

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Held at ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL

Friday, 21st June 2024 at 09.00am

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. Liam Carroll

Cllr. Albert Dolan

Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Comh./Cllr. I. Canning, J. Charity, D. Collins, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, S. Cunniffe, S. Curley, T. Ó Curraoin, G. Donohue, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, D. Geraghty, T. Grealish, A. Harney, M. Hoade, C. Keane, P. Keaveney, D. Kelly, D. Killilea, P. Killilea, M. Kinane, G. King, M. Leainde, M. Lee, M. Maher, E. Mannion, J. McClearn, K. McHugh Farag, P.J. Murphy, L. O'Hara, E. Francis Parsons, A. Reddington, P. Roche, N. Thomas, O. Turner, S. Walsh and T. Welby.

Oifigh:

Mr. L. Conneally, Chief Executive, Mr. L. Hanrahan, Director of Services, Mr. M. Owens, Director of Services, Mr U. Finn, Director of Services, Ms E. Ruane, Director of Services, Ms. K. O'Connor, Head of Finance, Ms. J Brann, Meetings Administrator, Ms L. Keady, Administrative Officer, Mr. M O'Donnchadha, Oifigeach Forbartha na Gaeilge, Officer. Ms. H. Riordan, Assistant Staff Officer, Ms. L. O'Donnell, Assistant Staff Officer

Prior to the commencement of formal business, the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carroll addressed the meeting. He congratulated all the Councillors that were elected to serve for the next 5 years. He described it as a momentous occasion for them, their families, supporters and the communities that put their trust in them. He also offered his commiserations to those that were not re-elected. He remembered those who lost colleagues during the year and congratulated those that welcomed new members to their families.

He described his previous year as Cathaoirleach as being exciting, invigorating and enjoyable. He thanked those that put their trust in him and gave special thanks to the Chief Executive, Directors and all the staff for their courtesy, kindness and professionalism. During his year he attended 564 official events and travelled 39,000km. Two events that stood out for him are the sod turning at Dexcom and the establishment of the BIA Innovator both in Athenry, along with the Civic Receptions that were held during the year.

He suggested for the future that the County Council consider merging with Galway City Council, that the Council should negotiate to buy out the Galway Airport site, build on the relations and contacts established during his and the Chief Executive's visit to New York for St. Patrick's Day. He had hoped that more houses would have been built since the adoption of the County Development Plan 2022-2028 two years ago.

He thanked his wife for the support she has offered him during his time as an Elected Member. He thanked Cllr. Parsons for the excellent and professional job that she carried out as Leas Cathaoirleach. He commended the excellent body of staff within the Council. He concluded by thanking the Chief Executive, Directors, Elected Members, County Secretary and wished everyone success in the future.

The Members and Chief Executive extended their congratulations to Cllr. Carroll on his term of office and extended their best wishes for the future to him and his wife Allison.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Welby, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade and **AGREED** that outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway, Cllr. Parsons assume the Chair for the purpose of the Return of Persons Elected at the Local Elections and the Election of the Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for year 2024/2025.

Cllr. Parsons assumed the Chair.

RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

Ms. Brann read the Return of Persons Elected at the Local Elections for the five Municipal Districts and Galway County Council into the record and the Members of the Council noted the Return of Persons elected at the Local Elections 2024, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member prior to the meeting.

ITEM NO.1 ELECTION OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY FOR YEAR 2024/2025

4356

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Hoade **SECONDED** by Cllr. McClearn, Cllr. Dolan was nominated for the position of Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for the year 2024/2025.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Dolan was deemed **ELECTED** Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for the year 2024/2025.

Cllr. Dolan was invested with the Chain of Office and then assumed the chair.

The Cathaoirleach conveyed his warm thanks to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and wished him and his wife the best of luck in the future. He added that he was deeply honoured to accept the role of Cathaoirleach and gave his heartfelt thanks to his family, friends, girlfriend and Fianna Fáil colleagues. He described the qualities of Galway County, rich in culture, history, natural beauty with a strong sense of community spirit. He pledged to listen, to focus on the issues that matter most to our constituents and to ensure that our Council plays its part in delivering high quality services. He noted the following

challenges: infrastructure, supporting local businesses, enhancing public services and improving rural transport. His vision is one of unity and progress, by working collaboratively great things can be achieved for Galway.

ITEM NO.2 ELECTION OF THE LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY FOR YEAR 2024/2025. **4357**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McClearn **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade, Cllr. Turner was nominated for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for the year 2024/2025.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Turner was deemed **ELECTED** Leas Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for the year 2024/2025.

The Leas Cathaoirleach was invested with the Chain of Office.

The Leas Cathaoirleach shared that it was a great honour to be selected Leas Cathaoirleach of County Galway. He joined in the praise of the outgoing Cathaoirleach and his awards night, for which he was MC. He looks forward to working with all the Members and especially the Members of the Tuam MD.

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes.

ITEM NO.3 APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES. **4358**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Hoade be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Hoade appointed to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Mr. David Luskin be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. David Luskin appointed to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 2 Members appointed to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees:

- (1) Cllr. Hoade
- (2) Mr. David Luskin

ITEM NO.4 APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE NORTERN & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

4359

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Hoade be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Hoade appointed to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Mannion be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Mannion appointed to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Feeney be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Finnerty appointed to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 3 Members appointed to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly:

- (1) Cllr. Hoade
- (2) Cllr. Mannion
- (3) Cllr. Feeney

**ITEM NO.5 APPOINTMENT OF 8 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER
ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** **4360**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Keane be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Keane appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Lee be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Lee appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. McHugh Farag be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. McHugh Farag appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Grealish be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Grealish appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Maher be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Maher appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Feeney be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the sixth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Reddington be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the seventh vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Reddington appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Eighth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Geraghty that Comh. Ó Curraóin be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the eighth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Comh. Ó Curraóin appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 8 Members appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

- (1) Cllr. Keane
- (2) Cllr. Lee
- (3) Cllr. McHugh Farag
- (4) Cllr. Grealish
- (5) Cllr. Maher
- (6) Cllr. Feeney
- (7) Cllr. Reddington
- (8) Comh. Ó Curraóin

ITEM NO.6 APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY HERITAGE AND TOURISM CO. LTD

4361

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Dolan be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. Dolan to the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Feeney be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed to the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 2 Members appointed to the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd.:

- (1) Cllr. Dolan
- (2) Cllr. Feeney

**ITEM NO.7 APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES
MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD** **4362**

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Hoade that Cllr. Harney be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Harney appointed to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

As a result of the foregoing, the following Member was appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd:

- (1) Cllr. Harney

**ITEM NO.8 APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT** **4363**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Mannion that Cllr. Hoade be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Hoade appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Mannion that Cllr. Welby be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Welby appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Mannion that Cllr. McClearn be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. McClearn appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 3 Members appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government:

- (1) Cllr. Hoade
- (2) Cllr. Welby
- (3) Cllr. McClearn.

ITEM NO.9 APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO COUNTY (LOCAL) RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE

4364

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Lee be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Lee appointed to the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Turner be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Turner appointed to the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Michael Connolly be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Michael Connolly appointed to the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 3 Members appointed to the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

- (1) Cllr. Lee
- (2) Cllr. Turner
- (3) Cllr. Michael Connolly.

ITEM NO.10 APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA).

4365

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Curley be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Curley appointed to the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA).

As a result of the foregoing, the following Member was appointed to Local Authority Members Association (LAMA):

- (1) Cllr. Curley

ITEM NO.11 APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO WESTERN INTER-COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE **4366**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Michael Connolly be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Michael Connolly appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Keane be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Keane appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Murphy be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Murphy appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Feeney be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Connolly and seconded by Comh. Ó Curraoín that Cllr. O'Hara be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. O'Hara appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 5 Members appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee:

- (1) Cllr. Michael Connolly
- (2) Cllr. Keane
- (3) Cllr. Murphy.
- (4) Cllr. Feeney
- (5) Cllr. O'Hara

**ITEM NO.12 APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO GALWAY ROSCOMMON
EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD**

4367

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Hara and seconded by Cllr. Walsh that Cllr. Dermot Connolly be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Dermot Connolly appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Hoade be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Hoade appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Michael Connolly be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Michael Connolly appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Welby be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Welby appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Maher be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Maher appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Roche be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the sixth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Roche appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 6 Members appointed to the Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board.:

(1) Cllr. Dermot Connolly

- (2) Cllr. Hoade
- (3) Cllr. Michael Connolly.
- (4) Cllr. Welby
- (5) Cllr. Maher
- (6) Cllr. Roche

**ITEM NO.13 APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM
REPRESENTATION, WEST** **4368**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Walsh that Cllr. Cunniffe be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Cunniffe appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Donagh Killilea be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donagh Killilea appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Parsons be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Parsons appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Mannion be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Mannion appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Harney be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Harney appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 5 Members appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West:

- (1) Cllr. Cunniffe
- (2) Cllr. Donagh Killilea.
- (3) Cllr. Parsons
- (4) Cllr. Mannion
- (5) Cllr. Harney

ITEM NO.14 APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE GALWAY SPORTS PARTERSHIP

4369

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Hoade that Cllr. Welby be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Welby appointed to the Galway Sports Partnership.

As a result of the foregoing, the following Member was appointed to the Galway Sports Partnership:

- (1) Cllr. Welby

**ITEM NO.15 APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** **4370**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Comh. Mac An Iomaire be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Comh. Mac An Iomaire appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Charity be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Charity appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Michael Connolly be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Michael Connolly appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 3 Members appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.:

- (1) Comh. Mac An Iomaire
- (2) Cllr. Charity
- (3) Cllr. Michael Connolly.

ITEM NO.16 APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO FORUM CONAMARA LTD.

4371

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Welby be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Welby appointed to Forum Conamara Ltd.

As a result of the foregoing, the following Member was appointed to Forum Conamara Ltd.:

(1) Cllr. Welby

ITEM NO.17 APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE ROAD SAFETY TOGETHER COMMITTEE.

4372

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Michael Connolly be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Michael Connolly appointed to the Road Safety Together Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following Member was appointed to the Road Safety Together Committee:

(1) Cllr. Michael Connolly

ITEM NO.18 APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC ART MANAGEMENT GROUP. **4373**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Parsons be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Parsons be appointed to the Public Art Management Group.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Donagh Killilea be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donagh Killilea be appointed to the Public Art Management Group.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Mannion be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Mannion be appointed to the Public Art Management Group.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 3 Members appointed to the Public Art Management Group.:

- (1) Cllr. Parsons
- (2) Cllr. Donagh Killilea
- (3) Cllr. Mannion.

ITEM NO.19 APPOINTMENT OF 6 CHAIRS (DESIGNATE) OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES. **4374**

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Cunniffe that Cllr. Walsh be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Walsh be appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Donagh Killilea be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donagh Killilea be appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Kinane be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Kinane be appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Charity be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Charity be appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Maher be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Maher be appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Comh. Mac An Iomaire be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the sixth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Comh. Mac An Iomaire be appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 6 Members appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee:

- (1) Cllr. Walsh
- (2) Cllr. Donagh Killilea
- (3) Cllr. Kinane.
- (4) Cllr. Charity
- (5) Cllr. Maher
- (6) Comh. Mac An Iomaire

ITEM NO. 20 APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

4375

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Hoade be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Hoade be appointed to the Audit Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Turner be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Turner be appointed to the Audit Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 2 Members appointed to the Audit Committee:

(1) Cllr. Hoade

(2) Cllr. Turner

ITEM NO. 21 FIXING A SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

4376

The report listing the proposed schedule of dates for the Annual Meetings of the Municipal Districts was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.

The following dates and times were **AGREED** for the Annual Meetings of the Municipal Districts:

Municipal District of Conamara – Tuesday 25th June 2024 @ 10:00am in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae.

Municipal District of Athenry / Oranmore– Tuesday 25th June 2024 @ 2:00pm in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae.

Municipal District of Loughrea – Thursday 27th June @ 10:00am in the Loughrea Municipal District Office.

Municipal District of Ballinasloe – Wednesday 26th June 2024 @ 2:00pm in the Ballinasloe Municipal District Office.

Municipal District of Tuam – Friday 28th June 2024 @ 11:00am in the Tuam Municipal District Office, High Street, Tuam.

ITEM NO. 22 FIXING A SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

4377

The report listing the proposed schedule of dates for Meetings of the Galway County Council was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.

Council meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month starting at 11:00am.

Special Meetings of the Council are held as required.

Standing Orders provide that there be no meetings in August.

The October plenary meeting has been scheduled for Monday 21st October, due to the October Bank Holiday.

The date for the December plenary meeting will be decided at the November plenary meeting.

The next plenary meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 22nd July 2024.

The following dates for Council meetings were **AGREED:**

July	22 nd July 2024
August	No meeting (as per Standing Order)
September	23 rd September 2024
October	21 st October 2024
November	25 th November 2024
December	To be confirmed
January	27 th January 2025
February	24 th February 2025
March	24 th March 2025
April	28 th April 2025
May	26 th May 2025

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The Chief Executive congratulated the newly elected Members and the Members that were re-elected and indicated that he and the Council staff looked forward to working together with the Council over its term. Ms. Brann informed the Members that an Induction Training for all Elected Members will be held in the Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry on Monday 24th June 2024 at 09:00am.

The Cathaoirleach concluded the meeting by encouraging Members to approach him at any point during his term if they wish to discuss issues and added that he looked forward to the year ahead.

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

Submitted, Signed and Approved

Cathaoirleach: _____

Date: _____