

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CARNDONAGH PSC
ON THE 16TH JUNE 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, Jack Murray and John Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan and Ms Marie Mulhern.

The outgoing chairperson, Cllr Farren, took the chair pending the election of the Cathaoirleach. Cllr Farren welcomed and wished everyone well over the next five years. John G. Mc Laughlin was welcomed as the new director of the Municipal District.

The members paid tribute to Mickey Doherty, outgoing councillor and they wished him well for the future, and they thanked all the staff for their co-operation.

Cllr Farren stated that there are exciting times ahead with the new municipal district and the members agreed to unite in an amicable and professional manner for the betterment of the people of Inishowen.

The members expressed their appreciation to the Cllr Farren, outgoing chairperson, and noted that he had done an excellent job in his role over the previous year.

The members observed a minutes silence in respect to the recent passing of Liam Mc Crory, father of Pearse Mc Crory, Litter Warden, Inishowen Water and Environment Section.

1. Election of the Cathaoirleach

Cllr Farren invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Crossan was proposed by Cllr Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Ryan.

Cllr Doherty proposed Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Murray.

A show of hands was taken for the second nomination of Cllr Murray, resulting in 2 votes for and 7 against.

A show of hands was taken on the first nomination of Cllr Crossan, resulting in 7 votes for and 2 against.

Cllr Crossan was elected Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2014 – 2015 and then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Crossan expressed his thanks for the nomination and stated he would be delighted to accept the position of Cathaoirleach.

He stated that he hoped to be fair and partial in the role and anticipated that all the members would work together for the people of Inishowen. The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the support of his family and the people of Inishowen to date.

The members congratulated Cllr Crossan on his election and wished him well in the position and also acknowledged his position as the Leas-Chathaoirleach of the County Council.

2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach

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

Cllr Canning was proposed by Cllr Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Ryan for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Canning was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2014-2015.

3. Election of 2 representatives to Coiste na Gaelige

Cllr Doherty was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Donaghey.

Cllr Farren proposed Cllr Canning and this was seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

4. Election of 1 representative to County Donegal Heritage Forum

The election of the representative to the County Donegal Heritage Forum was deferred to the next meeting of the Municipal District.

5. Election of 3 representatives to the board of Fort Dunree Military Museum

Cllr Donaghey was proposed by Cllr Mc Guinness and seconded by Cllr Ryan

Cllr Murray was proposed by Cllr Doherty and seconded by Cllr Farren.

Cllr Crossan was proposed by Cllr Ryan and seconded by Cllr Farren.

John G. Mc Laughlin proposed a workshop to discuss the arrangements for the new Municipal District and the members agreed on 25th June 2014 at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified

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