Irish Central Border Areas Network meetings. Councillor Ellis thanked his colleague Councillor Sean McDermott who is also a member of ICBAN and he also thanked Mr. Shane Campbell CEO of ICBAN and the staff of ICBAN for all their assistance and co-operation.

Proposed by Councillor Caillian Ellis, Seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott and Resolved:-

“That Councillor Paddy O’Rourke be appointed to the Irish Central Border Areas Network”.

- **Appointment of One (1) Member to the Association of Irish Local Government**

Ms Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator advised that a vacancy will now arise for the appointment of one member to the Association of Irish Local Government as Councillor Mary Bohan is proposing to resign from the Association of Irish Local Government.

Councillor Mary Bohan said that due to work commitments she was unable to give her full commitment to the Association of Irish Local Government.

Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, Seconded by Councillor Sinead Guckian and Resolved:

“That Councillor Sean McGowan be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government”.

Vote of Sympathy

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

- Margaret McPartland & Family, Derrycullinan Drumkeeran on the death of Patrick McPartland
- James Madden & Family, Sessiagh, Carrigallen, Leitrim on the death of James Madden Snr.
- Edward McNabola & Family, Lisnagea, Kilnagross, Carrick-On-Shannon on the death of Eddie McNabola
- The Family of the Late Michael Martin, Aghadark, Ballinamore, Leitrim
- The Family of the Late Annie Comiskey, Doonkelly, Fivemilebourne, Leitrim
- The Family of the Late Michael McKeon, Cloone Village, Cloone, Co Leitrim
- Lord Mayor of Dublin City on the death of Ms. Olivia Burke, Mr. Eoghan Culligan, Mr. Niccolai Schuster, Mr. Lorcan Miller, Ms. Eimear Walsh, and Ms. Ashley Donohoe, who tragically lost their lives in Berkeley, California, USA recently.

Liberty Insurance

Councillor Martin Kenny proposed that a letter issue to Mr. Richard Bruton, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation requesting that he make immediate contact with management at Liberty Insurance following the recent announcement that the company are seeking redundancies at the Headquarters in Cavan.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 1.05 pm

Signed:

**Councillor John McCartin
Cathaoirleach**

**Sinead Flynn,
Meetings Administrator**

DATE: 6th July, 2015