

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig an Runai Chontae
Arus an Chontae
LEIFEAR
22 Meitheamh 2010

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Céadaoin, 30 Meitheamh, 2010, ag 10.00 in Áras an Chontae, Leifear.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne
Riarthóir Cruinníú (RÚNAI CONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary's Office
County House
LIFFORD
22nd June, 2010

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Wednesday 30th June, 2010 at 10.00am in the County House, Lifford.

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Election of Méara/Mayor.
2. Election of Leas Mhéara/Deputy Mayor.
3. Obligations on elected members under Part 15 Local Government Act, 2001 – Ethics Framework (Sections 176 and 177) and Code of Conduct.
4. (a)Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Duty of members appointed to other bodies to present a report to the Council on the activities and operation of that body annually or at any time, if so requested by resolution or by the Mayor.

(b)Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 2001 – Duty of members to submit to Council reports on Conferences or events they attend.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD
ON 30th JUNE, 2010

C/389/10 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. B. Byrne, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, G. Crawford, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M. T. Gallagher, M. Harley, J. Harte, C. Harvey, D. Larkin, P. Mac Lochlainn, F. McBrearty, N. McBride, C. Mc Conalogue, S. Mc Eniff, I. McGarvey, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, S. O'Domhnaill, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle, M. Quinn, J. Ryan and T. Slowey.

C/390/10 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mr Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr Liam Ward, Acting Director of Corporate and Housing, Mr Seamus Neely, Director of Water, Environment and Emergency, Mr Garry Martin, Acting Head of Finance, Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Community, Culture and Planning, Mr James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Mr Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, and Ms Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/391/10 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Clr. Mac Lochlainn, seconded by Clr. Mc Eniff, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until 10.40am so as to facilitate attendance of a number of Members who had been delayed.

C/392/10 ELECTION OF MÉARA/MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Clr. Byrne addressed the meeting in Irish and English. He thanked all who had assisted him during his term in office. He paid particular tribute to employees in the Roads and Water & Environment Directorates who had carried out trojan work over the winter period, and beyond the call of duty in many cases. He acknowledged the assistance provided by The County Manager and by Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator and the staff in the County Secretary's and County Manager's Offices.

He cited the recent Civic Reception in honour of the late Garda Robert Mc Callion as a particular highlight of his term of office. It was, he added, with great sadness that he had

attended the funeral of Garda Gary Mc Laughlin who also had been so tragically killed in the line of duty.

The Mayor paid tribute to former employees and for the service they had given to the County.

Clr. Byrne thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Clr. Charlie Mc Conalogue, for his able assistance over the year.

He thanked the Media for their ongoing coverage of events in the county, acknowledging the central role that they played in the democratic process.

In conclusion, he paid particular tribute to his wife Carmel and daughter Sylvia Bridget who had been a great support to him during his time in office.

A number of members thanked Clr. Byrne for the excellent job he had done during the year, and thanked him for representing the people of Donegal in such an able manner.

The County Manager stated that Clr. Byrne had been the 18th Mayor with whom he had had the privilege of working.

He thanked him for carrying out the duties of Mayor in a professional manner and his courtesy to both himself, and the staff of Donegal County Council.

He commended the Mayor for his contribution to the promotion of the Irish Language.

The County Manager added that working closely with the Mayor over the past year, he had gained a remarkable insight into the community life of South West Donegal.

Noting that this was his last Annual General Meeting as County Manager, he thanked the previous Mayors, Cathaoirligh and all the Elected Members for their courtesy, loyalty and service to their county over the past 16 years during his tenure as County Manager.

Clr. Byrne proceeded to invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

Clr. Brogan was proposed by Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Mc Eniff .

Clr. Harvey was proposed by Clr. Mac Lochlainn, seconded by Clr. M.T. Gallagher.

There were no other nominations.

A recorded vote was requested resulting in 11 votes for Clr. Brogan and 18 votes for Clr Harvey.

Those voting in favour of Clr. Brogan were:-

Clrs. Alcorn, Blaney, Brogan, Byrne, Crawford, Donaghey, Larkin, Mc Conalogue, Mc Eniff, Mc Gowan and O' Domhnaill. (11)

Those voting in favour of Clr Harvey were:-

Clrs. J. Boyle, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, M. Farren, M. T. Gallagher, M. Harley, J. Harte, C. Harvey, P. Mac Lochlainn, F. McBrearty, N. McBride, I. McGarvey, B. McGuinness, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle, M. Quinn, J. Ryan and T. Slowey. (18)

As the majority of Members present had voted for Clr. Harvey, she was declared elected Mayor of Donegal County Council for 2010-2011.

Clr. Byrne then handed the Chain of Office to the incoming Mayor, Clr. Harvey who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor addressed Members extending thanks to all who had voted for her. She acknowledged that her election was significant in the political life of the county, and one which she hoped would herald a new era of change in the Council Chamber.

The Mayor paid tribute to the County Manager, who was attending his last formal meeting, and former Clr Tony Mc Daid whom Clr. Harvey had replaced on the Council. The contribution of the late Councillor Eddie Fullerton to the political life of the county was also acknowledged. She welcomed Senator Pearse Doherty, West Tyrone MLA Pat Doherty, together with the Chair of Strabane District

Council, Ms Michaela Doyle and her colleague, Clr. Jarlath Mc Nulty.

The Mayor said she was honoured to become the second female chair of Donegal County Council and was proud that the Sinn Fein party had finally achieved its mandate. Her aim, she advised, was to improve public confidence in Donegal Politics and work with all Members in the Chamber. She proceeded to outline a number of priority issues which she hoped to pursue over the coming months. These included:

- The convening of a Special Conference on job creation, in conjunction with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland who she would be asking to report back to the elected members of Donegal County Council on what they had done/were doing to address the serious unemployment crisis.
- The eradication of homelessness.
- Addressing the accommodation needs of people suffering from addiction.
- Progressing major infrastructure projects such as the Ballybofey/Stanorlar By-Pass, the Donegal Links to the A5 Dual Carriageway.
- Tackling the problem of litter and illegal dumping.
- Strengthening the links with colleagues in Northern Ireland.
- Making the Office of Mayor more accessible.
- Encouraging Civic Representation in the Chamber.
- Maintaining the spirit of “Donegal Alive”

Congratulations and Good Wishes for the year ahead were offered by the various groupings on the Council.

C/393/10

ELECTION OF LEAS MHEARA/DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Leas Mheara/ Deputy Mayor.

Clr. Alcorn was proposed by Clr. Donaghey, and seconded by Clr. Byrne.

Clr. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn was proposed by Clr. Quinn, and seconded by Clr. Gallagher.

A recorded vote was requested and taken by the Meetings Administrator, resulting in 9 votes for Clr. Alcorn, and 18 votes for Clr. MacLochlainn.

Those voting in favour of Clr. Alcorn were:-

Clrs. Alcorn, Blaney, Brogan, Byrne, Donaghey, Larkin, Mc Conalogue, Mc Eniff, and O' Domhnaill. (9)

Those voting in favour of Clr. MacLochlainn were:-

Clrs. J. Boyle, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, M. Farren, M. T. Gallagher, M. Harley, J. Harte, C. Harvey, P. Mac Lochlainn, F. McBrearty, N. McBride, I. McGarvey, B. McGuinness, B. O'Neill, T. Pringle, M. Quinn, J. Ryan and T. Slowey. (18)

The Mayor declared Clr. Mac Lochlainn elected as Leas Mheara/Deputy Mayor.

Clr. Mac Lochlainn thanked those who had voted for him.

Addressing the Mayor, the County Manager pledged the support of the Council and its staff in helping her pursue the comprehensive agenda which she had laid out for the coming year.

He also congratulated Clr. MacLochlainn on his election as Deputy Mayor.

C/394/10

OBLIGATIONS ON ELECTED MEMBERS UNDER PART 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – ETHICS FRAMEWORK (SECTIONS 176 AND 177) AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Meetings Administrator drew Members attention to their obligations under Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and specifically in relation to Sections 176 and 177. He also reminded them of the obligations contained in the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

C/395/10 SECTION 141 AND SECTION 142 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 DUTY OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OTHER BODIES TO PRESENT A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATION OF THAT BODY – DUTY OF MEMBERS TO SUBMIT TO COUNCIL REPORTS ON CONFERENCES OR EVENTS THEY ATTEND

The Meetings Administrator drew Members attention to their obligations under Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001. It was, he advised, the duty of members appointed to other bodies to present a report on the activities and operation of that body annually or at any other time if so requested by resolution or by the Mayor.

Members were also reminded of their obligations under Section 142 to furnish a report on attendance at any conference/event for which the Council had authorised attendance.

C/396/10 NEW COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager informed Members that a decision had been made in relation to the appointment of the new County Manager, and that Mr. Seamus Neely had been successful and would take over as temporary Manager on the 8th of July, with the formal appointment being made at the July Council Meeting.

Congratulations was also extended to Mr. Michael Heaney, who had come second in the interview process.

Mr. Mc Loone thanked the Mayor for allowing him to make the announcement , noting that it was an historic day overall for the county.

Mr. Neely thanked Members for their good wishes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.