

## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Annual Meeting***

***12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Buvinda House @ 11.00a.m.***

#### **Presiding**

Councillor Nick Killian Cathaoirleach

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

**Apologies:** Councillors: Alan Tobin, Conor Tormey.

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Fiona Lawless

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Martin Murray, Dara McGowan

**A/Directors of Service:** Sheila Harkin, Corrina Elder

**Meetings Administrator:** Elaine Daly

**Apologies:** Mr. Barry Lynch, Director of Services

#### **1 Election of An Cathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and noted that it had been his honour to serve the people of Meath as Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council and he acknowledged the support of his family and friends, as well as the Elected Members and Management and Staff of Meath County Council. He also noted that he was proud of the ongoing commitment of the Council to delivering essential services and he paid tribute to the Housing Section in terms of the level of housing allocations throughout the year and the number of housing units in the pipeline. He also noted that he had visited many community and voluntary groups, throughout the county, over the past year and he paid tribute to their ongoing commitments and tireless efforts for their communities.

There were expressions of gratitude to the out-going Cathaoirleach from **Councillors Brian Fitzgerald; Damien O' Reilly; Gerry O'Connor; Ronan Moore; Joe Fox; Eddie Fennessy; Trevor Golden; Mike Bray; Alan Lawes; David Gilroy and Yemi Adenuga.** All referenced the professionalism and dignity of the Cathaoirleach with many paying tributes to how the Cathaoirleach chaired the meetings and dealt with all issues in a fair and open manner.

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The Chief Executive thanked Councillor Killian for his work and contribution during his time as Cathaoirleach, she highlighted the professional and dignified manner in which he carried out his duties as Cathaoirleach as well as his courteousness in his interactions with communities and groups during the year. She presented him with an e-album of images of his time in office.

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

**Councillor Sharon Tolan** was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**, with both setting out the reasons as to why Councillor Tolan should be elected.

**Councillor Joe Bonner** was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**, with both setting out the reasons as to why Councillor Bonner should be elected.

**Councillor Tommy Reilly** was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sean Drew**, with both setting out the reasons as to why Councillor Reilly should be elected.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

	<b>Tolan</b>	<b>Bonner</b>	<b>Reilly</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>GILROY, David</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>			<b>X</b>		

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KILLIAN, Nick			X		
LAWES, Alan	X				
MC CABE, Paul			X		
MC GINTY, Elaine			X		
MC KEE, Stephen			X		
MEADE, Paddy	X				
MOORE, Ronan		X			
MURPHY, Maria	X				
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X				
O'NEILL, Aisling		X			
O'REILLY, Damien			X		
REILLY, Sarah	X				
REILLY, Tommy			X		
SMITH, Amanda			X		
SOUHAN, Niamh	X				
TOBIN, Alan					X
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X	
TOLAN, Sharon	X				
TOOLE, Gillian			X		
TORMEY, Conor					X

Result: Cllr. Sharon Tolan – 12, Cllr. Joseph Bonner – 5, Cllr. Tommy Reilly – 20, Abstain – 1, Absent – 2

**Councillor Tommy** was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of the Council and assumed the Chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach addressed the meeting, thanked his proposer and seconder and paid tribute to the out-going Cathaoirleach. He acknowledged the support of his family including his wife Doreen and late parents and noted that he was looking forward to the year ahead. He also paid tribute to the other two candidates. There were expressions of congratulations from **Councillors Sharon Tolan; Joe Bonner; Brian Fitzgerald; Joe Fox; Gerry O'Connor; Pdraig Fitzsimons; Wayne Harding; Elaine McGinty; Ronan Moore; Eugene Cassidy; Yemi Adenuga; Nick Killian and Suzanne Jamal**. The Chief Executive congratulated the new Cathaoirleach and expressed her commitment to work closely with him in the year ahead.

### **2 Election of the Leas Chathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach congratulated outgoing Leas Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Mike Bray** on his successful year. He then invited nominations for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach.

**Councillor Sharon Tolan** was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**.

**Councillor Joe Bonner** was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

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**Councillor Michael Gallagher** was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**.

**Councillor Paul McCabe** was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

	Tolan	Bonner	Gallagher	McCabe	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	X					
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>				X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		X				
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>				X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	X					
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>				X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>				X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>			X			
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X		
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>				X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>	X					
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	X					
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>			X			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X		
<b>GILROY, David</b>				X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				X		
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>				X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>	X					
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				X		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>				X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>			X			
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>				X		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>				X		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>				X		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>	X					
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>		X				
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>	X					
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>	X					
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>			X			
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>				X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>	X					
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				X		
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>				X		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>	X					

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TOBIN, Alan						X
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X		
TOLAN, Sharon	X					
TOOLE, Gillian				X		
TORMEY, Conor						X

Result: Cllr. Sharon Tolan – 11, Cllr. Joseph Bonner – 2, Cllr. Michael Gallagher – 4, Cllr. Paul McCabe – 21, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2

**Councillor Paul McCabe** was declared elected as Leas Chathaoirleach of the Council.

The newly elected Leas Chathaoirleach addressed the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for their support. He noted that it was his honour to take on the role of Leas-Chathaoirleach. Finally, he thanked the out-going Cathaoirleach **Councillor Killian** and Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Bray** for their terms in office.

There were expressions of congratulations from **Councillors Sharon Tolan; Trevor Golden, Padraig Fitzsimons, Gerry O'Connor, Tommy Reilly** and **Yemi Adenuga**. The Chief Executive paid tribute to **Cllr. Bray** and congratulated the new Leas Chathaoirleach.

### 3 **Agree Schedule of Meetings**

The following schedule of Council Meetings was approved on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy**, seconded by **Councillor Eddie Fennessy** and agreed.

Date	Type
July 3, 2023	Ordinary
September 4, 2023	Ordinary Meeting inc. LPT
October 2, 2023	Ordinary
November 6, 2023	Ordinary
November 20, 2023	Preliminary Budget Meeting and Statutory Budget Meeting
December 4, 2023	Ordinary
January 29, 2024*	Ordinary
March 4, 2024	Ordinary
April 8, 2024*	Ordinary
May 13, 2024*	Ordinary

The June Annual Meeting will be held in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014

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\*Meeting date changed due to bank holiday

### **General Municipal Allocation Meetings**

<b>Budget Meeting</b>	<b>2023 Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Ratoath MD - GMA	Wednesday 1st November 2023	9.30am – 11.00pm
Kells MD - GMA	Wednesday 1st November 2023	11.30am – 1pm
Laytown/Bettystown MD -GMA	Wednesday 1st November 2023	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Navan MD - GMA	Thursday 2nd November 2023	9.30am – 11.00pm
Ashbourne MD - GMA	Thursday 2nd November 2023	11.30am – 1pm
Trim MD - GMA	Thursday 2nd November 2023	2.00pm – 3.30pm

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm.