

Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

19th June 2009, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Bill Carey, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Joe Bonner, Ray Butler, Sirena Campbell, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Francis Deane, Anne Dillon-Gallagher, Regina Doherty, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Oliver Fox, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Seamus O' Neill, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Tom Dowling

Head of Finance: Fiona Lawless,

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Tadhg McDonnell, Eugene Cummins, Liam Henry, Michael Killeen, Brendan McGrath

Meetings Administrator Bill Sweeney

Senior Planners: Pat Gallagher, Wendy Bagnall (A)

Senior Executive Officers: Martin Rogers, Larry Whelan, Michael Griffin

Administrative Officers: Olive Falsey, Ger Murphy

1.0 To receive return of persons elected to Meath County Council at the local elections held June 5th, 2009.

Meetings Administrator Bill Sweeney read the following Return of Elected Members into the record of the meeting.

Elected Members for Dunshaughlin Local Electoral Area

Candidate	Party
Bonner, Joseph	Independent
Doherty, Regina	Fine Gael
Fitzgerald, Brian	Independent
Killian, Nick	Fianna Fáil
Leonard, Noel	Fianna Fáil
McGowan, Niamh	The Labour Party
Murphy, Maria	Fine Gael

Elected Members for Slane Local Electoral Area

Candidate	Party
Campbell, Sirena	Fine Gael
Cudden, Jimmy	Independent
Dillion-Gallagher, Anne	Fine Gael
Harding, Wayne	Fianna Fáil
Holmes, Eoin	The Labour Party
O'Neil, Seamus	Independent

Elected Members for Trim Local Electoral Area

Candidate	Party
Butler, Ray	Fine Gael
Carey, Bill	Fine Gael
Fegan, Jimmy	Fianna Fáil
McElhinney, Tracy	The Labour Party

Elected Members for Navan Local Electoral Area

Candidate	Party
Cassells, Shane	Fianna Fáil
Deane, Francis	Independent
Holloway, Jim	Fine Gael
Jamal, Suzanne	Fine Gael
McHugh, Jenny	The Labour Party
Reilly, Joe	Sinn Féin
Reilly, Tommy	Fianna Fáil

Elected Members for Kells Local Electoral Area

Candidate	Party
Cassidy, Eugene	Fine Gael
Farrelly, John V	Fine Gael
Fox, Oliver	Fianna Fáil
Reilly, Bryan	Fianna Fáil
Yore, Catherine	Fine Gael

2.0 Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr W Carey was proposed by Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

Cllr N Leonard was proposed by Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr B Reilly

A role call vote was taken with the following result:

Councillor	Vote
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Absent
Cllr. Ray Butler	W Carey
Cllr. Sirena Campbell	W Carey
Cllr. Willie Carey	W Carey
Cllr. Shane Cassells	N Leonard
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	W Carey
Cllr. Jimmy Cudden	Abstain

Cllr. Francis Deane	Abstain
Cllr. Anne Dillon-Gallagher	W Carey
Cllr. Regina Doherty	W Carey
Cllr. John V Farrelly	W Carey
Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	N Leonard
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Abstain
Cllr. Oliver Fox	N Leonard
Cllr. Wayne Harding	N Leonard
Cllr. Jim Holloway	W Carey
Cllr. Eoin Holmes	W Carey
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	W Carey
Cllr. Nick Killian	N Leonard
Cllr. Noel Leonard	N Leonard
Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	W Carey
Cllr. Niamh McGowan	W Carey
Cllr. Jenny McHugh	W Carey
Cllr. Maria Murphy	W Carey
Cllr. Seamus O' Neill	Abstain
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	N Leonard
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Abstain
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	N Leonard
Cllr. Catherine Yore	W Carey

Cllr William Carey – 15

Cllr Noel Leonard – 8

Abstain – 5

Absent - 1

Cllr Carey was declared elected by the Meetings Administrator and assumed the chair.

3.0 Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr Leonard was proposed by Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr B Reilly and elected unopposed.

4.0 To establish in accordance with Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2001 area committees for the five electoral areas.

On the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Cassells the following Area Committees were established:

Dunshaughlin Local Electoral Area

Slane Local Electoral Area

Trim Local Electoral Area

Navan Local Electoral Area

Kells Local Electoral Area

5.0 To consider the election appointment or nomination of members to Committee's & Joint Bodies

Statutory Committees

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting of the process for the formation of groups in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 18 of the Local Government Act 2001. He advised that the figure for calculating the number required to form a group was based on the attendance at the meeting at the time when the business is reached

divided by the number of appointments. He then advised that the number in attendance was 28 given that Cllr Bonner was absent from the Chamber.

The following members advised of their intention to form a group:

Cllrs Cudden Deane Fitzgerald O'Neill and J Reilly.

5.1.1 Strategic Policy Committees

5.1.1.1 Appointment of a chairperson to Planning and Economic Development

Cllr Farrelly was appointed on the proposal by Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

5.1.1.2 Appointment of eight members to Planning and Economic Development

5.1.1.3 Appointment of a chairperson to Environmental

Cllr T Reilly was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr B Reilly

5.1.1.4 Appointment of seven members to Environmental

5.1.1.5 Appointment of a chairperson to Infrastructural Development

Cllr Holloway was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

5.1.1.6 Appointment of seven members to Infrastructural Development

5.1.1.7 Appointment of a chairperson to Social Community & Cultural Development

Cllr Dillon Gallagher was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

5.1.1.8 Appointment of seven members to Social Community & Cultural Development

- 5.1.2** Appointment of four members to the Meath County Enterprise Board.
Cllrs Jamal, McHugh and Butler were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
Cllr Fox was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr T Reilly
- 5.1.3** Appointment of seven members to the Mid-East Regional Authority.
Cllr Fitzgerald was appointed by the technical group on the proposal of Cllr Cudden seconded by Cllr J Reilly
Cllrs Holloway, Dillon Gallagher, Carey were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
Cllrs McElhinney, McHugh were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly
Cllr Fegan was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr T Reilly
- 5.1.4** Appointment of five members to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.
Referred to Area Committees
- 5.1.5** Appointment of one member to the Regional Advisory Council Teagasc.
Cllr Cassidy was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
- 5.1.6** Appointment of five members to the Regional Health Forum
Referred to Area Committees
- 5.1.7** Appointment of three members to the Audit Committee
Cllr Murphy was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes.
Cllr McGowan was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes.
Cllr Killian was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Leonard.
- 5.1.8** Appointment of eleven members to the VEC

5.1.9 Appointment of fourteen members to the Joint Policing Committee

Referred to Area Committees with 3 members to be appointed by each area with the exception of Trim which will appoint 2. Proposed by Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Cassells

Discretionary Committee

5.1.10 Appointment of four members to the Meath Partnership Co Ltd

The meetings Administrator advised that one of the posts was reserved for Town Councils.

Cllrs Cassidy and McElhinney were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly

Cllr Fox was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Leonard

5.1.11 Appointment of three members to the Association of County & City Councils

Cllrs Carey and Holloway were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

Cllr T Reilly was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Fegan

5.1.12 Appointment of one member to the Local Authority Members Association.

Cllr Jamal was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

5.1.13 Appointment of one member to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Cllr Farrelly was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

5.1.14 Appointment of three members to the Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd.

Cllrs Jamal and McHugh were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

Cllr Cassells was appointed on the proposal of Cllr B Reilly seconded by Cllr Leonard

5.1.15 Appointment of one Director of East Border Region

Cllr Farrelly was proposed by Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

Cllr Fitzgerald was proposed by Cllr Cudden seconded by Cllr J Reilly

The Meetings Administrator advised that while the position had only been filled earlier in the year the appointment was not for a fixed period and therefore fell to be considered at the first meeting of the newly elected Council.

A role call vote was taken with the following result:

Councillor	Vote
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Absent
Cllr. Ray Butler	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Sirena Campbell	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Willie Carey	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Shane Cassells	Abstain
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Jimmy Cudden	B Fitzgerald
Cllr. Francis Deane	B Fitzgerald
Cllr. Anne Dillon-Gallagher	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Regina Doherty	J V Farrelly
Cllr. John V Farrelly	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	Abstain

Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	B Fitzgerald
Cllr. Oliver Fox	Abstain
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Abstain
Cllr. Jim Holloway	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Eoin Holmes	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Nick Killian	Abstain
Cllr. Noel Leonard	Abstain
Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Niamh McGowan	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Jenny McHugh	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Maria Murphy	J V Farrelly
Cllr. Seamus O' Neill	B Fitzgerald
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Abstain
Cllr. Joe Reilly	B Fitzgerald
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	Abstain
Cllr. Catherine Yore	J V Farrelly

Cllr John V Farrelly – 15

Cllr Brian Fitzgerald – 5

Abstain – 8

Absent – 1

Cllr Farrelly was declared elected.

- 5.1.16** Appointment of five members to the forum of East Border Region
Cllrs Doherty and Campbell were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
Cllr Holmes was proposed by Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly.
Cllrs Leonard and Harding were appointed on the proposal of Cllr B Reilly seconded by Cllr Fegan
- 5.1.17** Appointment of two members to the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly
Cllrs Holloway was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Jamal.
Cllr Fegan was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Leonard
- 5.1.18** Appointment of three members to the Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd
It was agreed by M Killeen DoS that five directors could be nominated.
Cllr Dillon Gallagher was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes.
Cllr Killian was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr B Reilly.
Cllr J Reilly was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr Cudden.
Kells and Trim Areas to each nominate one member.
- 5.1.19** Appointment of one member to the Mid-East Regional Tourism Organisation.
Cllr Farrelly was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Cassidy
- 5.1.20** Appointment of four members to the Meath Arts Forum
Cllrs Yore and Campbell were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
Cllr Holmes was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly
Cllr Fox was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Leonard

- 5.1.21** Appointment of two members as Directors of Meath Tourism Ltd
Cllr Farrelly was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly
Cllr McElhinney was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly
- 5.1.22** Appointment of two Directors to the Athboy Social Needs & Recreational Company Ltd
Referred to Kells Area
- 5.1.23** Appointment of two Directors to the Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd
Referred to Kells Area
- 5.1.24** Appointment of five members to the Meath Heritage Forum
Cllrs Yore and Dillon Gallagher were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
Cllr McElhinney was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly
Cllr Harding and Fox were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Leonard
- 5.1.25** Appointment of two members as Directors of Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd.
Cllr Butler was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes
Cllr McElhinney was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes

Agree Schedule of Meetings

The following schedule of meetings was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Cassells

Meetings will commence at 2pm on the following dates:

Date	Type
July 6 th 2009	Ordinary
September 7 th 2009	Quarterly
October 5 th 2009	Ordinary
November 2 nd 2009	Ordinary
December 7 th 2009	Quarterly
*January 11 th 2010	Ordinary
February 1 st 2010	Ordinary
March 1 st 2010	Quarterly
*April 12 th 2010	Ordinary
*May 10 th 2010	Ordinary
*June 14 th 2010	Quarterly

*January Meeting – 11th due to Christmas Holidays

*April Meeting – 12th due to Easter Monday on 5th

*May Meeting – 10th due to Bank Holiday on 3rd

*June Meeting – 14th due to Bank Holiday on 7th

7.0 Appointment of seven members to Protocol Committee.

Agreed that the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach would be ex officio members and that eight ordinary members would be appointed.

Cllrs Dillon Gallagher, Farrelly and Campbell were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Holmes.

Cllrs McHugh and Holmes were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Farrelly.

Cllrs T Reilly and B Reilly were appointed on the proposal of Cllr Cassells seconded by Cllr Leonard.

Cllr Cudden was appointed on the proposal of Cllr Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr J Reilly