

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Garage Theatre, Armagh Road, Monaghan, on Monday 21st June, 2021.

Chair: Cllr C. Carthy, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllrs. Aughey, Bennett, Campbell, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Gilliland, Keelan, Kerr-Conlon, Maxwell, McCooey, McElvaney, McKenna, O'Hanlon, P. Treanor, S. Treanor, R. Truell.

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Mr. J. Murray, Head of Finance, Ms. P. Monahan, Director of Services, Mr. C. Flynn, A/Director of Services, Ms. M. McGarvey, Senior Staff Officer and Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator.

Vote of sympathy:

At the outset, Cllr C. Carthy, Cathaoirleach referred to the sad passing of Mamo McDonald RIP, a lifelong campaigner for women's rights and former national President of the Irish Countrywomen's Association and stated that a number of members wished to pay tribute to the late Mamo and he would allow a short period of time for this purpose.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr S. Coyle it was agreed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the sons and daughters and extended family circle of the late Mamo McDonald, RIP

All members associated themselves with the expression of sympathy to the McDonald family as did the Chief Executive on behalf of the Management and staff of the Council.

Outgoing Cathaoirleach's address:

Cllr Colm Carthy, outgoing Cathaoirleach addressed all present. He recalled his year in office and outlined the main highlights and positives of that time, despite it being a very difficult year due to Covid 19. He thanked his party colleagues for nominating him for the position of Cathaoirleach and to the elected members for electing him to such a prestigious role. He was honoured to have served the people of the county over the past year. He thanked the Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr Truell for deputising for him on occasions. He also thanked the Chief Executive, Management Team and the staff of the Council for their hard work and for the courtesy shown to him during his term in office and also the local media for their impartial reporting of Council meetings. He especially thanked his wife Denise and his children for their support during the past year. He wished the new incumbent well in the year ahead.

All members commended Cllr Carthy for the way he had undertaken the role of Cathaoirleach, for the courtesy and respect shown to his fellow members and the efficient, fair and impartial way he had conducted Council meetings. Members also commended Cllr Truell for his year as Leas Chathaoirleach,

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive also thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach for the way in which they had undertaken the duties of their respective roles during the past year.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach of County Monaghan

Cllr Carthy sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Maxwell proposed, Cllr Gilliland seconded, that Cllr Aidan Campbell be nominated for the position of Cathaoirleach of County Monaghan for the year 2021/2022.

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

Cllr Campbell then took up the position of Cathaoirleach. He thanked his proposer and seconder and his party colleagues for giving him this opportunity and the elected members for supporting his election. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Carthy and the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr Truell, for their dedication and commitment during the past year. He then outlined his objectives for the coming year.

All members congratulated Cllr Campbell on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him success during his term of office.

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

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

Cllr S. Treanor proposed, Cllr Coyle seconded that Cllr Hugh McElvaney be nominated for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach for the year 2021/2022.

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

All members joined in the congratulations to Cllr McElvaney. Cllr McElvaney thanked his proposer and seconder and the elected members for giving him the opportunity to serve as Leas Chathaoirleach and looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and the Executive in the year ahead.

All members congratulated Cllr McElvaney on his election as Leas-Chathaoirleach and wished him success during his term of office.

The Chief Executive joined in the congratulations to the newly elected 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.

Vote of congratulations:

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Conlon it was agreed that the Council congratulate Adam Lorden on his election as Mayor of Miramichi, with whom the Council is twinned

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____
