

Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan

Comhairle Contae Mhuineachain



The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney

Monaghan County Council

Minutes of proceedings of the Municipal District AGM held in Carrickmacross Civic Offices on Monday 26th June 2023 at 10.00am.

Present: Cathaoirleach Aidan Campbell

Cllrs. Aoife McCooey, PJ O’Hanlon, Colm Carthy, Noel Keelan and Peter Conlon

In Attendance: Carmel O’Hare, A/Director of Services, Damien Thornton, A/District Coordinator, Matthew Lambe, District Engineer, Deirdre Power, Staff Officer, Julieann O’Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer, Nadine Casey, Clerical Officer

Cllr. Campbell opened the AGM as outgoing Cathaoirleach and spoke about the many projects within the Municipal District, naming The Ridge, CTek II, Carrickmacross Workhouse, Castleblayney Library Gate Lodge and The Market House. He complimented all the local groups in Carrickmacross and Castleblayney and thanked all involved for their contributions.

Cllr. Campbell congratulated Vinny Corey, the backroom management team, and County Senior Team on reaching the Quarter Final of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship. He also congratulated Dermot Malone, the backroom management team, and the County Minor Team on reaching the Minor All-Ireland.

Cllr. Campbell passed on his thanks to the MD outdoor staff and Executive team, to his fellow Councillors, Minister Heather Humphreys, the current Government and to the media.

Cllr. Campbell wished to particularly welcome Cllr. Peter Conlon to Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District and to express his thanks to Cllr. McCooey for her role as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Finally, Cllr. Campbell expressed congratulations to Mr. Pat Byrne and his family for all his work on the ground rents issue in Carrickmacross.

Cllr. O’Hanlon congratulated Cllr, Campbell on his successful year as Cathaoirleach, calling him a fair and honest person, and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Cllr. O’Hanlon acknowledged the role of Cllr, McCooey as Leas Cathaoirleach and also wished to recognise the achievement of Mr. Pat Byrne.

Cllr. Keelan concurred with Cllr. O'Hanlon's comments and commended Mr. Pat Byrne for his role regarding the recent court case.

Cllr. Carthy echoed the previous sentiments about Cllr. Campbell as Cathaoirleach and Cllr. McCooey as Leas Cathaoirleach and passed on his congratulations to Mr. Pat Byrne and to the McBride brothers on the recent court case.

Cllr. Conlon concurred with the previous comments and wished to give his sincere thanks to all the Elected Members for their help and support over the past few months. Cllr. Conlon commended Mr. Pat Byrne and also wished to recognise the local tidy towns group for all their efforts.

Cllr. McCooey passed on her congratulations to Cllr. Campbell for his work as Cathaoirleach during the past year. Cllr. McCooey congratulated Mr. Pat Byrne.

Director of Services Carmel O'Hare congratulated Cllr. Campbell on a fantastic year and expressed thanks for the warm welcome she has received since joining in October 2022, also passing on thanks on behalf of MCC staff.

Mr. Pat Byrne wished to acknowledge the Elected Members kind words and congratulated the McBride brothers for taking on the challenge. He noted that other tenants have freeholds and wished them all the very best going forward.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. O'Hanlon proposed Cllr. McCooey for the position of Cathaoirleach and this was seconded by Cllr. Campbell. The Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. McCooey take up the position.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllr. McCooey took the Chair and requested nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr. Campbell proposed Cllr. Conlon for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach and this was seconded by Cllr. Carthy. The Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Conlon take up the position.

Director of Services, Carmel O'Hare expressed her congratulations to the newly nominated Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach. All Elected members concurred with this comment.

Cllr. McCooey expressed her thanks to her fellow Elected Members, family, the media, Fianna Fail party and the voters and spoke about the importance of Lough Muckno, noting that it will be one of her priorities to bring Hope Castle back to its full potential. Cllr. McCooey stated that the MD will be ready to apply for funding for The Market House and proposed that there should be space allocated in it to promote music and culture. Cllr. McCooey spoke about the importance of young people in the community and mentioned issues such as immigration, housing, mental health, and well-being. Cllr. McCooey noted that works are needed on the R182, Oram Road and the Toome Road. Cllr. McCooey stated that she hopes to have "Town Hall" types of meetings where she can meet with members of the community, commenting that it is vital to support our local towns and businesses and to work with our local groups, farmers and to focus on tourism. Cllr. McCooey concluded by stating she is honoured to represent the Municipal District.

Cllr, Conlon thank his fellow Councillors for the nominations and commented that it is a proud day for him and his family.

The meeting concluded at 11:00

Cathaoirleach

Date

Meeting Administrator