

Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held in the Mtek Building, Knockaconny, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Monday 16th June, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

Chair: Cllr G Carville, Mayor (Outgoing Mayor)

Present: Cllrs Bannigan, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Humphreys, Keelan, Keenan, Kieran, Maxwell, Martin, McAnespie, McElvaney, McNally, O'Brien, P. McKenna, B. McKenna, and Treanor.

Mr. D. Nelson, County Manager, Mr. P. Clifford, Mr M Fitzpatrick, Mr. A. King, Mr. D. Fallon, Directors of Service, Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator and Ms. A. Mackle, A/Staff Officer.

At the outset, the Mayor, Gary Carville, Cllr McNally, Cllr P Treanor, Cllr B. McKenna, Cllr P. McNally, Cllr Martin and Cllr Crowe extended a vote of sympathy to the following people:

- Cllr Owen Bannigan on the death of his Aunt Ms Margaret McQuaid, Castleblayney R.I.P
- Mr Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Services, on the death of his father-in-law, Mr Maurice Graham, Monaghan, R.I.P.
- Mr Brendan Toal on the death of his mother in law, Agnes Duffy, Cremartin, R.I.P
- The Wife and family of the late Rev. Heron, R.I.P., late of Smithboro.
- Ms. Fionnuala Mulligan, Corporate Affairs on the death of her father Mr Hugh Murphy, Cornawall, Smithboro R.I.P
- Justice Sean Mc Bride on the death of his mother Ms Terry McBride R.I.P

The County Manager, Declan Nelson said on a personal note and on behalf of the Staff of Monaghan County Council he wished to be associated with the votes of sympathy.

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Maxwell the Members agreed to hold a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Gary Carville thanked the Members for their support during his term as Mayor which had been a very busy year. He referred to the some of the highlights of his year in office, namely:

- The official opening of the Castleblayney bypass
- The official opening of the new County Library HQ and Fire Station in Clones
- The commencement of the upgrade of the sewerage collection system in Carrickmacross
- The County Museum achieving full accreditation.

He said it was an honour to be the Mayor of County Monaghan for the past twelve months. He thanked the Members of the Council for their co-operation and assistance during the year. He also thanked the County Manager, the Management Team, the staff of Corporate Affairs and the Media.

In conclusion, he paid tribute to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jackie Crowe, who had acted as Mayor on a number of occasions, and had undertaken the role very effectively.

A number of Members paid tribute to Cllr Carville for the professional and dignified way in which he had undertaken the duties of Mayor over the past twelve months.

The County Manager joined in the sentiments expressed to the outgoing Mayor. He acknowledged the significant contribution that Cllr Carville had made while in the office of Mayor and that he had represented County Monaghan both at home and abroad with honour and dignity.

1. Election of Mayor:

Cllr Carville sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr B. McKenna proposed Cllr Keelan seconded that Cllr M. Carthy be nominated for the position of Mayor of County Monaghan.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Matt Carthy was declared elected as Mayor.

Cllr Carthy then assumed the position of Mayor. He thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for their support in his election to the position of Mayor. He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their dedication and commitment during the past year.

He thanked the members of the Council for their support and for ensuring that the power-sharing agreement of post-election 2004 has been honoured by all parties and outlined the following objectives for his term as Mayor -

- To fully endorse the campaign of the local communities in relation to the Eirgrid North South Interconnector and the call for the powerlines to be undergrounded
- To support the continued campaign for the restoration, retention and development of services at Monaghan General Hospital
- To pursue the upgrading of the N2 from Monaghan Town to the border with Tyrone and to endeavour to achieve progress on the proposed East/West link route.
- To achieve progress in the re-opening of the Ulster Canal.
- To explore the prospect of bringing a rail network back to the county.
- To provide support for community groups
- To achieve progress in the provision of a swimming pool in the town of Carrickmacross.
- To be fair and equitable in all his dealings with Council Members.

A number of members congratulated Mayor Carthy on his election as Mayor and wished him well in the coming year.

2. Election of Deputy Mayor:

The Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor

Cllr D Maxwell proposed, Cllr G Carville seconded that Cllr P McKenna be nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor.

As there was no other nomination for this position the Mayor declared Cllr Patrick McKenna elected as Deputy Mayor and congratulated him on his election.

Cllr P. McKenna thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for their support for his election to the position as Deputy Mayor. He said he looked forward to working with the new Mayor and assured him of his support through out the year. He also paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their hard work during the year. He stated that his priority for the year would be the upgrading of the N2 from Monaghan Town to the border at Moybridge and the retention and development of services at Monaghan General Hospital.

A number of members congratulated Cllr P. McKenna on his success.

The County Manager joined in the congratulations to Mayor Carthy and Deputy Mayor P. McKenna and wished them well in the year ahead.

3. East Border Region

Cllr Keelan proposed Cllr P Treanor seconded that Cllr J Crowe be nominated as the Council's representative to East Border Region Board.

Cllr McElvaney proposed, Cllr Keenan seconded that Cllr G Carville be nominated as the Council's representative to East Border Region Board.

Cllr Crowe referred to a decision taken by the Council in 2004 which nominated him to the Board of the East Border Region Committee.

Following confirmation by the Meetings Administrator, that Cllr Crowe had been nominated to the Board of the East Border Region Executive at a Council meeting held on September 20th, 2007, Cllr Carville withdrew his name in favour of Cllr Crowe.

Cllr McElvaney and Cllr Keenan then withdrew their proposal.

The Mayor declared that Cllr Crowe is confirmed as the Council's representative to East Border Region Board.

This concluded the business of the annual meeting.

Signed: _____
Meara Meetings Administrator

Date: _____