

# **COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL**

Oifig an Runai Chontae  
Arus an Chontae  
LEIFEAR

25 Meitheamh 2007

## **FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniu Bliantúil Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall, ag dul ar aghaidh, De hAoine, 29 Meitheamh, 2007, ag 2.00 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 Cruinníú (RÚNAI CONTAE)**

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### **DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
County House  
LIFFORD

25<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Friday 29th June, 2007 at 2.00p.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 Méara/Mayor
2. Election of Leas-Mhéara/Deputy Mayor
3. Election of Members to North West Economic Partnership Project Advisory Committee. (3 positions)
4. Obligation on Elected Members under Part 15 Local Government Act, 2001 – Ethics Framework (Sections 176 and 177) and Code of Conduct.
5.
  - (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 other 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 ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2007 IN THE COUNTY  
HOUSE, LIFFORD.

C/336/07     MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. J. Boyle, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, Pearse Doherty, R. Donaghey, J. Kennedy, N. McBride, T. McDaid, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, B. McGuinness, P. Mac Lochlainn, Pádraig O' Dochartaigh, B O' Domhnaill, T. Pringle, J.J Reid, and T. Slowey.

C/337/07     APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Harte, Larkin , Mc Donald Mc Gowan, and O' Neill who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/338/07     OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. McLoone, County Manager, Mr. F. Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation, Mr. Aidan Mc Nicholas, Head of Finance, Mr. Peadar MacRory, A/Director Water, Environment and Emergency Services, Mr. M. Heaney, Director Community, Culture & Enterprise, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. Patrick Mc Laughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. M. Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/339/07     ELECTION OF MÉARA/MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Clr. E. Bonner thanked all of those who has assisted him in any way over the past year. He acknowledged the support provided by the County Manager and his staff, together with the assistance provided by his own Council colleagues. He paid particular tribute to Clr. Brendan Byrne, Deputy Mayor, and Clr. Ciaran Brogan, Mayor of Letterkeny, who had ably assisted him during his term in office.

Clr. Bonner confirmed that it had indeed been an honour to serve as first citizen, and noted that it would not have been

possible without the support of his wife Phyllis and extended family circle.

Reflecting on the events of the past year, he noted that many of the projects on his priority list had been progressed satisfactorily in particular the Dungloe Civic Amenity Site and the Co-Funding of Marine Projects. He continued by thanking the general public for the courtesy shown to him as Mayor and the media for their extensive coverage of meetings and events. He welcomed especially the extensive media coverage provided for the Civic Reception in honour of Packie Bonner

Members congratulated Clr. Bonner on a most successful year in office, noting that he had been an excellent ambassador for the county and had carried out the duties of Mayor with distinction.

The County Manager advised that he wished to be associated with the remarks of the members and thanked the outgoing Mayor for his loyalty and commitment to the county. He would, he advised, ensure that the range of projects and issues highlighted by Clr. Bonner were satisfactorily completed.

Clr. Bonner then invited nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Clr. Boyle was proposed by Clr. Slowey and seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness. Clr. Boyle indicated that he would accept office if elected.

Clr. Mac Lochlainn advised that the Sinn Fein Grouping could not support the nomination, in the absence of an effective power sharing agreement within Donegal County Council. He noted however that Clr. Boyle would be an outstanding Mayor and confirmed that the four members of Sinn Fein would give him their full support during his term in office.

As there were no other nominations, Clr. Boyle was declared elected Mayor of Donegal County Council for 2007/2008.

Clr. Bonner handed over the Chain of Office to the incoming Mayor who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Clr. Boyle congratulated the outgoing Mayor on an outstanding year in office. He thanked all who had supported his own nomination and welcomed a large contingent of family and friends to the Chamber.

Reflecting on the year ahead, he proceeded to outline a number of issues which he hoped to prioritise during his term in office.

These included: -

- Promotion of the Flight of the Earls Programme.
- Assessment of Needs in relation to the promotion of Small Businesses and Service Industry.
- Further promotion and development of Cross Border Programmes.
- Continuing review of the County Development Plan.
- Ongoing promotion of Road Safety Issues.

In conclusion, he confirmed that he was looking forward to working with the County Manager and his staff over the coming year. He advised members that he intended to commence Council and Committee Meetings on time and requested the full co-operation of all concerned.

The County Manager assured Clr. Boyle that he would have the full support and co-operation of his office and the entire staff of Donegal County Council.

Members extended their congratulations and wished Clr. Boyle well for his term in office.

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#### ELECTION OF LEAS MHÉARA/DEPUTY MAYOR

The outgoing Leas Meára Clr. Byrne advised that it had been a most eventful year in office . He acknowledged all the help and support provided to him and thanked the outgoing Mayor, Clr. Bonner for his ongoing support.

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor. Clr. J. J. Reid was proposed by Clr. Mc Guinness and seconded by Clr. Slowey. As there were no other candidates, Clr. Reid was declared elected.

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

C/341/07 ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO NORTH WEST ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

Clr. E. Bonner was proposed by Clr.Mc Eniff and seconded by Clr. Conaghan.

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Clr. Mc Bride, was proposed by Clr. Slowey, and seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness.

Clr. Mc Daid was proposed by Clr. Mac Lochlainn, and seconded by Clr. Conaghan.

On the proposal of Clr. MacLochlainn, seconded by Clr. Conaghan, it was resolved to contact the North West Economic Partnership Advisory Committee, and formally request the inclusion of four members (instead of three) from Donegal County Council on the Committee. In the event that the Council's request could not be acceded to, the matter could be reconsidered by the Council.

C/342/07 (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, specifically in relation to Sections 171 and 177 and the provisions in Section 181 relating to offences for non compliance. He also reminded them of the obligations contained in the Members Code of Conduct.

C/343/07 SECTION 141 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, 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.

SECTION 142(f) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001-ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES ETC.

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, drew members attention to the obligation on each of them to furnish a report to the Council of any conference or event at which the Council authorised their attendance.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.