

## **COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
LEIFEAR  
7 Meitheamh 2017

### **FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Céadaoin 14u Meitheamh 2017, **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**

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**Seosamh O' Piobla**  
**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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### **DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 **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**

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**Joe Peoples**  
**Meetings Administrator**

## AGENDA

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.
2. Election of Leas - Chathaoirleach.
3. Election of LAMA Delegate 2017/2018 (*1 Member*)
4. Election of Members to Inishowen Development Partnership Ltd 2017/2018 (*4 Members*)
5. Election of Members to Donegal Local Development Company 2017/2018(*3 Members*)
6. Election of Members to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd 2017/2018 (*1 Member*)
7. Election of Representative and Substitute to Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions 2017/2018.

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL  
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 IN THE COUNTY  
HOUSE LIFFORD.**

**C/211/17**     **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllrs Gerry McMonagle (Cathaoirleach), E Bonner, C Brogan, J Campbell, P Canning, T Conaghan, G Crawford, N Crossan, A Doherty, G Doherty, L Doherty, M Farren, M T Gallagher, A Glackin, M Harley, N A Jordan, J Kavanagh, N Kennedy, M C Mac Giolla Easbuig, F McBrearty, M Mc Bride, J P McDaid, M McDermott, I Mc Garvey, P McGowan, B McGuinness, J Murray, S O'Domhnaill, J O'Donnell, J S O'Fearraigh, B O'Neill, J Ryan and T Slowey

**C/212/17**     **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Joe Peoples, Director of Corporate, Housing and Cultural Services/Meetings Administrator, John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Michael McGarvey, Director of Water and Environment, Garry Martin, Director of Finance, Head of Information Systems, and Director of Emergency Services, Eunan Quinn, Senior Planner, Eileen Burgess, County Librarian, Ann Marie Conlon Communications Officer, Sean O'Daimhin, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

**C/213/17**     **MINUTES SILENCE**

A minutes silence was held in memory of the following:-

- Those who died in the terror attacks in London and Manchester.
- The residents of Grenfell Towers who perished in the recent fire tragedy.

A vote of sympathy was extended to Cllr Liam Blaney on the death of his uncle, Teddy Blaney.

**C/214/17**     **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Cllr Slowey thanked all who had assisted him over the past year and acknowledged the assistance and guidance provided to him by all of the Elected Members, Cllr Barry O' Neill the outgoing Leas - Chathaoirleach, the Chief Executive, Directors of Service and staff throughout the organisation.

The past year, he confirmed, had been a busy one with considerable strides taken to promote and encourage economic and social development within the County, whilst at the same time laying foundations so that Donegal would be best placed to compete in a post Brexit era.

Ongoing collaboration with Derry City & Strabane District Council in terms of the North West Strategic Partnership was, he added, already reaping benefits. He applauded also the work carried out internationally in terms of the business, social and economic links that had been established with Boston and Philadelphia.

Tribute was paid also to the excellent work being done on the tourism front.

He said that he had been privileged during his term in office to attend Age Friendly Committee Meetings and that a lot of valuable work was being done by this committee.

Concluding he paid tribute to his wife Patricia and thanked her for her support over the past year.

Members from the various groupings congratulated Cllr Slowey on his successful term in office noting that he had carried out the role with diligence and fairness and had ably represented Donegal as first citizen at both home and abroad.

The Chief Executive echoed these sentiments and said that Cllr Slowey had been hard-working, diligent and resourceful; all admirable qualities which had helped him accomplish much during a successful year in office. On behalf of the management and staff he thanked Cllr Slowey and wished him and his wife Patricia well for the future.

Tributes were also paid to Cllr Barry' Neill and Cllr Slowey thanked him for his able assistance over the past year.

C/215/17

#### ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Slowey proceeded to invite nominations for the office of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Gallagher proposed, seconded by Cllr Murray that the Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle be elected as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Gallagher said that Cllr Mc Monagle had many qualities which made him an ideal candidate for the job and that his longstanding involvement in community affairs would stand him in good stead. She alluded to his strong links with Derry and his ongoing commitment to cross-border affairs, all of which ensured that he was ambitious for the people of Donegal and the community which he served.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Mc Monagle was declared elected Cathaoirleach for the period 2017/2018.

Cllr Slowey handed over the chain of office to the incoming Cathaoirleach.

Taking the Chair, Cllr Mc Monagle said that he wanted to proceed with the business on the agenda and that there would be an opportunity for general commentary at the end of the meeting.

C/216/17 ELECTION OF LEAS – CATHAOIRLEACH

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

Cllr G Doherty proposed, seconded by Cllr O' Fearriagh that Cllr Noel Jordan be elected Leas - Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Jordan , he said, was an excellent community activist and a most able councillor, exemplifying all that was good about public representation. He would, he added, do his utmost to represent the people of Donegal to the best of his ability.

As there were no other nominations Cllr Jordan was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach for the period 2017/2018.

Cllr Jordan said he was delighted to accept the nomination and congratulated the outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr Slowey and the outgoing Leas- Chathaoirleach, Cllr Barry O' Neill on their successful terms in office.

It was an honour and a privilege, he said, to be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach by his peers and he thanked all members for their support.

He was, he confirmed, looking forward to working with Cllr Mc Monagle, who he deemed to be a most able and hard working Councillor with strong leadership skills.

C/217/17 ELECTION OF LAMA DELEGATE 2017/2018  
On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Mc Brearty, it was resolved to appoint Cllr Michael Mc Bride as the LAMA representative for 2017/2018

C/218/17 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF INISHOWEN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP LTD 2017/2018  
On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Brogan, it was resolved that the following would represent Donegal County Council on Inishowen Development Partnership for 2017/2018:-

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

C/219/17 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO DONEGAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY 2017/2018  
On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Mc Bride it was resolved that the following would represent Donegal County Council on Donegal Local Development Company for 2017/2018:

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

C/220/17 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTAL INSURANCE LTD 2017/2018  
On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Brogan it was resolved to appoint Cllr Gerry Crawford as the Donegal County Council representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances for 2017/2018.

C/221/17 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND SUBSITUTE TO CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS 2017/2018  
On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded By Cllr O' Neill it was resolved to appoint Cllr John S O' Fearraigh as the

Donegal County Council representative and Cllr Albert Doherty as the substitute representative to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions for 2017/2018.

C/222/17 FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING CROSS-BORDER PLANNING ISSUES

Mr Joe Peoples, Director Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services informed members that an invite had been received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council regarding a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to discuss cross boundary issues relating to the Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan . It was unanimously agreed that the Chair of the Planning SPC and the Cathaoirligh from the Stranorlar and Donegal Municipal Districts would attend.

C/223/17 CLLR MC MONAGLE'S ADDRESS

Cllr Mc Monagle thanked his proposer and seconder, his party colleagues and fellow members for their support and confidence in electing him as Cathaoirleach. It was, he said, a great honour for him and his entire family circle to be elected first citizen of the County he had called home for the past 35 years.

He said, that he fully understood the responsibility that came with the chain of office and would endeavour to do the members, staff and executive of Donegal proud. Going forward, he confirmed, that he would work to deliver for the people of Donegal and for the betterment of the County. He paid tribute to his wife Zena, whom, he advised had been incredibly supportive over the years and was fully supportive of his work over the coming year.

The County, he stated, faced many challenges in the weeks and months ahead and that it was vitally important that the ongoing collaboration with Derry City & Strabane District Council and Omagh & Fermanagh District Council continued in order to lessen any negative impact of a hard Brexit.

He acknowledged also the efforts of the Chief Executive and the CEO of Derry City & Strabane District Council in promoting the northwest as a city region.

He would, he confirmed, use his year in office to promote all that is good in Donegal and proceeded to highlight a number of issues that he intended to prioritise in the coming year.

These included;-

- The establishment of a College of Excellence in Irish Traditional Music with recognised qualifications, which if successful could transform the Donegal Gaeltacht and attract students from all over the world.
- Create a focus on mental health and wellbeing so as to develop the resilience of young people in dealing with the challenges of modern life.
- Prioritisation of rural development so as to halt the decline of rural areas.
- Promote the rollout of broadband and highlight ongoing issues such as the lack of an integrated public transport system, the closure of post offices, and Garda Stations all of which are leading to rural decline.
- Campaign for much needed roads investment and infrastructure.
- Examine options for dealing with traffic gridlock in Letterkenny . Increased funding to be sought for projects such as the Bonagee Link and the Leck Road to assist with the balanced development of the town.
- The need to advance the A5/N2 N4 and A6 in the interest of overall connectivity.
- To hold public Town Hall type meetings in every Municipal District over the next year so as to provide the general public with a say in the future development of the County.
- Avail of and develop the entrepreneurial spirit that exists in Donegal.

He informed members and the executive that they would have his full support over the coming year as it was now more important than ever that all concerned wore the county jersey.

Members from the various grouping congratulated Cllr Mc Monagle on his election and wished him well for his term in office.

The Chief Executive congratulated Cllrs Mc Monagle and Jordan. Acknowledging that there were challenges to be faced going forward, he confirmed, that every effort would be made to maximise all the opportunities that came the Council's way.

This concluded the business of the meeting.