

Minutes of First Meeting of Monaghan County Council following the Local Elections, held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Monaghan on Monday 23rd June, 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Cllrs. Bannigan, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, B. McKenna, McNally, McPhillips, O’Hanlon, P. Treanor and S. Treanor.

Mr. E. Cummins, Chief Executive, Mr. A. King, Director of Services, Ms. F. Matthews, Senior Staff Officer and Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator.

Mr. Adge King, Director of Services Governance and Corporate Affairs, assumed the Chair and welcomed the members of the newly elected Council.

Ms. Carmel Thornton, Meetings Administrator, formally announced, by electoral area, the names of the members elected following the Local Elections held on May 23rd and June 7th, 2014, as follows:

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Local Electoral Area

Cllr Matt Carthy	Cllr P.J. O’Hanlon
Cllr Noel Keelan	Cllr Pádraig McNally
Cllr Aidan Campbell	Cllr Jackie Crowe

Monaghan Local Electoral Area:

Cllr Brian McKenna	Cllr David Maxwell
Cllr Seamus Treanor	Cllr Sean Conlon
Cllr Robbie Gallagher	Cllr Páudge Connolly

Ballybay- Clones Local Electoral Area:

Cllr Seamus Coyle	Cllr Eugene Bannigan
Cllr Ciara McPhillips	Cllr Hugh McElvaney
Cllr Cathy Bennett	Cllr Pat Treanor

Mr. King, Director of Services then presided over the election of the Cathaoirleach.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach of the County of Monaghan:

*On the proposal of Cllr P.J. O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr S. Coyle, **Cllr P. McNally** was nominated for the position of Cathaoirleach.*

As there were no other nominations, Mr. King declared **Cllr McNally elected as Cathaoirleach of the County of Monaghan** and invited Cllr McNally to take the Chair.

Cllr McNally assumed the Chair and thanked the Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach of the County of Monaghan for the forthcoming year. He also thanked his proposer and seconder and stated that he looked forward to working with the members

and officials over the coming year for the betterment of the county. Whilst he was delighted and honoured to accept the position he could not forget the loss of his Council colleague, the late Cllr Owen Bannigan. He was delighted that the Bannigan family name would continue on the Council following the election of Owen's son, Cllr. Eugene Bannigan.

Cllr McNally then invited the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Sean Conlon, to address the Council.

Cllr Conlon congratulated Cllr McNally on his election as Cathaoirleach. He reflected on the many positive aspects of his year in office. He thanked the members and officials for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

Cllr Paudge Connolly protested at the exclusion of the non-party members from the election of the Cathaoirleach. He stated that the Chair should be rotated between all political groupings on the Council.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach of County of Monaghan:

*On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr N. Keelan, **Cllr J. Crowe**, was nominated for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.*

As there were no further nominations, Cllr J. Crowe was declared elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the County of Monaghan.

Cllr Crowe thanked his proposer and seconder and assured the Cathaoirleach and Members of his total co-operation in the forthcoming year.

3. Election of Chairs-designate for the Strategic Policy Committees

(i) SPC for Housing and Fire & Civil Protection.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr C. McPhillips, was nominated for the position of Chair of the SPC for Housing and Fire & Civil Protection.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllr C. McPhillips** was declared elected as the Chair of the SPC for Housing and Fire & Civil Protection.

(ii) SPC for Social, Cultural and Community Development.

*On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, **Cllr B. McKenna**, was nominated for the position of Chair of the SPC for Social, Cultural and Community Development.*

As there were no further nominations, **Cllr B. McKenna** was declared elected as the Chair of the SPC for Social, Cultural and Community Development.

(iii) SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise Support.

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Crowe, Cllr P. Treanor, was nominated for the position of SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise Support.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllr P. Treanor** was declared elected as the Chair of the SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise Support.

(iv) SPC for Environment and Transport.

*On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, **Cllr R. Gallagher**, was nominated for the position of Chair of the SPC for Environment and Transport.*

As there were no further nominations, **Cllr R. Gallagher** was declared elected as the Chair of the SPC for Environment and Transport.

4. Nomination of five representatives to Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board.

In accordance with the Education and Training Boards Act 2013 (Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014, regarding gender balance, Cllr C. McPhillips (proposed by Cllrs Campbell and Bannigan) and Cllr C. Bennett (proposed by Cllrs B. McKenna and P. Treanor) were nominated as the two female representatives to the Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Coyle was nominated to the Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board.

On the proposal of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr Carthy was nominated to the Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr O'Hanlon was nominated to the Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs C. McPhillips, C. Bennett, S. Coyle, M. Carthy and Cllr P.J. O'Hanlon** were declared elected to the Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board.

5. Nomination of one representative to the Monaghan Local Sports Partnership Board.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Bennett, Cllr S. Conlon was nominated as the Council's representative to the Monaghan Local Sports Partnership Board.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllr S. Conlon** was declared elected to the Monaghan Local Sports Partnership Board.

6. Nomination of two representatives to the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr Conlon, Cllr Crowe was nominated to the Border Midland and Western Regional Assembly.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Coyle was nominated to the Border Midland and Western Regional Assembly.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs J. Crowe and S. Coyle** were declared elected as the Council's nominees to the Border Midland and Western Regional Assembly.

7. Nomination of two representatives to the Management Board of ICBAN Ltd., (Irish Central Border Areas Network)

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr P. Treanor was nominated to the Management Board of ICBAN.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Gallagher was nominated to the Management Board of ICBAN.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs P. Treanor and R. Gallagher**, were declared elected as the Council's nominees to the Management Board of ICBAN.

8. (i) Nomination of six representatives to the East Border Region Members Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr Bannigan, seconded by Cllr McPhillips, Cllrs Campbell and Maxwell were nominated to the East Border Region Members Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Bennett, Cllrs Keelan and Crowe were nominated to the East Border Region Members Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, Cllrs McNally and O'Hanlon were nominated to the East Border Region Members Forum.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs A. Campbell, D. Maxwell, N. Keelan, J. Crowe, P. McNally and P.J. O'Hanlon** were declared elected to the East Border Region Members Forum.

(ii) Nomination of one representative (from among the six representatives) as a Director to the Board of East Border Region Ltd.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr Crowe was nominated as a Director to the Board of East Border Region Ltd.

As there was no other nomination, **Cllr J. Crowe** was declared nominated as a Director to the Board of East Border Region Ltd.

9. Nomination of four representatives to the Blackwater Regional Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr A. Campbell, Cllr Maxwell was nominated as a representative to the Blackwater Regional Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr J. Crowe, Cllr Conlon was nominated as a representative to the Blackwater Regional Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Coyle was nominated as a representative to the Blackwater Regional Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, Cllr S. Treanor was nominated as a representative to the Blackwater Regional Partnership.

As there were no other nominations **Cllrs D. Maxwell, S. Conlon, S. Coyle and S. Treanor** were declared elected to the Blackwater Regional Partnership.

10. Nomination of three representatives to Regional Health Forum – Dublin and North East.

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr McPhillips, Cllr Maxwell was nominated as a representative to the Regional Health Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr McKenna was nominated as a representative to the Regional Health Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr Gallagher was nominated as a representative to the Regional Health Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr S. Treanor, Cllr Connolly was nominated as a representative to the Regional Health Forum.

A recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For Cllr Maxwell: Cllrs Bannigan, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, McKenna, McNally, McPhillips, O’Hanlon and P. Treanor. **Total 16**

For Cllr B. McKenna: Cllrs Bannigan, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, McKenna, McNally, McPhillips, O’Hanlon and P. Treanor. **Total 16**

For Cllr Gallagher: Cllrs Bannigan, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, McKenna, McNally, McPhillips, O’Hanlon and P. Treanor. **Total 16**

For Cllr Connolly: Cllrs Connolly and S. Treanor. **Total 2**

Cllrs D. Maxwell, B. McKenna and R. Gallagher were declared elected to the Regional Health Forum, Dublin and North East.

11. Nomination of one representative to IPB Insurance.

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr R. Gallagher, Cllr Coyle was nominated as the Council’s representative to IPB Insurance.

As there was no other nomination, **Cllr S. Coyle** was declared elected to IPB Insurance.

12. Nominations to the Association of Irish Local Government:

(i) Nomination of three delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Local Government (one per Municipal District).

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr Gallagher was nominated as a delegate to the Annual Conference of the AILG.

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr McNally was nominated as a delegate to the Annual Conference of the AILG.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr Crowe, Cllr Bennett was nominated as a delegate to the Annual Conference of the AILG.

As there were no other nominations, **Cllrs R. Gallagher, P. McNally and C. Bennett** were declared elected as the delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Local Government.

(ii) Nomination of three delegates to the Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr S. Coyle, Cllr Gallagher was nominated as a delegate to the Standing Policy Council of the AILG.

On the proposal of Cllr O’Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr McNally was nominated as a delegate to the Standing Policy Council of the AILG.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr Crowe, Cllr Bennett was nominated as a delegate to the Standing Policy Council of the AILG.

Cllrs R. Gallagher, P. McNally and C. Bennett were declared elected as delegates to the Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government.

13. Nomination of one representative to the Local Authority Members Association.

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, Cllr Conlon was nominated to the Local Authority Members Association.

As there was no other nomination, **Cllr S. Conlon** was declared elected to the Local Authority Members Association.

14. Nomination of one representative to the North East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Carthy, Cllr Connolly was nominated to the North East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

As there was no other nomination, **Cllr P. Connolly** was declared elected to the North East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

15. Nomination of three representatives to the Peace III Peace and Reconciliation Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Bannigan, Cllr Campbell was nominated to the Peace III Peace and Reconciliation Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr Crowe, Cllr P. Treanor was nominated to the Peace III Peace and Reconciliation Partnership.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Coyle was nominated to the Peace III Peace and Reconciliation Partnership.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs A. Campbell, P. Treanor and S. Coyle** were declared elected to the Peace III Peace and Reconciliation Partnership.

16. Nomination of one representative to the Monaghan Age Friendly Alliance Committee

On the proposal of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, Cllr Bennett was nominated to the Monaghan Age Friendly Alliance Committee

As there was no other nomination, **Cllr C. Bennett** was declared elected to the Monaghan Age Friendly Alliance Committee.

17. Nomination of four representatives to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Coyle was nominated to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr B. McKenna, Cllr Carthy was nominated to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Bannigan, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, Cllr C. McPhillips was nominated to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr S. Treanor was nominated to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs S. Coyle, M. Carthy, C. McPhillips and S. Treanor** were declared elected to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

18. Nomination of two representatives to the Audit Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr Bennett, Cllr Conlon was nominated to the Audit Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Bannigan, Cllr McPhillips was nominated to the Audit Committee.

As there were no other nominations, **Cllr S. Conlon and Cllr C. McPhillips** were declared elected to the Audit Committee.

19. Nomination of one representative to the Road Safety Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Bannigan, Cllr McElvaney was nominated to the Road Safety Committee.

As there was no other nomination, **Cllr H. McElvaney** was declared elected to the Road Safety Committee.

20. Nomination of five representatives to Local Steering Group for the Use of Irish in Monaghan County Council (Coiste Gaeilge)

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Campbell, Cllr McElvaney was nominated to the Coiste Gaeilge.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Gallagher was nominated to the Coiste Gaeilge.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr P. Treanor and Cllr J. Crowe were nominated to the Coiste Gaeilge.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr B. McKenna, Cllr C. Bennett was declared nominated to the Coiste Gaeilge.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs H. McElvaney, R. Gallagher, P. Treanor, J. Crowe and C. Bennett** were declared elected to the Coiste Gaeilge.

21. Nomination of four representatives to An Coiste Logainmneacha

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Campbell, Cllr McElvaney was nominated to the Coiste Logainmneacha.

On the proposal of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr P. Treanor was nominated to the Coiste Logainmneacha.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Gallagher was nominated to the Coiste Logainmneacha.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr Bennett, Cllr Crowe was nominated to the Coiste Logainmneacha.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs H. McElvaney, R. Gallagher, P. Treanor, and J. Crowe** were declared elected to the Coiste Logainmneacha.

22. Nomination of four representatives to Museum Advisory Committee:

On the proposal of Cllr Keelan, seconded by Cllr B. McKenna, Cllr Crowe was nominated to the Museum Advisory Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr O'Hanlon was nominated to the Museum Advisory Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr McPhillips, seconded by Cllr Campbell, Cllr Maxwell was nominated to the Museum Advisory Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr S. Treanor was nominated to the Museum Advisory Committee.

*As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs J. Crowe, P.J. O'Hanlon, D. Maxwell and S. Treanor** were declared elected to the Museum Advisory Committee*

23. Nomination of four representatives to Local Monitoring Committee (Rural Water Programme)

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr C. Bennett, Cllr McKenna was nominated to the Local Water Monitoring Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Bannigan, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, Cllr Campbell was nominated to the Local Water Monitoring Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllr O'Hanlon was nominated to the Local Water Monitoring Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr Connolly was nominated to the Local Water Monitoring Committee.

*As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs B. McKenna, A. Campbell, Cllr P.J. O'Hanlon and P. Connolly** were declared elected to the Local Water Monitoring Committee.*

24. Nomination of six representatives to the Speed Limits Committee:

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllrs P. Treanor and Crowe were nominated to the Speed Limits Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllrs McNally and Gallagher were nominated to the Speed Limits Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, Cllr Bannigan was nominated to the Speed Limits Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr S. Treanor was nominated to the Speed Limits Committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs P. Treanor, J. Crowe, P. McNally, R. Gallagher, E. Bannigan and S. Treanor** were declared elected to the Speed Limits Committee.

25. Nomination of four representatives to the Disability Steering Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Coyle was nominated to the Disability Act 2005 Steering Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr B. McKenna, Cllr Bennett was nominated to the Disability Act 2005 Steering Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Bannigan, Cllr McPhillips was nominated to the Disability Act 2005 Steering Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, Cllr Connolly was nominated to the Disability Act 2005 Steering committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs S. Coyle, C. Bennett, C. McPhillips and P. Connolly** were declared elected to the Disability Steering Committee.

26. Nomination of four representatives to the Twinning Committee

On the proposal of Cllr O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr S. Coyle, Cllr McNally was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr McPhillips, seconded by Cllr Bannigan, Cllr Campbell was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr McKenna, Cllr P. Treanor was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr S. Treanor was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs McNally, Campbell, P. Treanor and S. Treanor** were declared elected to the Twinning Committee.

27. Nomination of six members to the Muckno Development Committee:

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Coyle, Cllrs McNally and O'Hanlon were nominated to the Muckno Development Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllrs Campbell and Bannigan were nominated to the Muckno Development Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllrs B. McKenna and Crowe were nominated to the Muckno Development Committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs P. McNally, P.J. O'Hanlon, A. Campbell, E. Bannigan, J. Crowe and B. McKenna** were declared elected to the Muckno Development Committee.

28. Nomination of four members to the County Monaghan Heritage Forum

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, Cllr McPhillips was nominated to the County Monaghan Heritage Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr Crowe, Cllr P. Treanor was nominated to the County Monaghan Heritage Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Coyle was nominated to the County Monaghan Heritage Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr S. Treanor was nominated to the County Monaghan Heritage Forum.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs C. McPhillips, P. Treanor, S. Coyle and S. Treanor** were declared elected to the County Monaghan Heritage Forum.

29. Nomination of six members to the Standing Orders and Procedures Committee

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, Cllr McNally was nominated to the Standing Orders and Procedures Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Keelan, Cllr B. McKenna and Crowe were nominated to the Standing Orders and Procedures Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr C. McPhillips, Cllrs McElvaney and Maxwell were nominated to the Standing Orders and Procedures Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, seconded by Cllr McElvaney, Cllr P. Connolly was nominated to the Standing Orders and Procedures Committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs P. McNally, B. McKenna, J. Crowe, H. McElvaney, D. Maxwell and P. Connolly** were declared elected to the Standing Orders and Procedures Committee.

30. Nomination of three members to the Monaghan Leisure Complex Management Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, Cllr Gallagher was nominated to the Monaghan Leisure Complex Management Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr Bennett, Cllr Conlon was nominated to the Monaghan Leisure Complex Management Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Bannigan, Cllr Maxwell was nominated to the Monaghan Leisure Complex Management Committee.

As there were no further nominations, **Cllrs R. Gallagher, S. Conlon and D. Maxwell** were declared elected to the Monaghan Leisure Complex Management Committee.

31. Appointment of members to witness the affixing of the Official Seal.

On the proposal of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, it was agreed that all members of the Council be appointed to witness the affixing of the Official Seal.

32. Appointment of members to witness the opening of Tenders.

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Crowe it was agreed that the members of the Monaghan Municipal District be appointed to witness the opening of tenders.

33. To agree a schedule for ordinary meetings of Monaghan County Council.

It was agreed that consideration of this item would be deferred until September 2014.

34. To agree dates for holding initial meeting of each Municipal District:

The following dates were agreed for the initial meetings of the Municipal Districts

- (i) Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District**
Friday 27th June, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Offices, Carrickmacross.
- (ii) Ballybay-Clones Municipal District**
Thursday 26th June 2014 at 4.00 p.m. in the Courthouse, Clones.
- (iii) Monaghan Municipal District**
Tuesday 1st July, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building.

35. To adopt the Monaghan County Council Draft Standing Orders:

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was agreed that the Council adopt the Draft Standing Orders subject to the following amendments:

- S.O. 6.2** Insert the following – “Where the day for the Ordinary meeting falls on a bank holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following Monday”
- S.O. 8.1** Time of Ordinary meetings to be 10.30 a.m.

36. To nominate members to attend Induction Training for Elected Members on 25th June, 2014 in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Coyle it was agreed that Monaghan County Council nominates the following members to attend the training seminar being organised by the Association of Irish Local Government for all elected members to take place on the 25th June, 2014 in Tullamore -

Cllr B. McKenna, Cllr S. Conlon, Cllr J. Crowe, Cllr C. Bennett, Cllr N. Keelan, Cllr D. Maxwell, Cllr C. McPhillips, Cllr E. Bannigan, Cllr S. Treanor, Cllr P. Connolly, Cllr S. Coyle and Cllr P. McNally.

Resignation of Cllr Matt Carthy:

Cllr Matt Carthy announced his resignation, with immediate effect, from Monaghan Council, following his election to the European Parliament. He stated that it was an honour and a privilege to have been a member of the County Council since his election in 2004. He would use every avenue open to him, during his time in Europe, to secure benefits for the county.

Cllr Carthy complimented Mr. P. Clifford, Returning Officer and his staff for the way in which the local election count was conducted.

A number of members spoke and congratulated Cllr Carthy on his election to the European Parliament and wished him every success in his new portfolio.

It was agreed that the July Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 8th July, 2014 and that the filling of the casual vacancy created by Cllr Carthy's resignation would be dealt with at that meeting.

The Cathaoirleach wished former member Aidan Murray and his wife Anne good health and happiness in the future.

Votes of Sympathy:

It was agreed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the following:

- *Con McCrossan, Council staff on the death of his mother, Mary, RIP, late of Omagh.*
- *Michael McDonnell, Northern Standard reporter on the death of his father, Sean, RIP late of Cootehill.*

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

The meeting concluded at 12.45 pm.