

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig an Runai Chontae
Arus an Chontae
LEIFEAR

20 Meitheamh 2005

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniu Bliantúil Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall, ag dul ar aghaidh, De Luain, 27 Meitheamh, 2005, ag 11.00 ag Arus na Chontae, Leifear.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

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

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne
Riarthóir Cruinníu(RÚNAI CONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary's Office
County House
LIFFORD

20th June, 2005

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 27th June, 2005 at 11.00a.m. 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 Cathaoirleach
2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach
3. Membership of County Committee for Rural Water Monitoring.
 - 2 no. Representatives from Group Schemes
 - 2 no. Representatives from Rural Organisations.
4. (Part 15) Local Government Act, 2001- Ethics Framework- Sections 176 and 177
5. Section 141 and Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 2001

Submission of Reports:-

- As representatives of the Council on Boards or other bodies (annually).
- Attendance at Conferences/Meetings (ongoing).

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2005 IN THE COUNTY
HOUSE, LIFFORD.

C/338/05 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonnar, E. Bonner, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, Pádraig Doherty, Pearse Doherty, R. Donaghey, J. Harte, D. Larkin, N. McBride, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, S McEniff, I McGarvey, D. McGonagle, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, P. McLochlainn, B. O'Domhnaill, B O'Neill, T. Slowey.

C/339/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Reid and Pringle who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/340/05 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. McLoone, County Manager, Mr. L. Kelly, Assistant County Manger/Director Housing, Mr. F. Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation, Mr. M. Heaney, Director Community, Culture & Enterprise, Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Roads, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. M. Crawford, S.O.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Clr. Mc Gowan extended sympathy to Clr. McGarvey on the death of his brother Andrew. He paid tribute to former Cathaoirligh Clr. Charlie Bennett, and Clr. Peter Kennedy, together with Ms. Gaye Moynihan, Senior Planner, noting that their untimely passing was indeed a great loss to Donegal County Council.

Reflecting on the events of the past year, Clr. McGowan thanked members for the honour bestowed on him, and acknowledged the support and courtesy shown by the County Manager and the staff of the Council.

Co-operation, he advised, was the way forward, now that all members were actively involved in policy making.

The support provided by the Leas Cathaoirleach Clr. Sean McEniff had been gratefully appreciated, he added.

Clr. McGowan also expressed his appreciation for the co-operation and support provided by Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator and the staff in both the County Secretary's office and the County Manager's office.

In conclusion, Clr. McGowan proceeded to outline the principal developments and achievements in each of the Directorates over the past twelve months.

Tributes were paid to Clr. McGowan by Clr. Conaghan on behalf of Fianna Fail, Clr. McGuinness on behalf of Fine Gael, Clr. Larkin on behalf of Independent Fianna Fail, Clr. MacLochlainn on behalf of Sinn Fein, and Clr. McGarvey. All acknowledged the objective and forthright manner in which Clr. McGowan had carried out his role as Cathaoirleach, and, in the process, had become an outstanding ambassador for the county and the Stranorlar Electoral Area in particular.

The County Manager in associating himself with the tribute's commended Clr. McGowan's political leadership, and noted that he had managed to strike an effective balance between local and county issues.

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ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH:

Clr. McGowan invited nominations for the office of Cathaoirleach.

Clr. Larkin was proposed by Clr. Blaney and seconded by Clr. Conaghan.

Clr. Pearse Doherty advised that he was fully supportive of Clr. Larkin's ability to hold the office of Cathaoirleach, as he believed that he would prove to be a fair and impartial Cathaoirleach. It was with deep regret, he added, that Sinn Fein could not support the nomination and he outlined the reasons for his party's approval.

As there were no other candidates, Clr. Larkin was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council for 2005 – 2006.

Clr. McGowan handed over the chain of office to the incoming Cathaoirleach, Clr. Larkin who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Clr. Larkin thanked members for their kind words and support. He advised that he would endeavour to be a fair and impartial Cathaoirleach, working for all on the Council. He noted that this was a particularly proud day for his family and friends who had supported him throughout his political career.

He proceeded to outline his priorities and objectives for the incoming year.

- To advance the development of 29 houses in Manorcunningham.
- The carrying out of works on three Group Water Schemes, namely Monreagh, Drumoghill/Labbadish and Glenmaquin.
- The development of a Civic Amenity Site in Letterkenny.
- The progression of the Lagan Desert Phase III, and the development of boreholes in Letterkenny.
- Expeditions of completion of works on the Lifford to Manorcunningham Road.

Clr. Larkin advised that there were many challenges ahead, particularly in relation to the Draft Development Plan and the Waste Management Plan.

The Donegal Youth Council, he noted, had gone from strength to strength and firm links needed to be established with the Youth Council so as to allow that both bodies work in tandem.

Clr. Larkin advised that the honour bestowed on him was a fitting tribute to his late father James, who had spent 39 years on Letterkenny Town Council.

Members extended their congratulations to Clr. Larkin on his election, noting that his dedication and commitment to the role of councillor would stand him in good stead.

The County Manager advised that Clr. Larkin, as Cathaoirleach, would have 100% commitment from himself and the staff of Donegal County Council.

C/342/05 ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach. Clr. Liam Blaney was proposed by Clr. McEniff, and seconded by Clr. Brogan. As there were no other candidates, Clr. Blaney was declared elected.

Clr. Blaney thanked his proposer and seconder and all members for their support.

C/343/05 ELECTION OF 2 NO. REPRESENTATIVES FROM GROUP WATER SCHEMES AND 2 NO. REPRESENTATIVES FROM RURAL ORGANISATIONS TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR RURAL WATER MONITORING

The Cathaoirleach informed members that the election of representatives to the County Committee for Rural Water monitoring was governed by paragraph 18 of Schedule 10, Local Government Act, 2001 and that grouping applied. Even if no group was formed, there still existed, he confirmed, a requirement to make the appointments, successively. No group was formed.

Group Schemes Representatives

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the first position.

Mr. Joe Brannigan, Owenteskna, Glencolmcille was proposed by Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Byrne.

As there was no other candidate proposed, Mr. Joe Brannigan was elected to fill the first position.

Mr. Hugo McClafferty was proposed by Clr. McBride, seconded by Clr. Blaney.

As there was no other candidate proposed the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Hugo McClafferty elected to fill the second position.

Clr. MacLochlainn then proposed, seconded by Clr. McGuinness that a third nominee, Mr. John A. McLaughlin be elected onto the committee as a Group Schemes Representative.

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator advised that the County Committee for Rural Water Monitoring had been established on the basis that there would be two representatives from Group Water Schemes and two from Rural Organisations. The inclusion of a third representative, he noted, would require the re-establishment of the Rural Water Monitoring Committee on that basis. It was unanimously agreed to add Mr. McLaughlin to the representatives on the Committee.

RURAL ORGANISATIONS

Mr. James O'Donnell, Mondoney, Manorcunningham was proposed by Clr. Larkin, and seconded by Clr. Blaney.

As there was no other candidate proposed, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. James O'Donnell elected to fill the first position.

Mr. George O'Hagan, Linsfort, Bunrana was proposed by Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. McGuinness.

As there were no other candidate proposed, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. George O'Hagan elected to fill the second position.

The following representatives were declared elected to the County Committee for Rural Water Monitoring '2005 – 2005'.

REPRESENTATIVES – GROUP WATER SCHEMES

Mr. Joe Brannigan, Owenteskna, Glencolmcille.

Mr. Hugh McClafferty, Dooley, Downings.

Mr. John A. McLaughlin, Carrowmena, Lecamey.

REPRESENTATIVES – RURAL ORGANISATIONS

Mr. James O'Donnell, Moondowey, Manorcunningham.

Mr. George O'Hagan, Linsfort, Bunrana.

(PART 15) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – ETHICS FRAMEWORK

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator drew members attention to their obligations under Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001. He reminded all present of their

obligation to send in a declaration of interest by the end of February each year.

Alluding to the other obligations on members under Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Mr. Sweeney advised that a further copy of The Code of Conduct for Members was being circulated.

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SECTION 141 AND SECTION 142 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator drew members attention to their obligations under Section 141 and 142 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 Cathaoirleach.

Clr. Conaghan advised that the reports concerned could be obtained and presented to the General Purposes Committee in October.

In reply to a query from Clr. McGuinness, Mr. Sweeney, agreed to write to all of the bodies concerned informing them of members obligations to furnish an annual report.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.