

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CARNDONAGH PSC ON THE 24th JUNE 2020 at 12.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Padraig MacLochlainn TD was also present.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate, Mairead Gibbons, Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation, Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Mathew Byrne, Waste Protection Officer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community and Enterprise and Brenda Hegarty, Assistant Head of Enterprise, LEO Office Letterkenny

The outgoing chairperson, Cllr Martin McDermott, took the chair pending the election of the new Cathaoirleach. He welcomed everybody to the meeting including Padraig MacLochlainn TD and said that in light of Covid 19, it was great that all councilors were present today and in good health. Cllr McDermott said that he would like to acknowledge the efforts of council staff and management and thanked them for all their guidance and support over the last twelve months. He also acknowledged the support of his family and particularly his father. He added that it had been an honour to serve as Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District working collectively with all the members.

Cllr McDermott congratulated Cllr Rena Donaghey on her election as Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council and wished her well in her role.

Cllr McDermott stated that there had been many issues over the last twelve months such as issues with mica and now with Covid 19. In summary, Cllr McDermott stated that he wished to have the following noted:

- He welcomed news that a start date for the Mica Redress Scheme was going to be announced shortly at a meeting to be held on 27th June.
- He wished to applaud the work of the tourism sector in Inishowen.
- Congratulate the work of local community groups during Covid 19.
- Acknowledge the efforts of all frontline workers in difficult times.
- Acknowledge that it has been a very difficult time for all students.

1. Election of the Cathaoirleach

Cllr McDermott invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Albert Doherty was proposed by Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan. Cllr Albert Doherty was deemed elected Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2020 to 2021 and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Murray and Cllr Terry Crossan both expressed their congratulations to Cllr Doherty and wished him well in his term as Cathaoirleach. They said Cllr Doherty will bring great experience to the chair and is very well known in the community. It was noted that Cllr Doherty had previously been Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Doherty said he appreciated being nominated by Cllrs Murray and Crossan and stated that he was delighted to be elected as the Cathaoirleach for the next year. He added that he would be working towards the following during his tenure:

- Rolling out the Mica Redress Scheme,
- Assist in aiming to sustain the local economy through tourism and business initiatives,
- Restoration of the Court Service in Carndonagh, and will appeal to local TDs to ensure it happens
- Pollinator Plan,
- Community Garda Cover,
- Barrack Hill Fitness Park,
- Roads and Footpaths Programme to include disability sector requirements.
- Cross border cooperation with North West Regional Group and continue lobbying the Northern Ireland Assembly and Dublin Government.

Cllr Doherty said he looked forward to the challenging year ahead of him.

The members collectively congratulated Cllr Doherty on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him well in his position.

The members also congratulated Cllr Rena Donaghey on her election as the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council.

2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach

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

Cllr Terry Crossan was proposed by Cllr Murray and this was seconded by Cllr Doherty

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Terry Crossan was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2020-2021.

Cllr Crossan said that he was delighted to be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach and looked forward to working with all members and staff in the future. He added that having been a member of Donegal County Council for over a year now he was impressed with the great cooperation between councillors of all parties.

The members collectively congratulated Cllr Crossan on his election as Leas Cathaoirleach and wished him well in his position.

Gratitude was expressed by the members to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Martin McDermott and Leas Cathaoirleach, Paul Canning for their efforts over the last year which has been a particularly difficult year.

John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation wished Cllr Doherty and Cllr Crossan well for the year ahead and said that he looked forward to working together for the good of the peninsula.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Area Manager _____

Date: _____