

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Chonamara

Municipal District of Connemara

Minutes of the Municipal District of Connemara Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June, 2022 at 9.30a.m. at Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway

ILATHAIR:

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. Seamus Walsh.
Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin

BAILL: Cllr. G. King, Comh T. Ó Curraoin, Cllr. N. Thomas & Cllr. T. Welby.

OIFIGH: M. Owens, Director of Services, I. Martyn, Administrative Officer/Meetings Administrator, M. Kerrigan, Executive Engineer

APOLOGIES: Cllr. E. Mannion

1. Election of Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach to Connemara Municipal District. **CMD21089**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Thomas and **SECONDED** by Cllr. King, Comh Ó' Cualáin was deemed **ELECTED** Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Connemara.

Comh. Ó Cualáin said it was an honour and privilege to be elected chair of the Municipal District of Connemara and he thanked his colleagues for bestowing this honour on him.

He thanked the outgoing chair Cllr. Walsh for his work over the last year and the manner in which he conducted the Meetings.

He outlined a number of issues for the Connemara Municipal District for the coming year including:

- Causeways and bridges in Ceantar na nOilean
- Connemara Greenway
- Bye-Laws for Inis Oirr
- Speed Limits

He said it was of paramount importance that adequate funding is provided to Galway County Council and he would continue to raise this with his Oireachtas colleagues.

Comh. Ó Cualáin highlighted his main concern being the lack of progress and development of the R336 and he had no doubt but the executive of Galway County Council are doing their utmost but the response from the Department is that the R336 must wait for the decision on the Galway City Ring Road. He outlined that it was no longer acceptable for the people of Connemara who use this dangerous road on a daily basis. They need a safe new road to replace the current R336 and save lives and it is key to the development of south Connemara. He said that it is his intention to undertake public meetings in relation to this and to also request a meeting with both Minister Ryan and Naughton to discuss how this can be achieved.

He said it was of paramount importance that the development of the deep-water quay at Rossaveal is undertaken as a matter of priority to safeguard the potential development of 900 jobs there and ensure the significant investment made by the Government is not lost. It is vital that the deep-water quay is developed and provides jobs and security for our young people and we tap into the growing potential and strategic location of Rossaveal for off shore wind energy and keep our towns and villages alive and growing by ensuring employment there. This can only be achieved through proper infrastructure and the development of both the R336 and Rossaveal deep water quay.

Regarding Municipal District meetings he said it was his intention to hold a meeting in Connemara South and in Connemara North during his term.

Cllr. Walsh congratulated Comh. Ó Cualáin on his election to Cathaoirleach and stated that it was a great honour to be Cathaoirleach of the Connemara M.D.

Cllr. Thomas congratulated Comh Ó'Cualainn and said it was a great honour and a great opportunity. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Walsh for his excellent work in the role.

Cllr. King congratulated Comh Ó'Cualainn and he said he would be supported in his role. He thanked the out-going chair for his excellent work during the year and wished him well in the future.

Comh Ó'Curraoin congratulated Comh. Ó Cualáin and wished him well as chairman of the Connemara Municipal District. He said it would be a busy year ahead with all the tasks that he has outlined to achieve.

He complimented the out-going chair Cllr. Walsh on a very successful year.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Comh Ó'Curraoin and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Walsh, Cllr. Thomas was deemed **ELECTED** as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr. Welby congratulated Comh. Ó Cualáin and said he would support him in his role.

M. Owens on his own behalf and that of the executive and staff of the Municipal District extended his thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Cathaoirleach for the assistance and courteous manner in which he carried out the role and in particular in engaging

with staff in relation to the meetings of the Municipal District. He congratulated him on his successful term as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

M. Owens congratulated the incoming Cathaoirleach and said that both he and the staff looked forward to working with him and to progressing some of the issues he has identified as priorities during his term.

Comh. Ó Cualáin extended his congratulations to Cllr. Thomas on his election to Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr. Thomas thanked Comh Ó'Curraoin and Cllr. Walsh for nominating and seconding him for the office of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Schedule of Meetings Connemara M.D.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Walsh and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Ó'Curraoin it was **AGREED** that the Meetings of the Connemara Municipal District would take place bi-monthly on the second Friday of each month at 10a.m. in the Council Chamber or as otherwise agreed with the Cathaoirleach.

Friday 15th July 2022

Friday 9th September 2022

Friday 11th November 2022

Friday 13th January 2023

Friday 10th March 2023

Friday 12th May 2023

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