

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones monthly meeting held on 26th June 2014 at 4pm in the Courthouse, McCurtain Street, Clones.

Members Present Cllrs:- Eugene Bannigan, Cathy Bennett, Seamus Coyle, Hugh McElvaney, Ciara McPhillips and Pat Treanor

In Attendance Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive, Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Kieran Duffy, Executive Engineer, Roisin Moore, Assistant Engineer, Angela Gallagher, Staff Officer, Ann Burke, Assistant Staff Officer, Eileen McManus, Clerical Officer, Fionnuala Sherlock, Clerical Officer and Frances Matthews, Monaghan Co. Council.

Mr McNally welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the first order of business was to elect the Cathaoirleach, he then requested nominations for the election of Cathaoirleach.

1.(a) Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr Ciara McPhillips was proposed by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and seconded by Cllr Eugene Bannigan. As there were no other nominations; Cllr Ciara McPhillips was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones for the coming term. Cllr. McPhillips then took the chair and thanked her proposers for nominating her as the first Cathaoirleach of the new Municipal District.

1.(b) Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllr Pat Treanor was proposed by Cllr Cathy Bennett and seconded by Cllr Seamus Coyle. As there were no other nominations Cllr Pat Treanor was declared elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach for the coming term.

Mr. Cummins, Chief Executive of Monaghan County Council congratulated both the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach on their elections. Mr Cummins stated that the role of the Elected Member was now different, it was about dealing with local issues at a local level. He said It was about bringing communities together and encouraging them to have a more active role in their areas. He also stated that it's not just about Ballybay and Clones but the district as a whole. He also asked people to be patient as they would not have the same access to the Public Representatives as they previously did.

2. Adoption of Standing Orders

6. Place of Meetings - Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed that the Ballybay Town Council offices also be used for the monthly meetings, this was seconded by Cllr Eugene Bannigan and agreed by all members.

7. Time of Meetings – It was proposed by Cllr Hugh McElvaney that the meetings take place on the third Monday of the Month at 10am; this was seconded by Cllr Eugene Bannigan and agreed by all members.

11. Quorum – Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed that this paragraph to state that the quorum is 3, this was seconded by Cllr Eugene Bannigan and agreed by all members.

17. Advice that exercise of Reserved Functions should be by the Local Authority

17.1 & 17.3 Mr A King noted that this should read the Chief Executive or his/her nominee in both paragraphs

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed to adopt Standing Orders with amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett.

3.&4. Function and Role of Municipal Districts & Outline of Reserved Functions

Mr A King, Director of Services presented an overview on the above topics. Mr King confirmed the role of the various Municipal District Staff. The key functions of the Municipal District members, particularly those of

- strengthening role in policy formation and overseeing implementation,
- having the power to establish committees,
- determining how the General Municipal Allocation will be spent and have input into the draft Local Authority Budget plan

were outlined.

Mr King also noted the new reserved functions and operational functions to be delivered at Municipal District level. Mr King confirmed the role of the Co-ordinator and advised of the close link between staff & Elected Members.

5. Report by Municipal District Co-Ordinator

Mr K McNally confirmed he had been appointed to the role of Municipal District Coordinator and Meetings Administrator for the Ballybay Clones Municipal District. He has overall responsibility for the daily operation of the District. He confirmed the other members of staff assigned to the district office and what their roles are. He outlined the key projects in the district which are:

- **Peace Link Sports Project**
- **2014 Roads Programme**
- **Sli Na Slainte**
- **Flood alleviation schemes**
- **Barry McGuigan Park project**
- **Market House project**
- **Ulster Canal**
- **Derelict sites**

Mr K Duffy, Executive Engineer circulated a copy of the 2014 planned road works currently being carried out in the area along with a map of the area. Overall status of the works programme was outlined. Mr Duffy advised Councillors that this is a new role and a new challenge for him and he is looking forward to working together with them now and into the future.

6. Nomination of members to Clones Erne East Partnership

Cllr Pat Treanor outlined to the meeting the role of the Clones Erne East Partnership and advised that previously all the Town Councillors were members of this group. Cllr Treanor proposed that all 6 members of the Municipal District become members of the Partnership. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney requested that staff members from Monaghan County Council attend the meetings of the Clones Erne East Partnership. Mr. Cummins confirmed that relevant staff members would be available to attend meetings.

Ballybay TC & Clones TC

The Members wish to acknowledge all the hard work carried out by Councillors and staff of both Ballybay Town Council and Clones Town Council over the years. This was proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor, seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.