



## *Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes*

### **Annual Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Council Chamber**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Maria Murphy, presided.

#### Members Present:

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

Apologies: Councillor Maria O' Kane, Bryan Reilly

#### 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:** Larry Whelan

#### **1.0 Election of Cathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Maria Murphy** opened the meeting and reflected on her year as Cathaoirleach. She thanked Leas Chathaoirleach, Councillor Eugene Cassidy, for the support during the year and also acknowledged the cooperation of her fellow Councillors in the conduct of Council meetings. She made reference to the many opportunities and challenges that the role presented, including the interaction with the people of Meath and presiding over many of the 1916 commemorative events. She 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 Murphy to the role of Cathaoirleach and the professional manner in which she had carried out the functions of the position.

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

**Councillor Gerry O' Connor** was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

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



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**Councillor Darren O' Rourke** was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Sinead Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

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



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| Cllr. Darren O' Rourke | Cllr. Darren O' Rourke |
| Cllr. Bryan Reilly     | Absent                 |
| Cllr. Joe Reilly       | Cllr. Darren O' Rourke |
| Cllr. Sarah Reilly     | Cllr. Maria Murphy     |
| Cllr. Tommy Reilly     | Cllr. Ronan McKenna    |
| Cllr. Sean Smith       | Cllr. Ronan McKenna    |
| Cllr. Alan Tobin       | Cllr. Gerry O' Connor  |
| Cllr. Sharon Tolan     | Cllr. Gerry O' Connor  |
| Cllr. Gillian Toole    | Cllr. Gerry O' Connor  |

Result: Cllr. Gerry o' Connor – 21, Cllr. Darren O' Rourke – 7, Cllr. Ronan McKenna – 9, Absent – 3

**Councillor Gerry O' Connor** was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of the Council and assumed the Chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach addressed the meeting, thanked those who voted for him, and stated that he looked forward to working with his fellow Councillors, the Chief Executive and the Management Team. He outlined that he looked forward to meeting the challenges and maximising the opportunities that the role would present in the coming year.

### **2.0 Election of Leas Chathaoirleach**

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

**Councillor Francis Deane** was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

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

**Councillor Seán Smith** was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Claire O' Driscoll**.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

| Councillor            | Vote                |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Cllr. Joseph Bonner   | Absent              |
| Cllr. Sinead Burke    | Cllr. Sinead Burke  |
| Cllr. Eugene Cassidy  | Cllr. Francis Deane |
| Cllr. Francis Deane   | Cllr. Francis Deane |
| Cllr. Sean Drew       | Cllr. Seán Smith    |
| Cllr. Eimear Ferguson | Cllr. Sinead Burke  |



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| Cllr. Pdraig Fitzsimons  | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald   | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Enda Flynn         | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Wayne Forde        | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Joe Fox            | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Noel French        | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Michael Gallagher  | Cllr. Sinead Burke               |
| Cllr. David Gilroy       | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Trevor Golden      | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Johnny Guirke      | <b>Cllr. Sinead Burke</b>        |
| Cllr. Wayne Harding      | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. James Holloway     | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Suzanne Jamal      | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Tom Kelly          | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Sharon Keogan      | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Nick Killian       | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Caroline Lynch     | <b>Cllr. Sinead Burke</b>        |
| Cllr. Stephen McKee      | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Ronan McKenna      | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Paddy Meade        | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Maria Murphy       | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Gerry O' Connor    | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Claire O' Driscoll | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Maria O' Kane      | <b>Absent</b>                    |
| Cllr. Damien O' Reilly   | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Darren O' Rourke   | <b>Cllr. Sinead Burke</b>        |
| Cllr. Bryan Reilly       | <b>Absent</b>                    |
| Cllr. Joe Reilly         | <b>Cllr. Sinead Burke</b>        |
| Cllr. Sarah Reilly       | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Tommy Reilly       | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Sean Smith         | <a href="#">Cllr. Seán Smith</a> |
| Cllr. Alan Tobin         | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Sharon Tolan       | Cllr. Francis Deane              |
| Cllr. Gillian Toole      | Cllr. Francis Deane              |

Result: Councillor Francis Deane – 21, Councillor Seán Smith – 9, Councillor Sinead Burke – 7, Absent – 3

**Councillor Francis Deane** was declared elected Leas Chathaoirleach of the Council.



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### 3.0 Agree Schedule of Meetings

#### 3.1 Proposed schedule

| <b>Date:</b>                   | <b>Type;</b>      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| July 3rd 2017                  | Ordinary          |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017 | Ordinary          |
| October 2nd 201                | Ordinary          |
| November 6 <sup>th</sup> 2017  | Ordinary          |
| December 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017  | Ordinary          |
| *January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2018  | Ordinary          |
| February 5 <sup>st</sup> 2018  | Ordinary          |
| March 5 <sup>th</sup> 2018     | Ordinary          |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2018     | Ordinary          |
| *May 14 <sup>th</sup> 2018     | Ordinary          |
| *June 11 <sup>th</sup> 2018    | Annual & Ordinary |

**\*January Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas/New Year Break**

**\*April Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> due to Easter**

**\*May Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> due to Bank holiday on the 7<sup>th</sup>**

**\*June Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> due to Bank holiday on the 4<sup>th</sup>**

Agreed on the proposal of **Cathaoirleach** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

This concluded the business of the meeting.