

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 20th June 2017 at 12.00pm in Clones Courthouse, Clones, Co Monaghan.

Members Present Cathaoirleach, Pat Treanor presided

The following members were also present:-Cllrs: Cathy Bennett, Seamus Coyle, Sean Gilliland, and Hugh McElvaney

In Attendance Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy, Assistant Engineer, Séamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer.

At the outset of the meeting Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Cllr Cathy Bennett on becoming Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council. Cllr Pat Treanor thanked all the councillors for their help over the year. He also thanked the MD staff for their help. Cllr Pat Treanor thanked the outdoor staff for their hard work and commented on the good work that the CE staff had done with the various community groups. He commented that the temp staff should be kept on to continue this good work. Cllr Pat Treanor also thanked Nial Quigley Community Liaison Officer for his hard work.

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke of all the good work that has been done in the last year. He commented on the Ulster Canal and noted that although progress is slow that we must continue to lobby regarding this. He spoke of the free Wi-Fi now available and how this can help with job creation.

Cllr Pat Treanor was delighted to see dereliction been addressed in both Clones and Ballybay.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney thanked Cllr Pat Treanor for his commitment & loyalty to the chair and he spoke of the great work that he had done in representing the MD. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also paid tribute to outgoing Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Seamus Coyle. He also congratulated Cllr Cathy Bennett on her election to the position of Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr Pat Treanor asked for nominations for Cathaoirleach of Ballybay-Clones Municipal District.

Cllr Seamus Coyle was proposed by Cllr Hugh Mc Elvaney and seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland. Cllr Sean Gilliland thanked Cllr Pat Treanor for all his hard work and wished Cllr Seamus Coyle all the best; he also congratulated Cllr Cathy Bennett on her election as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Seamus Coyle was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones for the coming year.

Cllr Seamus Coyle then assumed the position of Cathaoirleach.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllr Seamus Coyle sought nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr Sean Gilliland was proposed by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor. Cllr Pat Treanor also congratulated Cllr Seamus Coyle on his election.

As there were no other nominations for this position, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr Sean Gilliland elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Mr Adge King congratulated both Cllr Seamus Coyle and Cllr Sean Gilliland in their new roles and advised that he and the staff of the Municipal District looked forward to working and assisting them in their new positions.

Mr Adge King also congratulated Cllr. Cathy Bennett on her appointment as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council. He thanked Cllr. Pat Treanor for his hard work, he commented that Cllr Treanor had been a great ambassador for the MD and that he had brought MD staff and community together.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett congratulated Cllr. Seamus Coyle and stated that she looked forward to working with him for the better of the MD. She also congratulated Cllr Sean Gilliland. She thanked the Cllr Pat Treanor for all his hard work.

Cllr. Seamus Coyle complimented Cllr. Pat Treanor for all his hard work and congratulated Cllr. Cathy Bennett on her election as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council. He also congratulated Cllr. Hugh McElvaney on celebrating 43 years continuous service as a member of Monaghan County Council. Cllr Coyle also paid tribute to former Cllr Ciara McPhillips who due to work commitments had recently resigned from Monaghan County Council.

Cllr Seamus Coyle commented on the hard work of Mr Kevin McNally and all the staff in the MD.

Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that he wanted to see progression in a number of key areas within the Municipal District;

- Progression of Ulster Canal project,
- Public transport within the Municipal District
- To invite Shane Ross TD to Raferagh, Corduff, Ballytrain and Bawn and see what people are putting up with, we need the resources to deal with what is now a crisis in our local roads network.
- Securing additional funding needed for public lighting
- A report from engineering staff assessing the state of our roads network and a costing of same to bring up to an acceptable standard.
- To meet with Bank of Ireland regarding proposed cashless banks in the area
- The North-South Interconnector is a huge concern to the people in the area and is not acceptable as proposed. Leo Varadker, Denis Naughton and Co must be clear that this generation of people in the area are not going to let them destroy our area for generations especially when there is a clear alternative- Undergrounding of the proposed network.
- To meet with all MEPs and Oireachtas members from the area to discuss ongoing issues.

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the following

- Proposed that Ballybay Clones Municipal District meet with Cavan Monaghan Rural Transport Co-ordination Unit (CMTCU) to discuss the provision of full and proper bus transport services to and from Ballybay and Clones and the Municipal District in general, especially to CMETB courses at Ballybay Wetlands Centre. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

- Proposed that Ballybay-Clones Municipal District seek an immediate meeting with Bank of Ireland management to seek the reversal of the proposed downgrading of services at their branches in Ballybay-Clones on the 9th August 2017 to 'Cashless Bank'. This is a huge blow to customers and business across the area. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.
- Proposed that Ballybay-Clones Municipal District invite all MEP's and Oireachtas members for the constituency to the September meeting of the Municipal District to discuss all relevant issues to the MD. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date 20th June 2017