

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in Mtek Building, Knockaconny, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Monday 19th June 2006, at 10 a.m.

Chair: Cllr P Treanor, (outgoing Mayor)

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

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

The Mayor welcomed all present to the Annual Meeting and said that he wished to thank the Members and staff for their support during the year, his party Sinn Fein for putting him forward as Mayor, the outdoor staff and the media for their support and said that all of these groups worked together as a team.

He said that there were many advances made in the county in the last year, the Monaghan and Castleblayney bypasses were currently under construction, the leisure centre will open shortly and the Library HQ in Clones and the Fire Station had received the sanction of the Department to proceed to tender. There were many policies and plans currently in need of implementation for example the heritage plan, the play policy, etc and the onus was on the County Council to implement them.

He proposed a vote of congratulations to Mrs. Annie Kirkwood, Sacred Heart Nursing Home Clones who celebrates her 100th birthday that day.

A number of Members spoke and paid tribute to the Mayor for the professional and business like way in which he discharged the duties of Mayor.

1. Election of Mayor:

Cllr Treanor sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr Coyle proposed Cllr Gallagher seconded that Cllr P McNally be nominated for the position of Mayor of the County.

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

Cllr McNally then assumed the position of Mayor. He thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for their support for his election to the position of Mayor. He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor and hoped that the year ahead would be positive and fruitful.

Cllr McNally outlined his priorities for the coming year. He referred to the completion of the Carrickmacross bypass; the Monaghan bypass, which was nearing completion, and the Castleblayney bypass would be completed in 2007. The swimming pool, which would open in August, was a very welcome development for the county. However, the Hospital issue was still in a state of limbo and he hoped there would be clarification as to its role in the delivery of hospital services in the near future. He said that the greatest challenge facing the Council in the future was the adoption of the new County Development Plan and its implementation. He understood there were approx. 200 submissions, which the Council would have to deal with in a professional manner. County Monaghan needs a development plan, which will allow for growth, which we have perhaps fallen behind in during the recent past. He added that one-off rural housing would have to be protected in the plan. He hoped that the Council could adopt a plan, which they could all be proud of.

2. Election of Deputy Mayor:

The Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor

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

As there was no other nomination for this position the Mayor declared Cllr Humphreys elected as Deputy Mayor and congratulated her on her election.

Cllr Humphreys thanked her fellow Councilors and the Fine Gael group for nominating her to the position. She thanked the people of Clones for voting for her. She paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their hard work during the year. She assured Cllr McNally of her support during the coming year.

A number of members congratulated Cllr Humphreys on her success and paid tribute for her work as Chair of the Planning sub committee.

The Manager joined in the congratulations to Mayor McNally and Deputy Mayor Humphreys. He also thanked Cllrs Treanor and Coyle for the way they represented the Council during the year.

This concluded the business of the annual meeting.

Signed: _____ **Meara** _____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date: _____ _____