

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR
9 Meitheamh 2016

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Déardaoin 15u Meitheamh 2016, **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
9th June 2016

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Wednesday 15th June, 2016 **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 2016/2017 (*1 Member*)
4. Election of Members to Inishowen Development Partnership Ltd 2016/2017 (*4 Members*)
5. Election of Members to Donegal Local Development Company 2016/2017 (*3 Members*)
6. Election of Members to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd 2016/2017 (*1 Member*)
7. Election of Representative and Substitute to Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions 2016/2017.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2016 IN THE COUNTY
HOUSE LIFFORD.

C/187/16 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs T Slowey (Cathaoirleach), L Blaney, E Bonner, Brogan, P Canning, T Conaghan, G Crawford, N Crossan, A Doherty, G Doherty, L Doherty, R Donaghey, M Farren, M T Gallagher, M Harley, N A Jordan, J Kavanagh, N Kennedy, M Mc Bride, J P McDaid, S McEniff, I Mc Garvey, P McGowan, B McGuinness, G McMonagle, S O'Domhnaill, J O'Donnell, J S O'Fearraigh, B O'Neill, and J Ryan.

C/188/16 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, Paul McGill, Area Manager Corporate Services, Eileen Burgess, County Librarian, Sean O'Daimhin, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/189/16 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Canning it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until 3.30pm.

C/190/16 ADDRESS BY OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Brogan welcomed Members of the Public from the Glenties Municipal District and former Councillors John Boyle and Noel Mc Bride to the meeting.

He thanked the members of his own party who had nominated him back in June 2015, and said that it had been an honour to represent Donegal County Council both at home and abroad. Acknowledging the co-operation and support afforded to him over the past year, he paid particular tribute to the Chief Executive and all the staff of Donegal County Council who had assisted him in carrying out his duties as Cathaoirleach. It was imperative, he said, going forward that there was renewed engagement with the business community, given the many positive developments

that had taken place in the employment and tourism sectors over the past number of years.

Donegal's strength, he said, was its people and thus it was essential that there was continued engagement at all levels in the community.

Tributes were paid to Cllr Brogan by all the groupings in the chamber and congratulations extended on what had been a most successful and productive year in office.

Mr Seamus Neely, Chief Executive also took the opportunity to thank him for his hard work and dedication over what had been a busy year for the Local Authority. Cllr Brogan, he said, had met the various challenges in a positive and proactive way and at all times made himself available to deal with the issues at hand.

He proceeded to thank the outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sean Mc Eniff, whose experience, it was noted, had been a valuable asset over the past year.

C/191/16 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Brogan at this juncture invited nominations for the office of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Mc Guinness proposed, seconded by Cllr Harley the position be filled by Cllr Terence Slowey.

Cllr Mc Guinness said that Cllr Slowey was an excellent choice for the position and would bring a wealth of experience to the office of Cathaoirleach. He had, he said a number of attributes which would serve him well over the coming year namely, honesty, integrity and wise counsel.

Acknowledging his strong work ethic and dedication to Donegal County Council, Cllr Mc Guinness said that it was fitting that he be elected as first citizen of Donegal. He proceeded to welcome Cllr Slowey's wife Patricia, his daughter Jennifer and son Kelvin to the meeting and acknowledged that it was proud day also for his daughter Yvonne who lived in Australia.

Concluding he paid tribute to the all inclusive agreement in place within the Council and thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his firm leadership over the past year.

Cllr Harley seconding the motion said he was confident that Cllr Slowey would carry out his duties with pride and distinction.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Slowey was declared elected Cathaoirleach for 2016/2017.

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

Taking the Chair Cllr Slowey again thanked Cllrs Brogan and Mc Eniff for their hard work and excellent contributions over the past year.

C/192/16 ELECTION OF LEAS CHATHAOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of Leas Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Ryan proposed, seconded by Cllr Kavanagh that the position be filled by Cllr Barry O' Neill.

Cllr Ryan said that Cllr O' Neill was a capable and popular member of Fine Gael who had a strong interest in tourism promotion and the development of initiatives to assist the business community .

As there were no other nominations, Cllr O' Neill was declared elected Leas-Chathaoirleach for 2016/2017.

Cllr O Neill said he was delighted to accept the nomination and thanked his proposer and seconder.

C/193/16 ELECTION OF LAMA DELEGATE 2016/2017

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Monagle, seconded by Cllr G Doherty it was resolved to appoint Cllr Albert Doherty as LAMA representative for 2016/2017.

C/194/16 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO INISHOWEN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP LTD 2016/2017

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr A Doherty it was resolved that the following, in accordance with the all party agreement would represent Donegal County Council on Inishowen Development Partnership Ltd for 2016/2017:-

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

C/195/16 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO DONEGAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD 2016/2017

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Monagle it was resolved that the following, in accordance with the all party agreement would represent Donegal County Council on Donegal Local Development Company Ltd for 2016/2017:-

- Cllr Sean Mc Eniff
- Cllr Noel Jordan
- Cllr Ian Mc Garvey

C/196/16 ELECTION OF MEMBER TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD 2016/2017

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Guinness it was resolved to appoint Cllr Nicholas Crossan as the Donegal County Council representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd for 2016/2017.

C/197/16 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND SUBSTITUTE TO CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS 2016/2017

On the proposal of Cllr Ryan seconded by Cllr Mc Bride it was resolved to appoint Cllr Martin Harley as the Donegal County Council representative to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions for 2016/2017.

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Guinness, seconded by Cllr Harley it was resolved to appoint Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh as the substitute representative to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions for 2016/2017.

C/198/16 CLLR SLOWEY'S ADDRESS

Cllr Slowey thanked his proposer and seconder and acknowledged the excellent manner in which Cllr Brogan had conducted and chaired meetings over the past year. It was his intention, he said, to proceed in a similar manner.

He then introduced the Members of the Senior Management Team for the benefit of those in the public gallery. There was acknowledgement also of the dedicated media presence in the Chamber.

He acknowledged family and friends who were present in the public gallery and welcomed in particular Mrs Marian Bennett, wife of his predecessor in the Glenties Municipal District, the late Councillor Charlie Bennett and Mr Anthony Molloy, captain of Donegal's 1992 All-Ireland-winning football team.

The Cathaoirleach assured Members that they would have his full support over the coming year and outlined a number of issues which, he said, he was hoping to prioritise during his term in office. These included:-

- Unemployment issues and the carrying on of work initiatives instigated by former Cathaoirligh.
- Moving forward with the Memorandum of Understanding which had been drawn up between Donegal County Council and the Letterkenny Institute of Technology.
- Continued promotion of tourism issues in conjunction with Donegal Tourism.
- Maintenance of a focus on environmental issues with particular emphasis on recycling.
- Promotion of various initiatives in relation to the Care of the Elderly.

Members again congratulated Cllr Slowey on his election.

The Chief Executive assured him of his support and said that with collective collaboration going forward the Council would deal with all opportunities/challenges in a positive and proactive manner.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

