

## Annual Meeting - Borough District of Drogheda – June 2016

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Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, Drogheda on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

### In attendance:

**Mayor:** Councillor Paul Bell

**Members:** Councillors: J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, P. Smith, O.Tully

**Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Fiona Downes, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Councillor R. Culhane

### Minute No. 62/16

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Paul Bell, welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting and outlined that the business of the meeting was to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Bell stated that it was an honour to hold office of the Mayor for three periods over six years.

Cllr. Bell extended his thanks as Mayor to Cllr. R. Culhane for fulfilling his role as Deputy Mayor, to the members for their support and especially for the support of Joan Martin, Chief Executive and her staff including P. Donnelly, P. Finn, J. Lawrence and F. Downes.

Cllr. Bell acknowledged work with groups across the town including Drogheda Tidy Towns, the Maritime festival which is now at an International level. It was his job to protect and develop our heritage - such as the recovery of the Merriweather fire engine for the people of the town - without the contribution from the Chief Executive this would not have happened. He also stated that his work for the homeless in the town would continue.

Cllr. Bell acknowledged those who received the Mayoral Awards for their continued contribution to the town in areas such as the support of the elderly, sick, youth etc.

Cllr. Bell concluded by saying that it was a great honour and privilege to serve as Mayor even though it can be a challenging job. He wanted particular thanks to be given to Julie Faulkner, Cepta Farrelly, Mary Pentony, Gillian Halpin, Brenda Caffrey, Gerry Collins and Paul Maguire who played a massive part in supporting the work of the Mayor's Office.

Cllr. Callan thanked the Mayor for the work he had carried out and the way in which he promoted Drogheda as a proud historic town throughout difficult years with all the changes brought about by the Local Government Reform Act.

Cllr. Smith thanked the Mayor for the way he carried out his role, being away from his family, the way in which he put Mayoralty on the map.

Cllr. T. Byrne concurred with Cllr. Smith.

Cllr. Godfrey thanked the Mayor for his energy in the job and stated that he was very active in getting results.

Cllr. Flood on behalf of the Sinn Féin group thanked the Mayor for being fair and independent in carrying out his duty as Chair and that he stayed true to his word. Cllr. Byrne also stated that Cllr. Bell was very welcoming to her when she was co-opted to replace Cllr. Munster.

Cllr. Tully expressed his gratitude for the hard and sterling work Cllr. Bell did throughout his term in office and the fact that he was very fair at meetings.

P. Donnelly, Director of Services on behalf of the Executive and staff thanked Cllr. Bell for his kind words and wished him well as a member of Borough District of Drogheda.

### **Minute No. 63/16**

#### **Election of Mayor**

***To elect the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.***

Cllr. J. Byrne was proposed by Cllr. K. Flood and seconded by Cllr. J. Byrne.

Cllr. O. Tully was proposed by Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. K. Callan.

A vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

Cllr. J. Byrne – 2 votes

Cllr. O. Tully – 6 votes

Absent - 2

Cllr. O. Tully was elected as the Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Bell congratulated Cllr. Tully and wished him success as the Mayor of the Borough District in the coming year and that he would support him and provide assistance if required.

### **Minute No. 64/16**

Cllr. Tully as incoming Mayor thanked those who proposed and supported his election as Mayor. He thanked the outgoing Mayor for the work he had done as Mayor.

Cllr. Tully advised that he will work tirelessly as everyone before him now that he is the 417<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the town. He felt a sense of honour that the Mayoralty was conferred on him.

Cllr. Tully stated that he would champion the provision of an Architect for the county as he feels that the town lacks an historical plan.

Cllr. Tully advised that the LMETB is moving its headquarters from Dundalk and Navan to Drogheda and that construction is due to commence soon.

All of the members congratulated Cllr. Tully and stated that with the wealth of experience he brings to the role, Drogheda and its people will benefit greatly.

P. Donnelly, Director of Services on behalf of the Chief Executive, management and staff congratulated Cllr. Tully. He said that he had had the opportunity to travel with Cllr. Tully and that he was respected and promoted Drogheda throughout the trip and that he would support him in the year ahead.

### **Minute No. 65/16**

#### **Election of Deputy Mayor**

***To elect the Deputy Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.***

Cllr. P. Smith was proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell.

Cllr. K. Flood was proposed by Cllr. J. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. K. Flood.

A vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

Cllr. P. Smith – 6 votes

Cllr. K. Flood – 2 votes

Absent - 2

Cllr. P. Smith was elected as the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Tully congratulated Cllr. Smith and advised that he was looking forward to working with him.

Cllr. Callan congratulated Cllr. Smith and commended Cllr. Smith's integrity and humility.

Cllr. T. Byrne congratulated Cllr. Smith and wished him well in his coming year as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Smith thanked the members for their nomination and support, and looked forward to working hard together in the coming year.

**Minute No. 66/16**

**Any other business**

This concluded the business of the AGM.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_