

Louth County Council Annual General Meeting 21st June 2021

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Louth County Council hosted in The Council Chamber Co. Hall, Dundalk on Monday 21st June at 10 a.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams

In attendance:

Presiding: Councillor Dolores Minogue, Cathaoirleach (present in Chamber)

Members: Councillors: Marianne Butler, Paula Butterly, James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Emma Coffey, Edel Corrigan, Tom Cunningham, Maria Doyle, Michelle Hall, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, Fiachra MacRaghnaill, Andrea McKevitt, Paddy McQuillan, Kevin Meenan, Dolores Minogue, Declan Power, John Reilly, Liam Reilly, Tomás Sharkey, John Sheridan, Jim Tenanty, Eileen Tully, Antoin Watters, Maeve Yore.

Cllr Pio Smith & Cllr Pearse McGeough attended on links from County Hall, Meeting Rooms

All other Councillors attended remotely

Apologies: Councillors: Hugh Conlon

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive – (present in Council Chamber)
J. McGuinness, Director of Services – (present in Council Chamber)
G. Tuomey, Meetings Administrator – (present in Council Chamber)
P. Donnelly, Director of Services – (present in Chamber)
C. Duff, Director of Services – (attended remotely)
B. Woods, Head of Finance – (present in Chamber)
F. Pentony, Director of Services – (attended remotely)
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer (attended remotely)
E. Eaton, Staff Officer, Corp. Services (attended remotely)

Minute No. 105/21

Speech from outgoing Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Dolores Minogue opened the AGM and advised it had been her privilege to carry out the role of Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Minogue remembered those lost to Covid in Louth during the year, gave praise to the community spirit, sense of kindness and empathy shown by the people of Louth to their friends and family in times of sadness.

Cllr. Minogue commended staff for maintaining essential services throughout COVID, and for progressing important initiatives such as Louth in Bloom and the Mid Louth Action Plan for Young People which she was proud to be part of.

She thanked her fellow councillors for all their assistance over her term as Cathaoirleach and for their ongoing dedication to the people of Louth, and including Cllr. Michelle Hall for her assistance in her role as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillors present praised Cllr. Minogue on her work as Cathaoirleach and in particular her efforts and time in chairing the County Development Plan meetings.

Minute No.106/21

Cllr. Minogue called for nominations for her replacement and the following nominations were received:

Cllr. Pío Smith - Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall, and Seconded by: Cllr. Fiachra Mac Raghnaill
Cllr. Pearse McGeough - Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Meenan, and Seconded by: Cllr. Antóin Watters

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	Nominee - Pío Smith	Nominee - Pearse McGeough
Marianne Butler	1	
Paula Butterly	1	
Joanna Byrne		1
James Byrne	1	
Kevin Callan	1	
Emma Coffey	1	
Hugh Conlon	Absent	
Edel Corrigan		1
Tom Cunningham		1
Maria Doyle	1	
Michelle Hall	1	
Conor Keelan	1	
Sean Kelly	1	
Fiachra MacRaghnaill	1	
Pearse McGeough		1
Andrea McKeivitt	1	
Paddy McQuillan	1	
Kevin Meenan		1

Dolores Minogue	1	
Declan Power	1	
John Reilly	1	
Liam Reilly	1	
Tomás Sharkey		1
John Sheridan	1	
Pio Smith	1	
Jim Tenanty	1	
Eileen Tully	1	
Antóin Watters		1
Maeve Yore	Abstain	
	20	7

And Cllr. Pio Smith was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Cllr. Dolores Minogue wished the incoming Cathaoirleach well and vacated her seat as Cathaoirleach to make way for Cllr. Pio Smith.

On taking the chair, the new Cathaoirleach Cllr. Smith, thanked Members for their support and said he looked forward to working with everyone during the year ahead; those who voted for him, and those who didn't. He gave tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and her work in maintaining relationships over the past 12mths and hoped to continue that into his term.

Members welcomed Cllr Smith to the role of Cathaoirleach.

Minute No.107/21

Cllr. Smith then called for nominees for Leas Cathaoirleach, and the following nominations were received:

Cllr. James Byrne - Proposed by: Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt, and Seconded by: Cllr. Emma Coffey

Cllr. Joanna Byrne - Proposed by: Cllr. Edel Corrigan, and Seconded by: Cllr. Antóin Watters

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:

Name	Nominee - James Byrne	Nominee - Joanna Byrne
Marianne Butler	1	
Paula Butterly	1	
Joanna Byrne		1
James Byrne	1	
Kevin Callan	1	

Emma Coffey	1	
Hugh Conlon	Absent	
Edel Corrigan		1
Tom Cunningham	Absent	
Maria Doyle	1	
Michelle Hall	1	
Conor Keelan	1	
Sean Kelly	1	
Fiachra MacRaghnaill	1	
Pearse McGeough		1
Andrea McKevitt	1	
Paddy McQuillan	Abstain	
Kevin Meenan		1
Dolores Minogue	1	
Declan Power	1	
John Reilly	1	
Liam Reilly	1	
Tomás Sharkey		1
John Sheridan	1	
Pio Smith	1	
Jim Tenanty	1	
Eileen Tully	1	
Antóin Watters		1
Maeve Yore		1
	19	7

And Cllr. James Byrne was deemed elected Leas Cathaoirleach in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act.

On behalf of the Council the Chief Executive, Joan Martin congratulated Cllr. Pio Smith on his elevation to the Chair, and wished him a more normal year than the previous. She congratulated all the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach on completion of their term and welcomed and all the new appointees to the role of Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach.

This concluded the AGM for 2021.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____