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Annual Meeting

9th June 2025, Buvinda House at 1.30 p.m.

Presiding

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sharon Tolan

Councillors Present:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Fionnán Blake, Dave Boyne, Mike Bray, Peter Caffrey, Eugene Cassidy, Padraig Coffey, Francis Deane, Sean Drew, John Duffy, Yvonne Everard, Eddie Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Helen Meyer, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Caroline O'Reilly, Paul O'Rourke, Sarah Reilly, Amanda Smith, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Conor Tormey and Maria White.

Apologies:

Councillors Joe Bonner and Carol Lennon

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Kieran Kehoe

Directors of Service: Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Dara McGowan, Martin Murray, Fiona Fallon, Pádraig Maguire.

Senior Executive Officer: Brian Hora

Meetings Administrator: Elaine Daly

Apologies: Barry Lynch, Director of Service

1 Election of An Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and noted that it had been her honour to serve the people of Meath as Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council and she acknowledged the support of her family and friends, as well as the Elected Members and Management and Staff of Meath County Council.

There were expressions of gratitude to the out-going Cathaoirleach from **Councillors Sarah Reilly, Gerry O'Connor, Ronan Moore, Wayne Harding, Nick Killian, Yemi Adenuga, Maria White, Joe Fox, Suzanne Jamal, Eugene Cassidy and Emer Tóibín.** 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.

The Chief Executive thanked Councillor Tolan for her work and dedication during her time as Cathaoirleach. He highlighted the professional and dignified manner in which she carried out her

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duties as Cathaoirleach, as well as her courtesy in her interactions with communities and groups during the year. The Cathaoirleach was presented with an album of images of her time in office.

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Wayne Harding was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, with both setting out the reasons as to why Councillor Harding should be elected.

Councillor Eddie Fennessy was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by **Councillor Maria White** and seconded by **Councillor Peter Caffrey**, with both setting out the reasons as to why Councillor Fennessy should be elected.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

	Harding	Fennessy	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi	✓			
BLAKE, Fionnan		✓		
BONNER, Joseph				✓
BOYNE, Dave			✓	
BRAY, Mike	✓			
CAFFREY, Peter		✓		
CASSIDY, Eugene	✓			
COFFEY, Padraig	✓			
DEANE, Francis	✓			
DREW, Sean	✓			
DUFFY, John	✓			
EVERARD, Yvonne		✓		
FENNESSY, Eddie		✓		
FITZGERALD, Brian	✓			
FITZSIMONS, Padraig	✓			
FOX, Joe	✓			
FRENCH, Noel	✓			
GALLAGHER, Michael		✓		
GILROY, David	✓			
HARDING, Wayne	✓			
JAMAL, Suzanne	✓			
KEOGAN, Geraldine	✓			
KILLIAN, Nick	✓			
LAWES, Alan		✓		
LENNON, Carol				✓
McKEE, Stephen	✓			
MEADE, Paddy	✓			

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MEYER, Helen		√		
MOORE, Ronan	√			
MURPHY, Maria	√			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	√			
O'REILLY, Caroline	√			
O'ROURKE, Paul	√			
REILLY, Sarah	√			
SMITH, Amanda	√			
TOBIN, Alan	√			
TÓIBÍN, Emer			√	
TOLAN, Sharon	√			
TORMEY, Conor	√			
WHITE, Maria		√		

Result: Cllr. Wayne Harding – 28, Cllr. Eddie Fennessy – 8, Abstain – 2, Absent – 2

Councillor Wayne Harding was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Meath County 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 Yvette, his two children and his parents and noted that he was looking forward to the year ahead. He also paid tribute to the other candidate, Councillor Eddie Fennessy. Looking to the year ahead, An Cathaoirleach identified a number of priorities including the delivery of the Slane By-Pass and the Boyne Greenway. There were expressions of congratulations from **Councillors Padraig Fitzsimons, Gerry O'Connor, Ronan Moore, Mike Bray, Paddy Meade, Joe Fox, Sarah Reilly, Yemi Adenuga, Nick Killian, Sharon Tolan, Maria White, Sean Drew, Suzanne Jamal, Emer Tóibín and Padraig Coffey**. The Chief Executive congratulated the new Cathaoirleach and expressed his commitment to working closely with him in the year ahead.

2 Election of the Leas Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach congratulated outgoing Leas Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** on her successful year. He then invited nominations for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach.

Councillor Helen Meyer was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Fionnan Blake** and seconded by **Councillor Maria White**.

Councillor Caroline O'Reilly was proposed for the position of Leas Chathaoirleach on the proposal of **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

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	Meyer	O'Reilly	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi		√		
BLAKE, Fionnan	√			
BONNER, Joseph				√
BOYNE, Dave			√	
BRAY, Mike		√		
CAFFREY, Peter	√			
CASSIDY, Eugene		√		
COFFEY, Pdraig		√		
DEANE, Francis		√		
DREW, Sean		√		
DUFFY, John		√		
EVERARD, Yvonne	√			
FENNESSY, Eddie	√			
FITZGERALD, Brian		√		
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig		√		
FOX, Joe		√		
FRENCH, Noel		√		
GALLAGHER, Michael	√			
GILROY, David		√		
HARDING, Wayne		√		
JAMAL, Suzanne		√		
KEOGAN, Geraldine		√		
KILLIAN, Nick		√		
LAWES, Alan	√			
LENNON, Carol				√
McKEE, Stephen		√		
MEADE, Paddy		√		
MEYER, Helen	√			
MOORE, Ronan		√		
MURPHY, Maria		√		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		√		
O'REILLY, Caroline		√		
O'ROURKE, Paul		√		
REILLY, Sarah		√		
SMITH, Amanda		√		
TOBIN, Alan		√		
TÓIBÍN, Emer			√	
TOLAN, Sharon		√		
TORMEY, Conor		√		
WHITE, Maria	√			

Result: Cllr. Helen Meyer – 8, Cllr. Caroline O'Reilly – 28, Abstain – 2, Absent – 2

Councillor Caroline O'Reilly was declared elected as Leas Chathaoirleach of Meath County Council.

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The newly elected Leas Chathaoirleach addressed the meeting and thanked her proposer and seconder and the members for their support. She noted that it was his honour to take on the role of Leas-Chathaoirleach. Finally, she paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**, for their terms in office.

There were expressions of congratulations from **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**.

3 Agree Schedule of Meetings

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

Ordinary meetings and Budget meeting will commence at 1.30p.m. and the Annual Meeting will commence at 11.00am on the following dates:

Date	Type
July 7, 2025	Ordinary
September 1, 2025	Ordinary
October 6, 2025	Ordinary
November 3, 2025	Ordinary
November 24, 2025	Budget
December 1, 2025	Ordinary
January 26, 2026	Ordinary
March 2, 2026	Ordinary
April 13, 2026	Ordinary
May 11, 2026	Ordinary
June 8, 2026	Annual
June 8, 2026	Ordinary

4 Agree Schedule of General Municipal Allocation Meetings

The following schedule of General Municipal Allocation Meetings was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and agreed.

GMA Meetings			
Navan MD	Wednesday 12th November	9.30am -10.30am	Navan Town Hall
Ashbourne MD	Wednesday 12th November	11.30am -12.30pm	Buvinda House
Trim MD	Wednesday 12th November	2.00pm- 3.00pm	Buvinda House
Ratoath MD	Thursday 13th November	9.30am -10.30am	Buvinda House

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Kells MD	Thursday 13th November	11.30am -12.30pm	Buvinda House
Laytown Bettystown MD	Thursday 13th November	2.00pm- 3.00pm	Buvinda House

The meeting concluded at 2.20pm