

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

## Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach

### *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

#### **Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held in the Loughrea Area Office on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10.30 am**

#### **ILATHAIR:**

<b>Leas Cathaoirleach</b>	Cllr. Kelly
<b>Baill:</b>	Ivan Canning, Gerry Finnerty, Joe Byrne, Geraldine Donohue, Martina Kinane, PJ Murphy, Jimmy McClearn, Moegie Maher
<b>Oifgich:</b>	Ms. Eileen Ruane, Director of Services Ms. Rachel Lowe, Senior Engineer Mr. John Coyle, Executive Engineer Ms. Siobhán Cleary, Staff Officer Ms. Colette Kennedy, A/Assistant Staff Officer
<b>Leithscéalta:</b>	Cllr. Shane Curley Gerard Haugh, Senior Executive Engineer Niall Kennedy, Executive Engineer Maria Flynn, Administrative Officer

Cllr. Kelly chaired the Annual General Meeting which commenced at 10.30 am. The meeting commenced with the election of the Cathaoirleach followed by the election of the Leas Cathaoirleach.

#### **Election of Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Loughrea LMD2298 for the year 2023/2024**

Cllr. Maher proposed Cllr. McClearn be elected as Cathaoirleach. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Byrne and agreed by the Members.

Cllr. McClearn accepted the nomination and expressed his thanks to the Members. He thanked Cllr. Kelly for chairing the meeting. Cllr. McClearn stated it was privilege to be elected as Cathaoirleach of the Loughrea Municipal District and stated that he held the position of Cathaoirleach in the past, he added that he will work with everyone to do what is best collectively for the Municipal District and stated that the Loughrea Municipal District is a good Municipal District. Cllr. McClearn advised that he will focus on restoring an Executive Engineer to the Portumna Area. He stated that it is not possible for one engineer to cover both Loughrea and Portumna bearing in mind

that the Loughrea Municipal District has been extended. Cllr. Kelly recommended that meetings should be shorter and a more practical approach should be taken, Cllr. McClearn they should be two hours outside deputations.

Cllr. McClearn expressed his thanks to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Murphy, and the thanks was echoed by the Members.

Outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Murphy thanked those who had nominated him for the position of Cathaoirleach last year and the members for their support over the year. The members thanked Cllr. Murphy for his term as Cathaoirleach. Ms. Ruane also expressed her thanks to Cllr. Murphy for his work during the year.

The members congratulated Cllr. McClearn on his appointment as Cathaoirleach and stated they look forward to working together in the Municipal District to better the community. Cllr. Byrne concurred with the Cathaoirleach who stated that an Executive Engineer should be reinstated in the Portumna Area and stated that there are good people working in the MD but additional staff are required, Cllr. Donohue echoed this statement. Cllr. Kinane requested Cllr. McClearn to provide on the Agenda for monthly or bi-monthly updates on the Greenway going forward until the project is completed and asked that Mr. Pender provide more information on progress, Cllr. Donohue agreed with this request stating that more communication is needed. Cllr. Maher requested an update on the appointment of an Executive Engineer in the Loughrea Municipal District stating that there are opportunities to secure further grants for the MD which should be pursued.

**Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of  
Loughrea for the year 2023/2024**

**LMD2299**

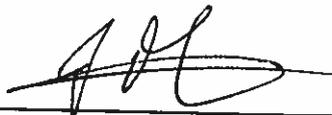
Cllr. Maher proposed Cllr. Byrne be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. McClearn. Cllr. McClearn complimented Cllr. Byrne on taking over the role of Leas Cathaoirleach.

**Schedule of Dates for Loughrea MD Meetings**

**LMD2299**

It was agreed that meetings of the Loughrea Municipal District continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at 11.00 am. as listed on the schedule attached to the Agenda. This was agreed by all the members.

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**CLLR JIMMY MCCLEARN  
CATHAOIRLEACH, LOUGHREA MD**