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Annual Meeting 13th June 2016, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors, Joe Bonner, Sinéad Burke, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Brian Fitzgerald, Enda Flynn, Wayne Forde, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Johnny Guirke, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Nick Killian, Caroline Lynch, Stephen McKee, Ronan McKenna, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Claire O' Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillor Darren O' Rourke

Officials in Attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Des Foley, Barry Lynch

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

Senior Executive Officers: Ger Murphy, David Jones, Michael Griffin, Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan

1.0 Election of Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** opened the meeting and reflected on his year as Cathaoirleach. He thanked Leas Chathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Fox, for the support during the year and also acknowledged the cooperation of his fellow Councillors in the conduct of Council meetings. He made reference to the many opportunities that the role presented, including the interaction with the people of Meath and the opportunity to sell the county both in Ireland and abroad. He highlighted particular events such as the recognition of the International Rose of Tralee, Elysha Brennan, the range of 1916 commemorative events and the recent project to honour the centenarians in Meath. He thanked the Chief Executive, and all the officials for their assistance and generosity throughout the year. The Councillors and the Chief Executive acknowledged the commitment of Councillor Fitzgerald to his role as Cathaoirleach and the professional manner in which he had carried out the functions of the position.

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.



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Councillor Maria Murphy was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

Councillor Caroline Lynch was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

Councillor Tommy Reilly was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**.

Councillor Joe Bonner was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

Councillor	Vote	
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Cllr. Joe Bonner	
Cllr. Sinead Burke	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Francis Deane	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Sean Drew	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. Padraig Fitzsimons	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Enda Flynn	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Wayne Forde	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Joe Fox	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Noel French	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Michael Gallagher	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. David Gilroy	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Trevor Golden	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Johnny Guirke	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. James Holloway	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Tom Kelly	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Sharon Keogan	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Nick Killian	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Caroline Lynch	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. Stephen McKee		Absent
Cllr. Ronan McKenna	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	



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Cllr. Paddy Meade	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Maria Murphy	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Gerry O' Connor	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Claire O' Driscoll	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Maria O' Kane	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. Damien O' Reilly	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Darren O' Rourke		Absent
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Cllr. Caroline Lynch	
Cllr. Sarah Reilly	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Sean Smith	Cllr. Tommy Reilly	
Cllr. Alan Tobin	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Sharon Tolan	Cllr. Maria Murphy	
Cllr. Gillian Toole	Cllr. Maria Murphy	

Result: Cllr. Maria Murphy – 21, Cllr. Caroline Lynch – 7, Cllr. Tommy Reilly – 9, Cllr. Joe Bonner – 1, Absent – 2

Councillor Maria Murphy was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of the Council and assumed the Chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach addressed the meeting, thanked those who voted for her, and stated that she looked forward to working with her fellow Councillors, the Chief Executive and the Management Team. She said that she planned to bring greater efficiency to Council meetings in terms of the motions put forward and would continue the work to promote and develop County Meath.

2.0 Election of Leas Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach.

Councillor Eugene Cassidy was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

Councillor Eimear Ferguson was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Sinead Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Reilly**.

Councillor Seán Drew was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

Councillor Joe Bonner was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach by **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:



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Councillor	Vote	
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Cllr. Joe Bonner	
Cllr. Sinead Burke	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Francis Deane	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Sean Drew	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Padraig Fitzsimons	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Enda Flynn	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Wayne Forde	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Joe Fox	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Noel French	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Michael Gallagher	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. David Gilroy	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Trevor Golden	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Johnny Guirke	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. James Holloway	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Tom Kelly	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Sharon Keogan	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Nick Killian	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Caroline Lynch	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Stephen McKee	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Ronan McKenna	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Paddy Meade	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Maria Murphy	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Gerry O' Connor	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Claire O' Driscoll	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Maria O' Kane	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Damien O' Reilly	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Darren O' Rourke		Absent
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Sarah Reilly	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	



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Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Sean Smith	Cllr. Seán Drew	
Cllr. Alan Tobin	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Sharon Tolan	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	
Cllr. Gillian Toole	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	

Result: Councillor Eugene Cassidy – 21, Councillor Seán Drew – 10, Councillor Eimear Ferguson – 7, Councillor Joe Bonner – 1, Absent – 1

Councillor Eugene Cassidy was declared elected Leas Chathaoirleach of the Council. He addressed the meeting and thanked fellow Councillors for their support. He outlined that he shared the Cathaoirleach's enthusiasm for promoting economic development and that his focus would be on making Meath a better place to live and to do business.

3.0 Agree Schedule of Meetings

3.1 Proposed schedule

Date:	Type;
July 4th 2016	Ordinary
September 5th 2016	Ordinary
October 3rd 2016	Ordinary
November 7th 2016	Ordinary
December 5th 2016	Ordinary
*January 9th 2017	Ordinary
February 6st 2017	Ordinary
March 6th 2017	Ordinary
April 3rd 2017	Ordinary
*May 8th 2017	Ordinary
*June 12th 2017	Annual & Ordinary



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***January Meeting – 9th due to Christmas/New Year Break**

***May Meeting – 8th due to Bank holiday on the 2nd**

***June Meeting – 12th due to Bank holiday on the 6th**

Agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by
Councillor Joe Fox.

This concluded the business of the meeting.