

Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting - June 2021

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting held via MS Teams, hosted from The Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 14th June 2021 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan - Present in Chamber

Members: Councillors Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Fiachra MacRaghnaill, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pío Smith, Eileen Tully - Attended remotely

Councillor James Byrne attended in the Cooley Room

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services - Present in Chamber
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services - Present in Chamber
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer - Remote
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer - Remote
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer - Remote

Minute No. 55/21

Speech from outgoing Mayor

The outgoing Mayor Cllr. Kevin Callan opened the Annual Meeting and thanked Councillors and officials for their assistance to him during the previous year. Cllr. Callan noted that this, his third term serving as Mayor was not an ordinary year and had not been similar to previous terms due to Covid. He particularly appreciated the people of Drogheda who were incredibly warm and supportive to him. Mayor Callan thanked his fellow Drogheda Borough District members for coming together and all working in common for the good of the people, noting that the pulling together of all parties during his term was incredibly worthwhile.

Members commended Mayor Callan on carrying out his role of Mayor during a very challenging and difficult year, and much praise was given to how Cllr. Callan had facilitated and encouraged all members to work together to tackle difficult items such as the Port Access Northern Cross funding issue.

Minute No. 56/21

Election of Mayor

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

A request for nominations for election of Mayor was called.

Cllr. Paddy McQuillan nominated **Cllr. Paddy McQuillan**. This was not seconded and therefore did not meet the criteria for a valid nomination.

Cllr. Pio Smith nominated **Cllr. James Byrne**. Cllr. Kevin Callan seconded this proposal.

Cllr. Tom Cunningham nominated **Cllr. Joanna Byrne**. Cllr Joanna Byrne seconded this proposal.

Members were advised that as there were two nominees they would be requested to state which nominee they had preference for, and the nominee with the highest votes would be deemed elected.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

Councillor Voting	Cllr. James Byrne	Cllr. Joanna Byrne
Joanna Byrne		1
James Byrne	1	
Kevin Callan	1	
Tom Cunningham		1
Michelle Hall	1	
Fiachra Mac Raghnaill	1	
Paddy McQuillan	Abstained	
Declan Power	1	
Pio Smith	1	
Eileen Tully	1	
Totals	7	2

Cllr. James Byrne was deemed elected Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Cllr. Kevin Callan wished the incoming Mayor well and vacated his seat to make way for Cllr. James Byrne.

On taking the chair, new Mayor Cllr. James Byrne, addressing the meeting both in Irish and English, spoke of the huge privilege in taking up the role of 421st Mayor of Drogheda. He thanked Members for their support, Cllr. K. Callan for his leadership in driving a united front over the past 12 months and said he looked forward to working with everyone during the year ahead. Cllr. James Byrne commenting that it was a great day for his family, thanked his wife Eimíle, his children Laurena and Cathal and all his family for their support. Cllr. James Byrne's father Tommy was warmly remembered by Cllr. James Byrne and other members, as Cllr. James Byrne

advised that he would do his utmost to represent the town as first citizen of Drogheda.

Members congratulated the new Mayor on his role and wished him well.

Minute No. 57/21

Election of Deputy Mayor

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

Mayor James Byrne then called for nominees for Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Joanna Byrne nominated **Cllr. Tom Cunningham**. Tom Cunningham seconded this proposal.

Cllr. Paddy McQuillan nominated **Cllr. Paddy McQuillan**. This was not seconded and therefore did not meet the criteria for a valid nomination.

Cllr. Pio Smith nominated **Cllr. Declan Power**. Cllr. Kevin Callan seconded this proposal.

Members were again advised that as there were two nominees they would be requested to state which nominee they had preference for, and the nominee with the highest votes would be deemed elected.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

Councillor Voting	Cllr. Tom Cunningham	Cllr. Declan Power
Joanna Byrne	1	
James Byrne		1
Kevin Callan		1
Tom Cunningham	1	
Michelle Hall		1
Fiachra Mac Raghnaill		1
Paddy McQuillan	Abstained	
Declan Power		1
Pio Smith		1
Eileen Tully		1
Totals	2	7

Cllr. Declan Power was deemed elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

On behalf of the Council, Director of Services for Drogheda Borough District Paddy Donnelly on behalf of the executive thanked Cllr. Kevin Callan for his great work during his term of office, and welcomed Cllr. James Byrne and Cllr. Declan Power to their new positions.

This concluded the Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting for 2021.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____