

Municipal District of Ardee – June 2022

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ardee hosted in The Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices on Thursday 2nd June at 4.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Jim Tenanty

Members: Councillors: Paula Butterly, Bernie Conlon, Dolores Minogue, Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 51/22

Speech from outgoing Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jim Tenanty opened the meeting and advised it had been his privilege to carry out the role of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Tenanty took the opportunity to thank his fellow members for the courtesy extended to him throughout the year; the Leas Cathaoirleach John Sheridan for his assistance; the Press for their fair reporting; the Meeting Administrator Gráinne Tuomey for her attendance and reporting of meetings, the Director of Service Joe McGuinness for his advice and wise words, the Chief Executive for her guidance and help, and all the Staff of Louth County Council both indoor and outdoor, and including those who provided reports and showed up at meetings when requested. He particularly thanked his family who not only had a year of COVID to cope with but also had to put up with him as Cathaoirleach. He said he had enjoyed his time as Cathaoirleach and was happy to serve the Municipal District. A particular highlight was representing Ardee Municipal District in the New York Parade.

Minute No. 52/22

A request for nominations for election was called.

Councillor Pearse McGeough nominated **Councillor Pearse McGeough** as Cathaoirleach.

This was not seconded and therefore did not meet the criteria for a valid nomination.

Councillor Dolores Minogue nominated **Councillor Paula Butterly** as Cathaoirleach. Councillor John Sheridan seconded this proposal.

As there were no other valid nominees, **Councillor Paula Butterly was deemed elected** in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Councillor Jim Tenanty welcomed the incoming Cathaoirleach, wished her well in the position and vacated the seat to make way for the incoming Cathaoirleach. Councillor Paula Butterly thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his fabulous work as Cathaoirleach during the year and called for nominations for Leas Cathaoirleach.

Minute No. 53/22

Councillor Paula Butterly proposed that **Councillor Dolores Minogue** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. This was seconded by Councillor Jim Tenanty.

As there were no other nominees Councillor Dolores Minogue was deemed elected Leas Cathaoirleach in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act.

Minute No. 54/22

All Members complimented Councillor Jim Tenanty on his efforts, advice and good humour particularly in a COVID year. The necessary change of locations for Councillor Jim Tenanty from County Hall where meetings were hosted online, to Ardee Court House to enable social distancing, back to the Dermot O'Brien Room in the Civic Offices with restrictions lifted was commented on.

Councillor Paula Butterly was welcomed to the role of Cathaoirleach, by Members and commented that she was the second female to wear the chains of a Municipal District, both she and Councillor Dolores Minogue were wished the best in the coming year.

On behalf of the Chief Executive and staff of Louth County Council, Joe McGuinness Director of Services congratulated the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach to the chair and offered assistance when wanted. He thanked Councillor Jim Tenanty for his cooperation and work during the year.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

7th July 2022

Cathaoirleach:

Butterly

Meeting Administrator:

A. Quinlan