

## Municipal District of Monaghan.

**Annual General Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in M-tek 1 Building, Knockaconny, on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 11.30 a.m.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Raymond Aughey presided.

**Present:** Cllrs. Cathy Bennett, Sean Conlon, Paudge Connolly, Brian McKenna, David Maxwell and Seamus Treanor

**In Attendance:** Nuala Woods, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Michelle Curran, Senior Staff Officer, Michelle Allister, Staff Officer

### **1. (a) Election of Cathaoirleach:**

At the outset Cllr. Raymond Aughey welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Monaghan. He thanked the Members and Executive and all groups he had worked with throughout the year. He enjoyed the visit to Canada with Cllr. Conlon, Mr. McElwain and the group from Glaslough. He thanked his family and friends for all their support, Ms. Woods and Mr. John Murray now retired for their guidance, also Municipal District staff commenting on the need for more staff to deliver on all projects given how busy the Municipal District is. He also thanked Peter and Rory from Northern Standard.

Members congratulated Raymond on a successful year.

Cllr. Aughey sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Bennett was proposed by Cllr. McKenna, who stated Cllr. Bennett is Chair of the Womens Assembly, an able and determined public representative. This was seconded by Cllr. Conlon who stated that Cllr. Bennett sets a great example for women in politics, has a young family therefore knows about schooling and housing.

As there were no other proposals, Cllr. Aughey deemed Cllr. Bennett elected as Cathaoirleach.

Ms. Woods extended a sincere thank you to outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Aughey, and paid tribute to Monaghan Councillors as being genuine, sincere and committed Councillors stating the Executive feel supported by the Members. Ms. Woods extended a warm welcome to the new Cathaoirleach Cllr. Bennett.

### **(b) Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach:**

Cllr. Bennett on taking her seat sought nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Maxwell congratulated Cllr. Bennett and proposed Cllr. Aughey, for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach, seconded by Cllr. Treanor and Cllr. McKenna.

In the absence of any other nominations, Cllr. Aughey was deemed elected.

In her acceptance speech Cllr. Bennett thanked Cllr. McKenna for proposing her and Cllr. Conlon for seconding stating it is an honour and privilege to be Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Bennett outlined her priorities as:

Housing is top priority for North Monaghan and adequate childcare and playparks.

As Chairperson of the Womens Assembly she wanted to acknowledge the recent successful night held and wants men to support women to come to the Chamber.

Villages – A Masterplan for North Monaghan, she will look at what villages have a Masterplan and wants villages to be treated equally.

Slieve Beagh Partnership – As Chair of the Slieve Beagh Partnership ensuring Slieve Beagh gets funding.

Cllr. Bennett then thanked Executives and fellow members and stated she wishes to make North Monaghan the best place it can be.

Cllr. Bennett also thanked Peter Hughes and Rory Geary, Northern Standard for coming to AGM.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**