

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Monday 19 June, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

Chair: Cllr P.J. O’Hanlon, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllrs. Aughey, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Crowe, Gilliland, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, B. McKenna, McNally, P. Treanor and S. Treanor.

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

At the outset, the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr P.J. O’Hanlon recalled the highlights of his year in office. He stated that it had been a great honour for him to serve as Cathaoirleach for the past year. He thanked the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr S. Treanor; his Councillor colleagues; the Management and Staff of the Council, staff from the Corporate Affairs Section and his family for their support and assistance during his term as Cathaoirleach. He also thanked the local media for their fair and balanced reporting of Council meetings.

All members joined in paying tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach for the fair and efficient way in which he had run the Council meetings during the year.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach:

Cllr O’Hanlon sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr P. Treanor proposed, Cllr McKenna seconded, that Cllr Cathy Bennett be nominated for the position of Cathaoirleach of County Monaghan.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Bennett was declared elected as Cathaoirleach

Cllr Bennett then took up the position of Cathaoirleach. She thanked her proposer and seconder and her party colleagues for giving her this opportunity and the elected members for supporting her election. She paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr O’Hanlon and the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr S. Treanor, for their dedication and commitment during the past year. She then outlined her objectives for the coming year.

All members congratulated Cllr Bennett on her election as Cathaoirleach and wished her success during her term of office.

2. Election of Leas Chathaoirleach:

Cllr Bennett sought nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Maxwell proposed, Cllr Gilliland seconded that Cllr Aidan Campbell be nominated for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

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

Cllr Campbell 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 her 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 Campbell 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. He also thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach for the way in which they undertake the duties of their respective roles during the past year.

Cllr Bennett stated that given the impact of Brexit on the border region and particularly Co. Monaghan she proposed that the Council would invite Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and with responsibility for Brexit to a meeting of the Council to discuss this important matter. The proposal was seconded by Cllr P. Treanor and agreed by the Council.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____
