

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig an Runai Chontae
Arus an Chontae
LEIFEAR

23 Meitheamh 2006

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniu Bliantúil Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall, ag dul ar aghaidh, Déardaoin, 29 Meitheamh, 2006, 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)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary's Office
County House
LIFFORD

23rd June, 2006

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Thursday 29th June, 2006 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. (Part 15) Local Government Act, 2001- Ethics Framework-
Sections 176 and 177
4. 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.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 2006 IN THE COUNTY
HOUSE, LIFFORD.

C/320/06 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. E. Bonner, D. Alcorn, A. Bonnar, 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, B. O'Domhnaill, B O'Neill, T. Pringle, T. Slowey.

C/321/06 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Blaney, Kennedy, Mac Lochlainn and Reid who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/322/06 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. McLoone, County Manager, Mr. F. Coyle, Director Planning & Economic Development, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation, Mr. Jim Holohan, Director Water, Environment and Emergency Services, Mr. M. Heaney, Director Community, Culture & Enterprise, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. M. Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/323/06 ELECTION OF MÉARA/MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Clr. Larkin thanked Members and Officials who had supported and provided him with every assistance over the past year. He stated that it had been a most productive year with many notable developments including the launch of the Irish Language Scheme, Corporate Plan, and the Development Contribution Scheme. The new County Development Plan was also close to completion.

The Mayor praised the diligence, co-operation and enthusiasm of members which contributed to a most successful year for Donegal County Council.

He also acknowledged the support and backing provided by the members of his own family.

He continued by thanking the County Manager for his assistance and direction over the past year, whilst also acknowledging the co-operation of the various Directors of Service and the staff of the respective Directorates.

Clr. Larkin extended sincere appreciation to Ms. Kathleen Browne, Staff Officer, Corporate Services for her excellent organisational skills which had contributed to the success of the USA Trip 2006 and the Mayor's Golf Classic.

The Mayor extended thanks to the local media for their excellent press coverage, the party whips and his own party for their support and co-operation.

The excellent support provided by the Deputy Mayor, Clr. Liam Blaney was also acknowledged.

In conclusion he stated that it had been an honour to serve as the First Citizen of Donegal.

Members expressed their appreciation for the excellent work carried out by Clr. Larkin.

The County Manager, in associating himself with the tributes, thanked Clr. Larkin for his leadership and the manner in which he had so ably represented Donegal County Council.

Clr. Larkin then invited nominations for the office of Mayor.

Clr. Bonner was proposed by Clr. Alcorn and seconded by Clr. B. O'Domhnaill.

Clr. Larkin enquired if there were any other proposals for the position of Mayor.

At this juncture, Clr. Pearse Doherty, noting that Clr. Bonner would indeed make an excellent Mayor, proceeded to protest at the lack of power sharing within the Council Chamber, and called on all present to agree to the principles of power sharing. Failure to accept these principles, he noted, would give him no option but to put forward the name of Clr. McDaid for the position of Mayor.

Clr. McDaid was then proposed by Clr. Pearse Doherty, seconded by Clr. Pringle.

A show of hands was taken on the proposal resulting in 22 votes for Clr. Bonner and 3 votes for Clr. McDaid.

Clr. Bonner was declared elected Mayor of Donegal County Council for 2006 – 2007.

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

Clr. Bonner stated that he was happy to accept the position noting that it was a great honour for the Glenties Electoral Area. Thanking all those who had supported him, he acknowledged that Donegal was fortunate in having 29 excellent and hardworking Elected Members. The Mayor paid tribute was paid to those who had guided him throughout his political career.

Clr. Bonner advised that he had a number of priorities for the coming year:-

- Tackling the issue of unemployment in conjunction with the Inter Department Committee.
- Promoting the Marine Industry and associated service industries.
- Assessing the reasons for the delays in getting Capital Schemes up and running.
- Ensuring that the County Development Plan Review would be carried out within the first twelve months of its adoption.
- The stream lining of S.I. applications to local area offices.
- The progression of Housing Projects in Dungloe.
- To progress the proposed motorway between Dublin and Derry with the support of Junior Transport Minister Pat the Cope Gallagher.
- Continued road improvements on the N56, in particular the section between Leitir and Cloughwilly.

- Development of a Marina in Burtonport and Portnoo together with the construction of the Dungloe Foreshore Development.
- Provision of a Civic Amenity Site in Dungloe.

Clr. Bonner concluded by thanking his family for their loyalty and support over the past number of years, in particular his wife Phyliss and father Dom.

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

C/324/06 ELECTION OF LEAS MHÉARA/DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor. Clr. Brendan Byrne was proposed by Clr. McEniff and seconded by Clr. Conaghan As there were no other candidates, Clr. Byrne was declared elected.

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

He pledged to do his utmost for the Council and the people of Donegal.

He acknowledged the advice and support provided by former Councillor James Mc Brearty and his own late father

The County Manager advised that he was looking forward to working with Clrs. Bonner and Byrne and pledged his support for their respective work programmes.

Congratulations were extended by members to Clr. Byrne on his recent engagement.

Best wishes were extended to Clr. Reid who had recently been in hospital.

C/325/06 (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.

C/326/05 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.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.