

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea District Office, 27th June, 2024 at 10am

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. McClearn

Baill:

Cllr's I. Canning, M. Maher, G. Finnerty, S. Curley (teams), M. Kinane, G. Donohue, PJ Murphy, D. Kelly, P. Killilea

Oifigigh:

Mr Gerard Haugh, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr Liam Ward, Executive Planner
Ms Valerie Loughnane, Senior Planner
Ms Rachel Dowd, Graduate Planner
Ms Lorraine Cooney, Clerical Officer
Ms Colette Kennedy, Clerical Officer
Ms Claire Kelly, Assistant Staff Officer

As Láthair:

Ms Eileen Ruane, DOS, Ms Rachel Lowe, Senior Engineer, Ms Flynn, Administrative Officer

Return of persons elected to the Municipal District of Loughrea at the Local Elections 2024

LMD 2365

Mr. Haugh congratulated all the members on their successful election campaign and read the return of persons elected to the Municipal District (MD) of Loughrea at the Local Elections 2024. The return is as follows - **Cllrs. Ivan Canning, Michael Maher, Jimmy McClearn, Gerry Finnerty, Shane Curley, Martina Kinane, Geraldine Donohue, PJ Murphy, Declan Kelly, Paul Killilea**

Election of Cathaoirleach for the year 2024/2025

LMD 2366

Cllr. Maher proposed that Cllr. Kinane be elected Cathaoirleach. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. Canning.

Cllr. Kinane thanked her proposer and seconder and stated that she was honoured to be elected. She paid tribute to Cllr McClearn in his role as Cathaoirleach for the past year and

welcomed her new colleague Cllr. Killilea. Cllr. Kinane stated that it is her intention to run effective efficient meetings and to ensure all voices are heard. Cllr Kinane outlined that her key priorities for the year will be to address the lack of public transport and to increase local link services and transport infrastructure in the area, to address road safety issues and the reduction of speed limits and also to advance plans for waste water treatment infrastructure for Clarinbridge and Craughwell. All Councillors in turn wished Cllr. Kinane well in her role as Cathaoirleach for the year. Cllr. McClearn thanked everyone for their support in the last year and stated that Cllr. Kinane should be wearing the prestigious chain of office hanging on the wall of the chamber as the chain is worn by the Municipal District Cathaoirleach in many other councils and Galway should be no different. The motion was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr Maher and supported by all the Councillors. Mr. Haugh clarified that any such decision should be considered by the Corporate Policy Group in advance of any final decision.

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the year 2024/2025

LMD 2367

Cllr. Finnerty proposed that Cllr. Donohue be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. Maher.

To fix schedule of dates for the Municipal District Meetings

LMD 2368

Mr. Haugh proposed that future meetings of the Municipal District of Loughrea be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 11 am, with the exception of August when there will be no meeting. This was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Maher.

To Agree date for a workshop for Elected Members on the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Loughrea Local Area Plan 2024-2030

LMD 2369

Ms Loughnane congratulated Cllr. Kinane for being elected as Cathaoirleach and asked Councillors to agree a date for attending the workshop. Ms Loughnane advised that she is happy to do the meeting either online or in person. It was agreed that the workshop will take place online on Monday 1st July at 4pm, Ms Loughnane confirmed that she will send the link to all Councillors. Ms Loughnane requested that any motions be received by close of business on Thursday 4th July, 2024.

To Agree date to consider the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Loughrea Local Area Plan 2024 – 2030 and subsequently consider the proposal to make, amend or revoke the Loughrea Local Area Plan 2024 – 2030.

LMD 2370

It was agreed that the meeting will take place on Monday 15th July, 2024 at 10am. There will also be the option to observe the meeting online but no contribution can be made to the meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Loughrea Municipal District will be held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 11am.

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Martina Kinane

CLLR MARTINA KINANE

8/July/2024

DATE