

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Monaghan on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 11.30 a.m.**

**Chair:** Cllr N. Keelan, Cathaoirleach.

**Present:** Cllrs. Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Crowe, Gilliland, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, B. McKenna, McPhillips, O'Hanlon, P. Treanor and S. Treanor.

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Mr. J. Murray, Head of Finance, Mr. A. King, Director of Service and Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator.

**Apologies:** Mr. P. Clifford, Director of Service.

At the outset, the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr N. Keelan recalled the highlights of his year in office. He thanked the Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr S. Coyle; his Councillor colleagues; the Management and Staff of the Council, particularly the Corporate Affairs Section, the outdoor staff; his Sinn Fein colleagues and his partner Siobhan for their support and assistance during his term as Cathaoirleach.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach:**

Cllr Keelan sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

*Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr Coyle seconded that Cllr P.J. O'Hanlon be nominated for the position of Cathaoirleach of County Monaghan.*

As there were no other nominations, Cllr O'Hanlon was declared elected as Cathaoirleach

Cllr O'Hanlon then took up the position of Cathaoirleach. He thanked his proposer and seconder and the elected members for supporting his election. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Keelan and the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr Coyle, for their dedication and commitment during the past year. He then outlined his objectives for the coming year.

All members congratulated Cllr O'Hanlon on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him success during his term of office.

Cllr O'Hanlon then took the position of Cathaoirleach.

**2. Election of Leas Chathaoirleach:**

Cllr O'Hanlon sought nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

*Cllr Connolly proposed, Cllr McElvaney seconded that Cllr S. Treanor be nominated for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.*

As there was no other nomination for this position the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr S. Treanor elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach and congratulated him on his election.

Cllr S. Treanor thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for electing him to the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach. He said he looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and assured him of his support throughout the year. He also paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Chathaoirleach for their hard work during the past year.

All members congratulated Cllr S. Treanor on his election as Leas-Chathaoirleach

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive joined in the congratulations to the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach and wished them both success in the year ahead and assured them of the support of the Management Team and Staff.

**Any other business:**

Cllr C. Bennett informed the members that, as Chair of the Cavan Monaghan ETB, she had that morning been informed that Mr. Martin O'Brien was being re-deployed as Chief Executive of Louth Meath ETB.

*On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr Bennett it was agreed that the Council extend a vote of congratulations to Martin O'Brien, on his forthcoming appointment as Chief Executive of Louth/Meath ETB.*

**Votes of Sympathy:**

*On the proposal of Cllr Keelan, seconded by Cllr Conlon it was agreed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the wife and family of the late Mr. Gerry Cormier, Mayor of the City of Miramichi following his sudden death on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June.*

*On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was agreed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the British Ambassador to Ireland on the murder of Jo Cox a Member of Parliament in England.*

A minute's silence was observed by all present.

**Vote of good wishes:**

*On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed that the good wishes of the Council be extended to Cllr O'Hanlon's mother, Rosaleen, for a speedy return to good health.*

The meeting then concluded.