

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, M-Tek I Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 15th June 2026 at 12noon

Present: Cllrs Seamus Treanor, Pauric Clerkin, Raymond Aughey, Niamh McCooey, Alan Johnston, Bronagh McAree and Seán Conlon

In attendance: Ms. Nicola Payne, A/Director of Services, Mr. Martin Taylor, A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Mr. Ruairi O'Neill, Executive Engineer and Ms. Liz Brannigan, Administrative Officer

Outgoing Cathaoirleach's address:

Cllr Seamus Treanor, Outgoing Cathaoirleach, addressed the meeting, reflecting on the past 12 months and the role of Cathaoirleach; thanking his fellow Elected Members for their support during his term in office. Cllr Treanor also thanked the Executive for their support to him during his tenure as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Treanor referred to the nature of the Municipal District as being somewhat restricted in terms of roads funding, limiting what improvements can be carried out in the District.

Cllr Treanor also referred to the loss of our local newspaper, The Northern Standard, citing it as a huge loss to our community and acknowledged the important role it played in keeping the history of our county alive.

Cllr. Treanor highlighted the vast array of natural beauty across the county, including Sliabh Beagh, Emy Lough, Rossmore Park, Glaslough, Ballinode, Scotstown, while also mentioning the newly refurbished Church Square Plaza in Monaghan Town. Cllr Treanor acknowledged the recent accolade achieved by Monaghan Town, which was ranked the second cleanest town in Ireland in the IBAL survey.

Members joined in expressing their appreciation and extended best wishes to the Outgoing Cathaoirleach, commending the exemplary manner in which he carried out his role. They acknowledged the courtesy and respect he showed to fellow members, his honesty and passion for his county.

Ms. N. Payne, A/Director of Services, sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach of The Municipal District of Monaghan for 2026/2027

Cllr P. Clerkin proposed, Cllr R. Aughey seconded, that Cllr Alan Johnston be nominated to the position of Cathaoirleach of The Municipal District of Monaghan for the year 2026/27.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Alan Johnston was declared elected as Cathaoirleach.

Following his election, Cllr A. Johnston assumed the position of Cathaoirleach and expressed his gratitude to his fellow members for nominating him to the role. He remarked that it was a great honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach and paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Seamus Treanor, for his dedicated service to the people of Monaghan. He extended his best wishes to Cllr Treanor and his family for the future.

The Cathaoirleach further acknowledged and thanked Mr. Peter Hughes, journalist with the Anglo-Celt, for his continued commitment to covering the work of the Municipal District and the wider county.

In his address, the new Cathaoirleach emphasised the importance of establishing a dedicated sub-committee to tackle persistent anti-social issues, ensuring that public spaces remain safe and welcoming for all members of the community.

He highlighted key priorities for his term, including:

- Promoting Monaghan and engaging positively with the community
- Supporting initiatives to reduce anti-social behaviour
- Advancing infrastructure projects, including local road improvements
- Encouraging the development of public and private housing
- Progressing regeneration and heritage projects, in particular the Convent Lands
- Promoting Rossmore Park

The Elected Members welcomed the appointment, noting the Chair's commitment, experience, and strong community focus.

The Members congratulated Cllr Johnston on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him success during his term of office.

Cllr A. Johnston sought nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach of The Municipal District of Monaghan for 2026/2027

Cllr S. Conlon proposed, Cllr B. McAree seconded, that Cllr Niamh McCooey be nominated to the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach of The Municipal District of Monaghan for the year 2026/27.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr Niamh McCooey was declared elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

The members joined in their congratulations to Cllr McCooey on her election as Leas-Chathaoirleach and wished her every success during her term. Cllr McCooey thanked Members for the nomination and stated that she is honoured to be working alongside the Cathaoirleach for the year ahead.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Municipal District Coordinator

Dated this _____ day of July 2026