

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Átha an Rí

Municipal District of Athenry

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Athenry held in Aras an Chontae, on Tuesday 25th June 2024.

I LATHAIR:

BAILL: Cllr. P. Feeney(Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. J. Charity
Cllr. T. Grealish
Cllr. A. Dolan
Cllr L.O'Hara
Cllr. D. Collins
Cllr C. Keane

OIFIGIGH: Mr. L. Hanrahan, DoS
Ms. M. Jordan, A.O.
Ms G. Cooley, Assistant Staff Officer

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Charity welcomed all to the first MD meeting of the term. He also welcomed the new Members of the Athenry MD and wished outgoing Members Cllr Cuddy, Cllr Cronnelly and Cllr Herterich Quinn well and commended the great work that they carried out during their five-year term.

Election of Cathaoirleach of the Athery Municipal District Council 2024-2025

AMD 1

Cllr Collins PROPOSED that Cllr. Feeney be elected as Cathaoirleach and this proposal was SECONDED by Cllr Dolan and AGREED.

Cllr Feeney ACCEPTED the nomination.

As there was no other nomination, the Cathaoirleach DECLARED Cllr Feeney ELECTED as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Council of Athenry for the year 2024/2025.

Cathaoirleach Feeney then assumed the Chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach thanked the Members for electing him and acknowledged the work of the outgoing MD Members. He said that the Athenry MD area was adjacent to

one of the fastest growing cities and this entails opportunities and responsibilities. Great work has been carried out to advance the MD and this will continue over the next five years. There are both private and public investments involved, and he said that he wished to thank the officials of The Athenry MD and was looking forward to five years of strong positive work.

Election of the Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Athenry Municipal District Council **2024-25** **AMD 2**

Cllr Keane PROPOSED that Cllr Dolan be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach and this proposal was SECONDED by Cllr Collins and AGREED.

Cllr Dolan accepted the nomination.

As there was no other nomination, the Cathaoirleach DECLARED Cllr Dolan ELECTED as Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Council of Athenry for the year 2024-2025.

Mr Hanrahan thanked Cllr Charity and acknowledged the work of the outgoing members over the previous 5 years particularly for their work on the Local Area Plan. He welcomed the new Cathaoirleach and newly elected members. Athenry MD is a very important MD with responsibilities to ensure the public get the adequate supports from housing, planning and job creation. Dexcom, the Bia Hub in Athenry, and preparation of a tender for the masterplanning on the Galway former airport site are some of the projects ongoing in the MD. The Council is currently engaged with Irish rail on delivering the URDF project for the proposed new track and second platform at Oranmore train station. Works are ongoing under the current Roads Programme and it is hoped that the proposed Ring Road will also be delivered. While some towns such as Athenry and Oranmore have received funding under various schemes, it is hoped that villages such as Claregalway will receive funding in the future. Mr. Hanrahan also looked forward to bringing meetings to locations situated in the MD. He highlighted the RRDF funding that has been received for Athenry and the URDF funding for Oranmore.

To fix a Schedule of Meetings for the Municipal District Council for 2023-2024 **AMD 3**

On the Proposal of Cllr Charity SECONDED by Cllr. Dolan the Members AGREED that the Meetings of the Athenry Municipal District Council would take place bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, as follows:

Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 2pm
Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 2pm
Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 2pm
Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 2pm
Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 2pm
Tuesday 13^h May 2025 at 2pm

Standing Orders

AMD 4

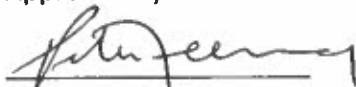
The Standing Orders were proposed by Cllr Grealish and Seconded by Cllr Keane.

It was clarified that the standing orders do not cover Hybrid meetings.

The Cathaoirleach requested an update on the major projects for the July Meeting .

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin.

Approved by



CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: 7/7/24

