

Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Meeting

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting held at Fair Street Conference Room, Drogheda - Monday, 12th June 2023 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: **Mayor** Cllr Michelle Hall

Members: **Councillor(s)** James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham, Emma Cutlip, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pio Smith, Eileen Tully

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
John Lawrence, A/Director of Services
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 51/23

Standing Order no. 2 - First Business of Annual Meeting - Election of Mayor

On taking her seat, the Mayor of Drogheda District Cllr Michelle Hall called for nominees for her replacement for the 2023 – 2024 term of office in accordance with Section 36(1)(a) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended

Cllr Joanna Byrne was nominated on the
Proposal of Cllr Tom Cunningham
Seconded by Cllr Joanna Byrne

Cllr Eileen Tully was nominated on the
Proposal of Cllr Pio Smith
Seconded by Cllr Kevin Callan

As there were two valid nominees, a roll call vote was held as follows:

Councillor Voting	Joanna Byrne	Eileen Tully
Joanna Byrne	1	
James Byrne		1
Kevin Callan		1
Tom Cunningham	1	

Emma Cutlip		1
Michelle Hall		1
Paddy McQuillan	Abstain	
Declan Power		1
Pio Smith		1
Eileen Tully		1
Totals	2	7

And **Cllr Eileen Tully was elected Mayor** in accordance with Section 37(g) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Minute No. 52/23

Standing Order no. 2 - Next Business of Annual Meeting - Election of Deputy Mayor

Having taken her seat as the new Mayor of Drogheda Municipal District Cllr Eileen Tully called for nominees for Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Kevin Callan was nominated on the
Proposal of Cllr Michelle Hall
Seconded by Cllr Declan Power

Cllr Tom Cunningham was nominated on the
Proposal of Cllr Joanna Byrne
Seconded by Cllr Tom Cunningham

As there were two valid nominees, a roll call vote was held as follows:

Councillor Voting	Tom Cunningham	Kevin Callan
Joanna Byrne	1	
James Byrne		1
Kevin Callan		1
Tom Cunningham	1	
Emma Cutlip		1
Michelle Hall		1
Paddy McQuillan	Abstain	
Declan Power		1
Pio Smith		1
Eileen Tully		1
Totals	2	7

And **Cllr Kevin Callan was elected Deputy Mayor** in accordance with Section 37(g) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Congratulations and Welcome

Members spoke to congratulate and thank Cllr Hall for completion of her term of office as Mayor, commenting on her unwavering commitment and positive energy, with her promotion of healthier living getting special mention.

Cllr Tully was welcomed into the role and wished the best for the term ahead.


Members noted that it was the first time a female Mayor had passed the chains to another female Mayor, and the first time a Mayor had been elected who had been married to a former Mayor, and many spoke to remember Cllr Tully's husband Oliver who had previously served as both Cllr and Mayor.

Cllr Tully thanked Cllr Hall for her service as Mayor, and thanked all Members for their kindness and support. The new Mayor spoke of some items she hoped to highlight during her year ahead, including working with the CE to secure the Port Access Northern Cross Route, anti-litter initiatives, and promotion of Drogheda at every possible opportunity, describing Drogheda as the most beautiful town in Ireland.

Joan Martin Chief Executive of Louth County Council spoke of the outgoing Mayor's passion for the role, and the immeasurable potential for Drogheda in the years ahead. She warmly welcomed Cllr Tully to the role of Mayor and looked forward to working with her over the year ahead.

That concluded the Annual Meeting.

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

Date: 3 July 2023
Mayor: 
Meeting Administrator: 