

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR
7 Meitheamh 2018

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Déardaoin 14u Meitheamh 2018, **ag 3.00 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

Seosamh O' Piobla
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings
Administrator
County House
Lifford
7th June 2018

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Thursday 14th June, 2018 **at 3.00pm 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

Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.
2. Election of Leas - Chathaoirleach.
3. Election of LAMA Delegate 2018/2019 (*1 Member*)
4. Election of Members to Inishowen Development Partnership Ltd 2018/2019 (*4 Members*)
5. Election of Members to Donegal Local Development Company 2018/2019(*3 Members*)
6. Election of Members to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd 2018/2019 (*1 Member*)
7. Election of Representative and Substitute to Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions 2018/2019.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2018 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE
LIFFORD.

C/198/18 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Seamus Ó Domhnaill(Cathaoirleach), L Blaney, E Bonner, C Brogan, J Campbell, P Canning, T Conaghan, G Crawford, N Crossan, A Doherty, L Doherty, R Donaghey, M Farren, A Glackin, M Harley, N A Jordan, J Kavanagh, N Kennedy, M C Mac Giolla Easbuig, M Mc Bride, J P McDaid, M McDermott, I Mc Garvey, P McGowan, B McGuinness, G Mc Monagle, J Murray, M Naughton, J S O’Ferraigh, B O’Neill, and T Slowey.

C/199/18 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Joe Peoples, Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services / Meetings Administrator, John McLaughlin, Director of Roads & Transportation, Liam Ward, Director of Community & Planning, Michael Mc Garvey, Director of Water & Environment, Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, Emergency Services & Information Systems, Richard Gibson, Acting Head of Finance, Sean Ó Daimhin, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/200/18 DATES FOR WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETING

Members were informed that it was intended to schedule a number of workshops for Friday 22nd June, 2018 at 11am to discuss the following and that a Special Meeting would be held at 1pm on the same date to endorse the decisions in relation to winter maintenance:-

- Community Involvement Scheme
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
- Winter Maintenance Review

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig it was resolved to hold the workshops as outlined above and deal with the winter maintenance issue at the July Council Meeting.

Cllr O’ Neill asked permission to speak on behalf of the people of South Donegal whom, he said, were extremely angry at the proposed recommendation to close the Fire Station in Ballyshannon in favour of a new facility closer to Bundoran. He said that there

had been a station in Ballyshannon for over 65 years and that never before had there been a recommendation to close a Fire Station. People in that area, he confirmed, deserved a better service. The decision, he noted, was a reserved function of the members and not one that could be taken by the Chief Fire Officer. He alluded also to the fact that the Department had not called for a station closure.

He proposed that the Chief Fire Officer's recommendation to close the station be refuted and that a Special Council Meeting be held to address this very serious issue for the people of South Donegal.

Cllr Campbell formally seconded the proposal.

The Cathaoirleach said that most members had not as yet had an opportunity to review the report and that the business in hand was primarily to deal with the election of the incoming Cathaoirleach. He said that he shared Cllr O' Neill's concerns and suggested that the matter be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Cllr Campbell asked that a copy of the report be emailed as soon as possible to all the elected members.

Following a heated exchange the Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting for a short period to allow the party whips consider the proposal further.

C/201/18 DATES FOR WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER THE REPORT ON THE OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF FIRE COVER IN BALLYSHANNON AND BUNDORAN FIRE STATIONS.

On resumption Cllr Mc Gowan proposed, seconded by Cllr O' Neill that a Special Meeting to discuss the issue of the two fire stations in Ballyshannon and Bundoran be held on Monday 25th June, 2018 at 3pm in the County House, Lifford. It was further resolved on the proposal of Cllr Blaney, seconded by Cllr Mc Gowan that the workshops outlined below and agreed for Friday the 22nd June be rescheduled to 11am on the 25th June 2018 also.

- Community Involvement Scheme
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
- Winter Maintenance Review

Cllr O' Neill thanked members for their support and asked that provision be made for the personnel in the Ballyshannon and Bundoran fire stations together with the relevant Siptu Union representatives to attend the meeting.

C/202/18

OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS

Cllr Mc Monagle thanked those who nominated him for the position of Cathaoirleach and said that he was extremely grateful for the many opportunities that had come his way to see at first hand the scope and range of activities ongoing in the county.

Reflecting on the past year, he acknowledged the excellent work being done in relation to tourism promotion and development under the leadership of Barney Mc Laughlin and his team.

He congratulated the Council and the many staff members who had responded magnificently to the flooding crisis in August 2017 and worked effortlessly to get things back in order. He commended the community and voluntary sectors for their excellent response also.

It was noted that the ongoing collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council had brought many dividends and that the potential benefits of a North West City Region were now clear for all to see. It was important, he added, that this partnership was maintained.

He welcomed the adoption of the County Development Plan, and noted that it had achieved a good and fair balance with the road map for the county clearly defined for the next 5 to 6 years.

Cllr Mc Monagle paid tribute to Chief Executive and his Senior Management Team together with the many council staff who had assisted him over the past year.

He acknowledged the assistance provided by the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr Jordan who had ably assisted him in what had been a busy but rewarding year for both.

A short photomontage of events attended by the Cathaoirleach during his term in office was then presented to members.

Members from the various groupings congratulated Cllr Mc Monagle on his successful term in office noting that he had carried

out the role with great diligence and fairness and had done Donegal proud as its first citizen.

The Chief Executive echoed these sentiments advising that it had been a pleasure to work with the Cathaoirleach and the Leas-Chathaoirleach.

C/203/18 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Mc Monagle proceeded to invite nominations for the office of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Brogan proposed, seconded by Cllr Bonner that Cllr Seamus Ó Domhnaill be elected as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Brogan said that he was delighted to propose Cllr Ó Domhnaill a passionate and dedicated politician who was hard working and would strive to carry out his duties as first citizen to the very best of his ability. Cllr O' Domhnaill, was, he said, a proud Donegal man and proud of the area that he represented. He welcomed his mother Kathleen, wife Maura, children Hugh and Marie together with his brothers, sisters and extended family circle to the meeting. Cllr Bonner said that he was honoured to second the proposal and paid tribute to Cllr O' Domhnaill's late father Hughie O' Donnell.

As there were no other proposals, Cllr Ó Domhnaill was declared elected Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Mc Monagle handed over the chain of office to the incoming Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Ó Domhnaill thanked members and said that it was an honour and privilege to accept the position not only for himself but for the entire Glenties Municipal District.

He congratulated Cllrs Mc Monagle and Jordan on their successful terms in office and said that he would strive to achieve the same standards of representation as previous Cathaoirligh. Thanking his proposer and seconder, he then paid tribute to the late Cllr Sean Mc Eniff whom, he acknowledged, had been a great source of guidance and support to him in his career.

He proceeded to congratulate all the newly elected Municipal District Chairs.

The Cathaoirleach informed members that he had a number of priorities for his term in office namely:-

- Ensuring that all motions raised by members were acted and delivered upon as these were the issues that were pertinent and relevant to people on the ground.
- That a concerted effort be made to ensure that more powers were devolved to the Municipal Districts so as to allow members deliver a better service at MD level.
- Further promotion of Donegal as a tourism entity so as to sustain and create employment.
- Wild Atlantic Way initiative progressed further so as to create an environment where people can run tourism related activities in the knowledge that all potential options are being showcased and marketed.
- Housing needs to be a priority and provision of same fast tracked going forward.
- Number of projects in the Glenties Municipal District need to be progressed particularly in relation to tourism, employment, roads, car-parking and other related issues.
- Effort needs to be made to showcase the unrivalled quality of life that Donegal has to offer. This to be pursued with the aim of attracting graduates back to work in Donegal and in tandem with organisations such as Udarás na Gaeltachta.
- To work with the new Economic Development Directorate in promoting Donegal. It was suggested that this could be further enhanced by the setting up of a dedicated Strategic Policy Committee.

Cllr Ó Domhnaill pledged to work tirelessly on behalf of the electorate and acknowledged the support provided by his own family and his late father Hughie Ó Domhnaill.

Members from the various groupings congratulated him on his election and extended their best wishes for the coming year.

The Chief Executive added his congratulations and assured him of the support and assistance of the executive and staff during his term in office.

C/204/18

ELECTION OF LEAS – CHATHAOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr O’ Neill proposed, seconded by Cllr Mc Guinness that Cllr Martin Harley be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr O’ Neill said that Cllr Harley was a dedicated public representative, a good family man and able businessman who had proven to be an excellent representative for the Stranorlar Municipal District. Cllr Mc Guinness concurred with this and assured him of his support in the coming year.

As there were no other nominations Cllr Harley was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Harley, thanked his proposer and seconder, his party colleagues and members from the other groupings who had supported his nomination.

Members congratulated Cllr Harley on his election. A number welcomed the cross party approach that had been taken acknowledging that it was a positive reflection of the way that the present council was working.

The Chief Executive congratulated Cllr Harley and wished him well in the position.

C/205/18

ELECTION OF LAMA DELEGATE 2018/2019

On the proposal of Cllr Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Harley, it was resolved to select Cllr Terence Slowey as the LAMA representative for 2018/2019.

As there were no other nominations Cllr Slowey was declared to be the Donegal County Council representative to LAMA for 2018/2019.

C/206/18

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO INISHOWEN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP 2018/2019

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Monagle it was resolved that there would be no change in the representation and that the following would represent Donegal County Council on Inishowen Development Partnership for 2018/2019:-

- Cllr Albert Doherty
- Cllr Rena Donaghey
- Cllr Nicholas Crossan
- Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

C/207/18 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO DONEGAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY CLG 2018/2019

On the proposal of Cllr A Doherty, seconded by Cllr Mc Monagle it was resolved that there would be no change in the representation and that the following would represent Donegal County Council on Donegal Local Development Company for 2018/2019:

- Cllr Noel Jordan
- Cllr Ian Mc Garvey
- Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan

C/208/18 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTAL INSURANCE CLG 2018/2019

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr Mc Garvey it was resolved to select Cllr Michael Mc Bride as the Donegal County Council representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance CLG for 2018/2019.

As there were no other nominations Cllr Mc Bride was declared to be the Donegal County Council representative to IPBMI CLG for 2018/2019.

C/209/18 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND SUBSITUTE TO CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS 2018/2019

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr Crossan it was resolved to select Cllr John Campbell as the Donegal County Council representative and Cllr Niamh Kennedy as the substitute representative to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions for 2018/2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

