

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 the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, on Tuesday 11th June, 2019.

I LATHAIR:

BAILL: Mr. F. Kearney (Cathaoirleach 2018/2019)
Cllr. J. Cuddy (Cathaoirleach 2019/2020)
Cllr. G. Cronnelly,
Cllr. J. Charity.
Cllr. L. Carroll,
Cllr. D. Collins,
Cllr. S. Herterich Quinn,
Cllr. A. Dolan.

OFIGIGH: Mr. M. Owens, A/Director of Services,
Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer,
Mr. P. Gavin, Executive Engineer,
Ms. G. Healy, A/Administrative Officer,
Ms. G. Cooley, Assistant Staff Officer

Former Cathaoirleach, Frank Kearney, welcomed all present to the first meeting of the new Athenry Municipal District following the Local Elections and congratulated Cllrs. Cuddy, Charity and Cronnelly on re-election and Cllrs. Carroll, Collins, Dolan and Herterich Quinn on their election.

He acknowledged the presence in the Council Chamber of Mr. Peter Feeney, former County Councillor and first Cathaoirleach of the Athenry-Oranmore Municipal District Council.

He said that, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Municipal District Council, the Members were required to nominate a person to take the Chair pending the election of a new Cathaoirleach.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Carroll, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Cuddy, the Members **AGREED** that the Meetings Administrator, Ms. Healy, take the Chair pending the election of a Cathaoirleach.

Ms. Healy thanked Mr. Kearney for attending the Meeting and wished him well in the future.

Return of persons elected to the Municipal District of Athenry, consisting of the Local Electoral Area of Athenry-Oranmore, at the Local Elections 2019.

Ms. Healy read into the Meeting, the names of the Persons elected to the Municipal District of Athenry, consisting of the Local Electoral Area of Athenry-Oranmore, at the Local Elections 2019:

Cllr. Liam Carroll, Fine Gael,

Cllr. James Charity, Non Party,

Cllr. David Collins, Fine Gael,

Cllr. Gabe Cronnelly, Non Party,

Cllr. Jim Cuddy, Non Party,

Cllr. Albert Dolan, Fianna Fáil,

Cllr. Shelly Herterich Quinn, Fianna Fáil.

Item No. 1: Election of Cathaoirleach of Athenry Municipal District Council for 2019-2020

AMD 01

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

Cllr. Cuddy **ACCEPTED** the nomination.

As there was no other nomination, the Cathaoirleach **DECLARED** Cllr. Jim Cuddy **ELECTED** as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Council of Athenry for the year 2019/2020.

Cathaoirleach Cuddy then assumed the Chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach thanked his proposer and seconder and said he was delighted to have been elected without opposition and he thanked all of the Members for their support. He paid tribute to the previous Cathaoirleach, Frank Kearney, stating that he had been an outstanding Cathaoirleach for the past year, meeting challenges and carrying out his duties in a very professional and efficient manner.

Cathaoirleach Cuddy also acknowledged the contribution over the past five years of Cllrs. Noone, and Feeney who did not run for re-election in the Local Elections 2019. He also wished to acknowledge the work of Cllr. Kinane who, due to the boundary changes implemented in 2019, is now a Member of the Loughrea Municipal District and wished to extend his congratulations to her.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach said his priorities during his term would be to continue to lobby for adequate funding for the Municipal District for road works, focus on planning issues, playing areas and green spaces, the issue of transport, global warming issues and staffing of the Local Authority. He also said that funding for burial grounds is a priority and also bottle banks. He said that his focus would be to progress these key priority areas.

All of the Members congratulated Cllr. Cuddy on his election as Cathaoirleach and they wished Frank Kearney and Peter Feeney well in their future.

Cllr. D. Collins thanked Mr. Kearney for his work for the Municipal District over the previous five years and he said that the people of Lackagh and Turloughmore appreciate his work and wish him health into the future.

Mr. Owens acknowledged the work of the previous Cathaoirleach, Frank Kearney, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of Corporate Services, the Roads Section and the Staff across the whole of the Council. He acknowledged his support and assistance during his term of office and the manner in which he Chaired the Meetings, facilitated the engagement between Members and Officials and ensured that the Meetings took place in an efficient manner.

Mr. Owens welcomed the newly elected Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Cuddy, stating that his experience and knowledge would ensure that he carries out his duties in a very efficient manner. He assured the Cathaoirleach that the staff across the Municipal District would assist him during the coming year.

He extended his congratulations to the Municipal District Members who had been re-elected in the Local Elections, Cllr. Charity, Cllr. Cronnelly and Cllr. Cuddy. He also wished to extend congratulations to Cllr. Martina Kinane on her re-election to the Council although he said she is now a Member of the Loughrea Municipal District Council as a result of the boundary commission changes which came into effect following the Local Elections.

Mr. Owens also welcomed the newly elected Members of the Municipal District Council, Cllr. Herterich Quinn, Cllr. Carroll, Cllr. Collins and Cllr. Dolan, stating that he and the staff of the Municipal District were available to assist and support them and he wished them well in their work on the Council.

Item No. 2: Election of Leas Cathaoirleach of Athenry Oranmore Municipal District Council for 2018 - 2019

AMD 02

Cllr. Cronnelly **PROPOSED** that Cllr. Carroll be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach and this proposal was **SECONDED** by Cllr. Charity.

Cllr. Carroll **ACCEPTED** the nomination.

As there was no other nomination, the Cathaoirleach **DECLARED** Cllr. Liam Carroll **ELECTED** as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Council of Athenry for the year 2019/2020.

Cllr. Carroll thanked his proposer and seconder and also the Members for electing him as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Item No. 3: To confirm Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Athenry Municipal District Meeting held on 25th June, 2018

AMD 03

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Charity and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Cronnelly, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Athenry Oranmore Municipal District Meeting held on 25th June 2018, were **AGREED**.

Item No. 4. To Fix a Schedule of Meetings of the Municipal District Council

AMD 04

The Draft Schedule of Meetings of the Municipal District Council for the year 2019/2020 was circulated to the Members.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if the Members would agree to change the day of the Meetings from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.

Cllr. Dolan asked if Meetings be held Monthly instead of Bi-Monthly.

The Cathaoirleach replied that currently Meetings are held every second month, however if it is felt that a Meeting is required during any other month, that will be facilitated and agreed.

In reply to Cllr. Dolan and Herterich Quinn, Mr. Owens said that if additional statutory functions of the Council are delegated to Municipal District Councils, it may become necessary to hold Monthly Meetings in the future and the Members will be informed accordingly.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Charity, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Cronnelly, the Members **AGREED** the following Schedule of Meetings:

Wednesday, 10th July 2019, at 10.00 am

Wednesday, 11th September, 2019 at 10.00 am

Wednesday, 13th November, 2019 at 10.00 am

Wednesday, 15th January, 2020 at 10.00 am

Wednesday, 11th March, 2020 at 10.00 am

Wednesday, 13th May, 2020 at 10.00 am.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Members for their support and he wished them all well during the year, both newly elected and re-elected Members.

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Approved by:


CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: 10/7/2019