

Minutes of Annual Meeting June 2015

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall on Monday 15th June 2015

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Oliver Tully

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, D. Breathnach M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, D. Minogue, I. Munster, L. Reilly, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, M. Yore.

Officials
J. Martin, Chief Executive
B. Woods, Head of Finance
J. McGuinness Director of Services
Mary T. Daly, A/Director of Services
Catherine Duff, A/Director of Services
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer
P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: F. Pentony, Director of Services
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 162/15

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed by: Cllr I. Reilly

Seconded by: Cllr P. Bell

And resolved:

To suspend Standing Orders as provided for in Standing Order No. 22 to facilitate the later start of the Annual meeting to the time of 11.00hrs as a result of earlier Council business, (briefing in respect of diesel laundering) being delayed.

Minute No. 163/15

Welcome by outgoing Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. O. Tully in opening the meeting thanked the members for their attendance. He recalled what was an eventful and challenging year which started with new legislation and structures to which staff and members had to, and are still becoming accustomed to. He recalled the appointment of the last County Manager, Mrs. Joan Martin who subsequently assumed the title and role of Chief Executive.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Chief Executive and her Management Team for all their support and guidance in what was a difficult year.

The Cathaoirleach also paid tribute to his family and in particular his wife Eileen for their continued support and encouragement during his busy term of office.

The appointment of the Chairs of the Municipal Districts was an important development in the history of Local Government and the Cathaoirleach thanked the respective members, Cllr. Jim Tenanty, Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee, Cllr. Kevin Call, Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda and Cllr. Declan Breathnach, Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk. He recorded his personal thanks to them for their engagement and co-operation during the year and he enjoyed working with them in their respective Municipal Districts.

Cllr. Tully also extended his thanks as Cathaoirleach to Cllr. Marianne Butler for fulfilling her role as Leas Cathaoirleach and to the members of the press and media for their role in reporting on the business of Council.

The Chief Executive congratulated and thanked Cllr. Tully for his commitment in the role of Cathaoirleach in a year that had seen so many changes. The Chief Executive also thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Butler for fulfilling the deputy role as and when required. Mrs. Martin also thanked the members of the Corporate Policy Group, Cllrs. Breathnach, Culhane, Dearey, Munster and Tenanty for their help and forbearance during the challenging year. Thanks and congratulations were also extended to the Cathaoirleig of the Municipal Districts.

Cllr. Sharkey on behalf of the Sein Féin group thanked the Cathaoirleach for his work during the year and in particular paid tribute to him for his attendance as Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council at the Annual commemoration at Edentubber in November 2014.

The Leas Cathaoirleach in thanking and congratulating Cllr. Tully on his role as Cathaoirleach also congratulated him on the recent birth of his sixth Grandchild.

Cllr. Savage in thanking Cllr. Tully on behalf of the Fianna Fáil group thanked the Cathaoirleach for his personal and financial support to the Malawi fund raising committee.

Cllr. Byrne thanked the Cathaoirleach and wished him continued success.

Cllr. Minogue Thanked Cllr. Tully for all his work on behalf of the Council and for the personal support she received from him in her first year as a member of Louth County Council.

Cllr. Callan in thanking Cllr. Tully for his work and in recognising the support of his wife Eileen summed the Cathaoirleach as “Duty first, self second”

Minute No. 164/15

Election of Cathaoirleach

The Election of Cathaoirleach of the County Council for the ensuing year in accordance with *Section 37 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended*

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach and the following was the outcome:-

Proposed by Cllr L. Reilly
Seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Cllr. P. Savage for the position of Cathaoirleach

Proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey
Seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan

Cllr. I. Munster for the position

A roll call vote was taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor P. Savage

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler,
T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M.
Dearey, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C.
Keelan, C. Markey, J. McGahon, D.
Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P.
Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully,
Total; eighteen (18)

For Councillor I. Munster

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T.
Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J.
Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I.
Munster, T. Sharkey

Total: ten (10)

Abstain

Cllr. M. Yore
Total: one (1)

Accordingly Cllr. Peter Savage was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Savage thanked the members for their support and looked forward to a *“protective term in office that was free from walking eagles”*

Minute No. 165/14

Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Election of Leas Cathaoirleach of the County Council for the ensuing year.
Section 37 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach and the following was the outcome:-

Proposed by Cllr O. Tully
Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey

Cllr. D. Minogue for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach

Proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey
Seconded by Cllr. I. Munster

Cllr. E. Corrigan for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach

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For Councillor D. Minogue

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully.
Total: eighteen (18)

For Councillor E. Corrigan

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, T. Sharkey
Total; ten (10)

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Abstain

Cllr. M. Yore
Total: one (1)

Accordingly Cllr. D. Minogue was declared elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Minogue thanked the members for their nomination and support, and looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and the whole Council in the coming year.

That concluded the business of the AGM

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____