

**Comhairle Baile Mhuineacháin**  
**Monaghan Town Council**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber of Monaghan Town Council, Town Hall, 1 Dublin Street, Monaghan.

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Robbie Gallagher

**Present:** Cllrs. Mary Carroll, Seán Conlon, Thomas Hagan, David Maxwell, Paul McGeown, Donal Sherry, Seamus Treanor and Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.

**In Attendance:** Declan Nelson, County Manager, Gareth Mc Mahon, Town Engineer, Marie Deighan, Town Clerk and Sinead McCann, Staff Officer.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Robbie Gallagher stated that it was an honour for him to be elected Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council for the year 2010/2011 and thanked sincerely the A/County Manager, Town Engineer, Town Clerk, Media and all the staff of the Town Council for their co-operation and help during his term of office. Cllr. Gallagher also thanked the former County Manager, Declan Nelson and wished Declan and his wife Mary many happy years of retirement. Cllr Gallagher paid tribute to the co-operative spirit of the elected Members throughout the year and thanked them for giving him the opportunity of being Cathaoirleach for the year. Cllr Gallagher reflected on his year as Cathaoirleach and stated that the new Education Campus at Knockaconny was a fantastic good news story for the town, the Firestation on the By-pass was under construction and would be ready for opening next year and the works carried out to The Diamond, Dublin Street and Old Cross Square under BMW funding has resulted in the town looking very well.

The Members in turn paid tribute to Cllr Gallagher on the efficient manner in which he conducted the business of the Town Council in the past year and they wished him well in the future. David Fallon, A/County Manager, acknowledged the work of Cllr. Gallagher and thanked him on behalf of the staff for the courtesy he had given at all times during his term of office.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach.**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Robbie Gallagher called for proposals for Cathaoirleach for 2011/2012. Cllr David Maxwell was proposed by Cllr Mary Carroll and seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan. There, been no further proposals for the office of Cathaoirleach, Cllr David Maxwell was deemed elected Cathaoirleach.

Cllr David Maxwell took the chair.

Cllr Maxwell stated that he was honoured and proud to be asked to serve as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council and thanked the Members for their support and looked forward to working with them in the year ahead. Cllr Maxwell stated that he looked forward to working with all the different groups in the town to promote Monaghan. Cllr. Maxwell referred to the International Forge-In Festival which is due to commence on the 23rd June, the Jazz Festival in September and the switching on of the Christmas Lights in December. Cllr. Maxwell also stated that the last time he was Cathaoirleach of the Town Council the Contract for the Mixed Use Development was signed and now unfortunately due to the economic downturn it looked like the site of the development will be returned to a surface car park. Cllr. Maxwell hoped that this work would be completed in 2011.

## **2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

Cllr David Maxwell called for proposals for Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Paul McGeown was proposed by Cllr Seán Conlon and seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan. There, been no further proposals for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul McGeown was deemed elected Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr McGeown thanked the Members for electing him.

The Members of the Town Council congratulated Cllr David Maxwell on his appointment as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council and wished him every success in the forthcoming year. David Fallon, Acting County Manager concurred with the above sentiments.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

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**Cathaoirleach**