

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Átha an Rí**

**Municipal District of Athenry**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Athenry  
held in Aras an Chontae, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**I LATHAIR:**

**BAILL:** Cllr. J. Charity (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. J. Cuddy,  
Cllr. L. Carroll,  
Cllr. S. Herterich Quinn  
Cllr G. Cronnelly  
Cllr. A. Dolan,  
Cllr D. Collins

**OIFIGIGH:** Mr A. Farrell, DoS ERCD & Athenry MD  
Ms R. Lowe, Senior Engineer,  
Mr. S. Whelan, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. P. Gavin, Executive Engineer  
Ms. G. Cooley, Asst. Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Ms. Jordan, A.O.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Athenry Oranmore MD AGM and he thanked the staff for all their assistance while he was Cathaoirleach.

In his outgoing address, Cllr. Carroll said he had several highlights while in office which included the recent announcement by Dexcom to set up their European Headquarters in Athenry. This will be a gamechanger for Athenry town and its hinterland. The presentation by Iarnród Éireann which highlighted the provision of a second platform in Oranmore and he said that it is anticipated that a planning application for this will be lodged in the coming months. By 2025 it is hoped that a new bus connect plan will provide a bus service from the city through the coast road and on to Oranhill. He said however, it was remiss not to have included Claregalway in this plan.

He also said that the upcoming planned traffic calming works at Claregalway is very welcome and Cllr's Cuddy, Charity and Collins worked hard on this project.

The village of Oranmore received investment allowing footpath works to be carried out around the village in areas such as the Station Road and the Old Dublin Road. He also welcomed the road restoration and flood works on the Coast Road and the new pedestrian crossing on the N67.

Cllr. Carroll also thanked the Tidy Towns committee and the CE scheme in Oranmore for all their hard work.

He said that the funding for the outdoor infrastructure in Oranmore village was also very welcome. The Department of Education have recently purchased a 15 acre site at Gurrane for the construction of 1,000 pupil secondary school for Educate Together to meet with the large growth in population in the Oranmore area.

Cllr. Carroll thanked the press for their diligent covering of the MD meetings.

The Members complimented Cllr. Carroll for overseeing the MD meetings in the past year and thanked him for all the progress made in the Municipal District Area.

### **Election of Cathaoirleach of the Athery Municipal District Council 2023-2024**

**AMD 166**

Cllr Cuddy PROPOSED that Cllr. Charity be elected as Cathaoirleach and this proposal was SECONDED by Cllr Cronnelly and AGREED.

Cllr Charity ACCEPTED the nomination.

As there was no other nomination, the Cathaoirleach DECLARED Cllr Charity ELECTED as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Council of Athenry for the year 2023/2024.

Cathaoirleach Charity then assumed the Chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach thanked the Members for electing him and he thanked the staff of the Athenry Municipal District for their hard work during the year.

### **Election of the Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Athenry Municipal District Council 2023-24**

**AMD167**

Cllr Cronnelly PROPOSED that Cllr Cuddy be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach and this proposal was SECONDED by Cllr Charity and AGREED.

Cllr Cuddy accepted the nomination.

As there was no other nomination, the Cathaoirleach DECLARED Cllr Cuddy ELECTED as Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Council of Athenry for the year 2023-2024.

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

**AMD 168**

On the Proposal of Cllr Collins, SECONDED by Cllr. Cuddy, 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 2pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2pm

Cllr. Charity thanked the Councillors for proposing and seconding him for Cathaoirleach and thanked the Council staff for their work over the last year. He welcomed the commitment made by the Chief Executive to carry out reform in the Municipal Districts. He also said that he looked forward to the advancement of the Claregalway traffic calming project and that one of his priorities was to work to ensure that rural areas were not left behind.

Mr. Farrell on behalf of the Council staff thanked Cllr. Carroll for his work as Cathaoirleach and for carrying out the MD meetings efficiently. He said that a lot of progress was made during the year, and he also thanked Cllr. Cronnelly for his work in the role of Leas Cathaoirleach and looked forward to working with Cllr. Charity and Cllr. Cuddy in the coming year.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all present

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin.

Approved by

  
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: 12/9/2023

