



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

6th June, 2014, Council Chamber

Councillors 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, Jim Holloway, 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, Darren O' Rourke, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Apologies:

Officials in attendance:

County Manager: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Joe Fahy(A), Tadhg McDonnell, Des Foley

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

Senior Executive Officers: Larry Whelan, Michael Griffin

1.0 To receive return of persons elected to Meath County Council at the Local Elections held 23rd May, 2014.

Des Foley, Director of Services and Returning Officer for the Local Elections 2014 read out the return of persons elected to Meath County Council to represent each of the six Municipal Districts in County Meath as follows:

Elected Councillors for Ashbourne Local Electoral Area

Joe Bonner – Non Party
Darren O' Rourke – Sinn Féin
Claire O' Driscoll – Fianna Fáil
Suzanne Jamal – Fine Gael
Alan Tobin – Fine Gael
Seán Smith – Fianna Fáil

Elected Councillors for Kells Local Electoral Area

Seán Drew - Fianna Fáil David Gilroy – Non Party Michael Gallagher – Sinn Féin



Johnny Guirke - Sinn Féin Bryan Reilly – Fianna Fáil Sarah Reilly – Fine Gael Eugene Cassidy – Fine Gael

Elected Councillors for Laytown/Bettystown Local Electoral Area

Eimear Ferguson – Sinn Féin Wayne Harding – Fianna Fáil Sharon Keogan – Non Party Sharon Tolan - Fine Gael Paddy Meade – Fine Gael Stephen McKee – Fianna Fáil Tom Kelly – Non Party

Elected Councillors for Navan Local Electoral Area

Joe Reilly – Sinn Féin Francis Deane – Non Party Sinéad Burke – Sinn Féin Shane Cassells – Fianna Fáil Wayne Forde – Non Party Tommy Reilly - Fianna Fáil Jim Holloway – Fine Gael

Elected Councillors for Ratoath Local Electoral Area

Brian Fitzgerald – Non Party Nick Killian – Non Party Damien O' Reilly – Fianna Fáil Maria O' Kane – Sinn Féin Gillian Toole – Fine Gael Maria Murphy – Fine Gael Gerry O' Connor – Fine Gael

Elected Councillors for Trim Local Electoral Area

Caroline Lynch – Sinn Féin Trevor Golden – Non Party Joe Fox – Fine Gael Ronan McKenna – Fianna Fáil Noel French – Fine Gael Enda Flynn – Fine Gael

2.0 Election of Cathaoirleach

The Meetings' Administrator invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Jim Holloway was proposed for the position by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

Councillor Shane Cassells was proposed for the position by Councillor Damien O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Claire O' Driscoll.



Councillor Joe Reilly was proposed for the position by **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

As there were three nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach a roll call vote was taken as follows:

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



Cllr. Sarah Reilly	Cllr. James Holloway	
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Cllr. Shane Cassells	
Cllr. Sean Smith	Cllr. Shane Cassells	
Cllr. Alan Tobin	Cllr. James Holloway	
Cllr. Sharon Tolan	Cllr. James Holloway	
Cllr. Gillian Toole	Clir. James Holloway	

Result: Cllr. James Holloway = 21 votes, Cllr. Shane Cassells = 10 votes, Cllr. Joe Reilly = 8 votes, Absent = 1

Councillor James Holloway was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council.

The Cathaoirleach addressed the meeting and congratulated all the new Councillors on being elected to Meath County Council and thanked the Councillors who proposed him for the position of Cathaoirleach. He informed the meeting that he looked forward to working with fellow Councillors and the management and staff to provide excellent services to the people of County Meath with an emphasis on efficiency and value for money.

3.0 Election of Leas Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach.

Councillor Trevor Golden was proposed for the position by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor**.

Councillor Wayne Harding was proposed for the position by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

Councillor Eimear Ferguson was proposed for the position by **Councillor Darren O' Rourke** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

As there were three nominations for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Councillor	Vote	
Cllr. Joseph Bonner		Absent
Cllr Sinead Burke	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Shane Cassells	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Francis Deane	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr Sean Drew	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Enda Flynn	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Wayne Forde	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Joe Fox	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Noel French	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Michael Gallagher	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	





Cll., David Cil.,	Cilia Turanan Calalan	
Cllr. David Gilroy	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Trevor Golden	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Johnny Guirke	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. James Holloway	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Tom Kelly	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Sharon Keogan	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Nick Killian	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Caroline Lynch	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Stephen McKee	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Ronan McKenna	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Paddy Meade	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Maria Murphy	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Gerry O' Connor	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Claire O' Driscoll	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Maria O' Kane	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Damien O' Reilly	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Darren O' Rourke	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	
Cllr. Sarah Reilly	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Sean Smith	Cllr. Wayne Harding	
Cllr. Alan Tobin	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Sharon Tolan	Cllr. Trevor Golden	
Cllr. Gillian Toole	Cllr. Trevor Golden	

Result: Cllr. Trevor Golden = 21 votes, Cllr. Wayne Harding = 10 votes, Cllr. Eimear Ferguson = 8 votes, Absent = 1

Councillor Trevor Golden was declared elected as Leas Chathaoirleach of Meath County Council. Councillor Golden addressed the meeting and thanked the Councillors who proposed him for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach and all those who supported him for the position.



4.0 To agree dates for the first meetings of the six Municipal Districts. The suggested dates are as follows:

Municipal District	Date and Time	Location
Ashbourne	Tuesday 10 th June, 10.30a.m.	Ashbourne Civic Offices
Ratoath	Tuesday 10 th June, 2.00p.m.	Dunshaughlin Civic Offices
Laytown/Bettystown	Wednesday 11 th June, 10.30a.m.	Duleek Civic Offices
Navan	Wednesday 11 th June, 2.00p.m.	To be confirmed
Kells	Thursday 12 th June, 10.30a.m.	Kells Civic Offices
Trim	Thursday 12 th June, 2.00p.m.	Trim Civic Offices

Following a proposal by **Councillor Seán Smith**, seconded by Councillor **Claire O' Driscoll** to start the Ashbourne MD meeting at 9.30a.m., the dates were agreed on the on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells**.

5.0 To consider the election, appointment or nomination of Councillors to Committees & Joint Bodies

Councillor Darren O' Rourke proposed, seconded by Councillor Joe Reilly, that all the positions on committees should be filled on a proportional basis using the d'Hont system. Councillor Gerry O' Connor proposed an amendment to Councillor O' Rourke's proposal outlining that the positions should be filled using the group system. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald. A show of hands vote was taken on the amendment the result of which was 31 in favour, 8 against and 1 absent. As the amendment was carried, the Cathaoirleach proceeded to seek nominations to appoint Councillors to committees and joint bodies.

Statutory Committees:

5.1.1 Strategic Policy Committees:

5.1.1.1 Appointment of a Chairperson to Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC.

Councillor Joe Fox was appointed Chairperson to Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC on the



proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

5.1.1.2 Appointment of a Chairperson to Environmental SPC

Councillor Shane Cassells was appointed Chairperson Environmental SPC on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly.**

5.1.1.3 Appointment of a Chairperson to Transportation SPC.

Councillor Eugene Cassidy was appointed Chairperson to Transportation SPC on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal.**

5.1.1.4 Appointment of a Chairperson to Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

Councillor Nick Killian was appointed Chairperson to the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor.**

5.1.2 Appointment of three Councillors to the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly.

Councillors Maria Murphy, Tom Kelly and Brian Fitzgerald were proposed by Councillor Gerry O' Connor and seconded by Councillor Joe Fox.

Councillor Shane Cassells informed of the forming of a group of fourteen to nominate **Councillor Tommy Reilly** to the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly and listed the group as follows:

Councillors Shane Cassells, Wayne Harding, Sean Smith, Claire O' Driscoll, Stephen McKee, Sean Drew, Brian Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Damien O' Reilly, Ronan McKenna, Sinead Burke, Maria O' Kane, Joe Reilly, Caroline Lynch.

On a point of order **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** sought clarification on the grouping system. The Chief Executive, Jackie Maguire, clarified the group system of appointment. The Cathaoirleach granted a short recess for the Councillors to consider the matter.

On the resumption of the meeting, Councillors Maria Murphy and Councillor Brian Fitzgerald were proposed by Councillor Gerry o' Connor and seconded by Councillor Joe Fox.

Councillor Shane Cassells, on behalf of the group, and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**, proposed **Councillor Tommy Reilly** to the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly.

5.1.3 Appointment of six Councillors, one from each Municipal District, to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.



It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells** that this item would be referred to the six Municipal Districts.

5.1.4 Appointment of one Councillor to the Regional Advisory Council, Teagasc.

Councillor Paddy Meade was appointed to the Regional Advisory Council, Teagasc on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

5.1.5 Appointment of five Councillors, to the Regional Health Forum.

Councillor Darren O' Rourke was proposed, on behalf of the Sinn Féin group by **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson.**

Councillors Wayne Forde, Gillian Toole and Paddy Meade were proposed by Councillor Gerry O' Connor and seconded by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.

Councillor Claire O' Driscoll was proposed, on behalf of the Fianna Fáil group by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding.**

5.1.6 Appointment of three Councillors to the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee).

Councillor Darren O' Rourke informed the meeting of the intention to establish a group of fourteen to nominate **Councillor Sinéad Burke** to the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee) and listed the group as follows:

Councillors Sinéad Burke, Maria O' Kane, Joe Reilly, Caroline Lynch, Darren O' Rourke, Eimear Ferguson, Michael Gallagher Johnny Guirke, Shane Cassells, Sean Drew, Tommy Reilly, Damien O' Reilly, Ronan McKenna, Wayne Harding. The nomination was seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

Councillors Noel French and **Councillor Sharon Keogan** were proposed by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

5.1.7 *Appointment of Councillors to the Audit Committee.

Item deferred to July meeting

5.1.8 *Appointment of Councillors to the LMETB (Louth Meath Education and Training Board).

Item deferred to July meeting

5.1.9 *Appointment of Councillors to the Joint Policing Committee.

Item deferred to July meeting

*Awaiting further guidelines on the structure of committee.



Discretionary Committees:

5.1.10 Appointment of six Councillors, one from each Municipal District, to the Association of Irish Local Government.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells** that this item would be referred to the six Municipal Districts.

5.1.11 Appointment of one Councillor to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Councillor Gerry O' Connor was appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy.**

5.1.12 Appointment of five Councillors to the Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd.

Referred to the Navan Municipal District.

5.1.13 Appointment of one Councillor as Director of East Border Region.

Councillor Eugene Cassidy was appointed as Director of East Border Region on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal.**

5.1.14 Appointment of five Councillors to the forum of East Border Region.

Councillor Damien O' Reilly was proposed, on behalf of the Fianna Fáil group by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

Councillor Eimear Ferguson was proposed, on behalf of the Sinn Féin group by **Councillor Darren O' Rourke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

Councillors Gillian Toole, Trevor Golden and Sharon Keogan were proposed by Councillor Gerry O' Connor and seconded by Councillor Nick Killian.

5.1.15 Appointment of three Councillors to the Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd.

Councillor Darren O' Rourke informed the meeting of the intention to establish a group of fourteen to nominate **Councillor Joe Reilly** to the Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd. and listed the group as follows:

Councillors Sinéad Burke, Maria O' Kane, Joe Reilly, Caroline Lynch, Darren O' Rourke, Eimear Ferguson, Michael Gallagher, Johnny



Guirke, Shane Cassells, Sean Drew, Tommy Reilly, Ronan McKenna, Seán Smith, Stephen McKee. The nomination was seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**.

Councillors Suzanne Jamal and Wayne Forde were proposed by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

5.1.16 Appointment of five Councillors to Meath Tourism Ltd.

Councillor Ronan McKenna was proposed, on behalf of the Fianna Fáil group by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding.**

Councillor Johnny Guirke was proposed, on behalf of the Sinn Féin group by **Councillor Darren O'Rourke** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Reilly**.

Councillors Noel French, Sharon Tolan and David Gilroy were proposed by Councillor Gerry O' Connor and seconded by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.

5.1.17 Appointment of two Councillors to the Athboy Social Needs & Recreational Company Ltd.

Referred to Kells Municipal District.

5.1.18 Appointment of four Councillors to the Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd.

Referred to Kells Municipal District.

5.1.19 Appointment of six Councillors, one from each Municipal District, to the Meath Heritage Forum.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells** that this item would be referred to the six Municipal Districts.

5.1.20 Appointment of two Councillors to Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee.

Councillors Maria Murphy and Enda Flynn were appointed to Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee on the proposal of of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade.**

5.1.21 Appointment of one Councillor to Meath Local Sports Partnership Committee.

Councillor Enda Flynn was appointed to Meath Local Sports Partnership Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

5.1.22 Appointment of four Councillors to the Disability Advisory Committee.



Councillor Michael Gallagher was proposed, on behalf of the Sinn Féin by **Councillor Darren O' Rourke** seconded by **Councillor Sinead Burke.**

Councillors Maria Murphy and Alan Tobin were proposed by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald.**

Councillor Stephen McKee was proposed, on behalf of the Fianna Fáil group by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly.**

5.1.23 Appointment of three Councillors to the Navan Sports and Leisure Company.

Referred to the Navan Municipal District.

5.1.24 Appointment of two Councillors to Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd.

Referred to the Trim Municipal District.

5.1.25 Appointment of two Councillors to Indaver Community Liaison Committee.

Referred to the Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District.

5.1.26 Appointment of two Councillors to Brú na Bóinne Consultative Committee.

Referred to the Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District.

5.1.27 Appointment of one Councillor to Meath Age Friendly Alliance.

Councillor Sarah Reilly was appointed to Meath Age Friendly Alliance on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin.**

5.1.28 Appointment of two Councillors to Ashbourne Cemetery Committee.

Referred to Ashbourne Municipal District.

5.1.29 Appointment of two Councillors to North East Regional Drugs Taskforce.

Councillor Gillian Toole was appointed to North East Regional Drugs Taskforce to on the proposal of Councillor Gerry O' Connor and seconded by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald and Councillor Maria O' Kane was appointed on the proposal of Darren O' Rourke and seconded by Councillor Johnny Guirke

5.1.30 Appointment of two Councillors to Trim Visitors' Centre.

Referred to Trim Municipal District



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5.1.31 Appointment of one Councillor to LAMA.

Councillor Suzanne Jamal was appointed to LAMA on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O' Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

5.1.32 Appointment of three Councillors to Knockharley Community Liaison Committee

Referred to Ashbourne Municipal District.

6.0 Agree Schedule of Meetings

Meetings will commence at 2.00p.m. on the following dates:

Date	Туре
7 th July, 2014	Ordinary
1 st September, 2014	Ordinary
6 th October, 2014	Ordinary
3 rd November, 2014	Ordinary
1 st December, 2014	Ordinary
2 nd February, 2015	Ordinary
*13 th April, 2015	Ordinary
*8 th June, 2015	Annual

^{*}April Meeting – 13th due to Easter Monday on 6th April

It was agreed to retain monthly meetings of the full Council from January, 2015 to June 2015 on the proposal of **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O' Connor.**

7.0 Protocol Committee

Appointment of seven Councillors to the Protocol Committee.

^{*}June Meeting – 8th due to Bank Holiday on 1st June





Councillors Joe Fox, Sarah Reilly, Francis Deane, Gerry O' Connor and Brian Fitzgerald were proposed by Councillor Gerry O' Connor and seconded by Councillor Paddy Meade.

Councillor Ronan McKenna was proposed, on behalf of the Fianna Fáil group by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly.**

Councillor Maria O' Kane was proposed, on behalf of the Sinn Féin group by **Councillor Darren O' Rourke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher.**

8.0 Training for new Councillors

Des Foley, Director of Services, informed the Councillors that there would be an in-house training session on Monday 23^{rd} . June from 9.30a.m. – 1.00p.m. and that a national training day would take place for Meath Councillors on 25^{th} June in Tullamore.