

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig an Runai Chontae
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR
21 Meitheamh 2011

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain, 27 Meitheamh, 2011, **ag 5.00 i.n. in Áras an 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)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary's Office
County House
LIFFORD
21st June, 2011

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 27th June, 2011 **at 5.00pm 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) and Code of Conduct for Elected Members.
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
27th JUNE, 2011

C/272/11 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. N. Mc Bride, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, J. Campbell, P. Canning, G. Crawford, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M.T. Gallagher, M. Harley, C. Harvey, D. Larkin, F. McBrearty, M. McBride, I. McGarvey, P. McGowan, B. Mc Guinness, J. Murray, S. Ó Domhnaill, B'O' Neill, M. Quinn, J. Ryan, T. Slowey.

C/273/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clr. Mc Eniff who was unable to attend the meeting.

C/274/11 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Seamus Neely, County Manager, Mr John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Mr Joe Peoples, A/Director of Water and Environment, Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Community, Culture and Planning, Mr Garry Martin, Director of Finance and Emergency Services, Mr Liam Ward, Director of Housing and Corporate, Mr Eunan Quinn, A/Senior Planner, Mr Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/275/11 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting for ten minutes.

C/276/11 ELECTION OF MÉARA/MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Clr Harvey delivered a presentation highlighting the range of events that she had officiated at over the past year. Acknowledging that it had been a difficult but rewarding year, she thanked Members, Senior Management and Staff who had assisted her in any way during her term in office. Particular tribute was paid to Clrs Gallagher and Larkin both of whom had assisted and deputised for the Mayor on a number of occasions.

Representatives from the various groupings congratulated the outgoing Mayor on what had been a most successful term in office noting that she had carried out her duties in a courteous and professional manner, and represented the county most ably both at home and abroad.

The County Manager applauded the effective and diligent way in which Clr Harvey had carried out her duties.

Thanking all concerned for their comments, the Mayor proceeded to invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

Clr. Mc Bride was proposed by Clr. Mc Guinness, and seconded by Clr. O' Neill.

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

A recorded vote was taken by the Meetings Administrator resulting in 18 votes for Clr. Noel Mc Bride and 10 votes for Clr. Liam Blaney.

Those voting in favour of Clr. Mc Bride were:-

Clrs. Boyle, Campbell, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, Farren, Gallagher, Harley, Harvey, Mc Brearty, M. Mc Bride, N. Mc Bride, Mc Garvey, Mc Guinness, Murray, O' Neill, Quinn, Ryan, and Slowey. (18)

Those voting in favour of Clr. Blaney were:-

Clrs. Alcorn, Blaney, Brogan, Byrne, Canning, Crawford, Donaghey, Larkin, Mc Gowan, O' Domhnaill. (10)

As the majority of Members present had voted for Clr. Mc Bride, he was declared elected Méara Chontae Dhún na nGall/Mayor of the County of Donegal for 2011/2012.

Clr. Harvey then handed the chain of office to the incoming Mayor, who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

C/277/11 ELECTION OF LEAS MHEARA/DEPUTY MAYOR
The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Leas Mhéara/
Deputy Mayor.

Clr. Barry O' Neill was proposed by Clr. Boyle, seconded by
Clr. Harley.

Clr. Alcorn was proposed by Clr. O'Domhnaill, seconded by
Clr. Byrne.

A recorded vote was taken by the Meetings Administrator
resulting in 18 votes for Clr. O' Neill and 10 votes for Clr.
Alcorn.

Those voting in favour of Clr. O' Neill were:-

Clrs Boyle, Campbell, M. Doherty, P. Doherty, Farren,
Gallagher, Harley, Harvey, Mc Brearty, M. Mc Bride, N. Mc
Bride, Mc Garvey, Mc Guinness, Murray, O' Neill, Quinn,
Ryan, and Slowey. (18)

Those voting in favour of Clr. Alcorn were as follows:-

Clrs. Alcorn, Blaney, Brogan, Byrne, Canning, Crawford,
Donaghey, Larkin, Mc Gowan, O' Domhnaill. (10)

The Mayor declared Clr. O' Neill elected to the office of Leas
Mhéara/Deputy Mayor for 2011/2012.

C/278/11 OBLIGATIONS ON ELECTED MEMBERS UNDER
PART 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – ETHICS
FRAMEWORK 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/279/11 SECTION 141 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 –

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.

C/280/11 MAYOR'S SPEECH

Clr. Mc Bride said that he was extremely honoured to accept the position of Mayor and would strive to work over the coming year on behalf of all the people of Donegal. It was also he advised a very proud day for his mother, Teisie, wife Rosemary, daughters Aoife and Roisin and future son in law Brian, all of whom were present in the Chamber. He continued by thanking his proposer and seconder and proceeded to welcome Deputy Joe Mc Hugh, TD., Clr. Jimmy Kavanagh and Mr. Frank O' Donnell to the meeting.

He acknowledged the efforts of Clr. Blaney who also had allowed his name to go forward for consideration.

Tribute was paid to the former Mayor, Clr Harvey whom he acknowledged had represented the County with distinction over the past 12 months.

It was his, aim he advised, to carry out the duties of Mayor in an inclusive and facilitating manner. There were, he acknowledged, many challenges ahead for the Council in terms of delivering 121 services throughout the County within the €153 million budgetary spend.

Lack of financial regulation and governance had, he acknowledged, created significant problems for the business community and he called on the banks and financial institutions to make finance available to all viable businesses. It was essential, he added, that all 29 Members worked together to create a climate of recovery in the County.

Clr. Mc Bride proceeded to advise that the key objective of his term in office would be the promotion of tourism and related activities so as to ensure that Donegal was ably represented on the world stage.

He outlined the importance of locally based activities, acknowledging the contribution of the Moving Meevagh Forward Initiative, a venture which had been particularly successful in his own locality, and the ongoing success of the Donegal Live Project.

Collective collaboration between Donegal County Council, Failte Ireland and Northern Ireland Tourism was now, he confirmed, more important than ever.

He cited the importance of public consultation in relation to the new Draft County Development Plan and asked the general public to actively engage with the Elected Members and the Planning Office.

In conclusion, he thanked all who had assisted him in any way and paid particular tribute to his late father who had passed away 30years ago this month.

Tributes were paid to Clr. Mc Bride from all political groupings in the Chamber with Members extending their best wishes for a successful term in office.

Clr. O' Neill informed the meeting that this was a particularly proud day for himself and he welcomed his parents Maura and Owen to the meeting together with his wife to be Lorraine.

The County Manager advised that he was looking forward to working with the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor and assured both of his ongoing support over the coming year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

