

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ATHLONE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON, ON MONDAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015 AT 10.00 A.M.**

**PRESENT** Councillor Paddy Kilduff, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** I. Connaughton, L. Fallon, J. Keogh, J. Naughten & T. Ward

**OFFICIALS:** Majella Hunt, Director of Services  
Pat Murtagh, A/Director of Services  
Diarmuid MacDonncha, Senior Executive Engineer, Athlone Municipal District  
Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator

Councillor Kilduff welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting of the Athlone Municipal District and stated that his term as Cathaoirleach of the Athlone Municipal District was at an end. He stated that it had been a great honour and a privilege to have served as Cathaoirleach. He stated his disappointment at the absence of the Municipal District Engineer at the meeting and hoped that this may change in the future.

He welcomed the members of the press, Eoghan Young Murphy of Roscommon People and James Fogarty of Roscommon Herald to the meeting.

The members thanked Councillor Kilduff for his excellent work over the last year and wished him well going forward.

Majella Hunt, Director of Services thanked Councillor Kilduff for all his work over the past year.

**26.15. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH:**

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Cathaoirleach.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ward  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Kilduff

That Councillor Ivan Connaughton would be elected Cathaoirleach of the Athlone Municipal District.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Fallon  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh

That Councillor John Naughten would be elected Cathaoirleach of the Athlone Municipal District

**A vote was taken on the election of Cathaoirleach which resulted as follows:-**

**VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR CONNAUGHTON:-**

Councillors Kilduff, Ward and Connaughton (3)

**VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR NAUGHTEN:-**

Councillors Naughten, Keogh and Fallon. (3)

As the vote was a tie, Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings administrator informed the members that in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001 lots have to be drawn to determine the

successful candidate. The names of Councillor Ivan Connaughton and Councillor John Naughten were duly placed in a cardboard box and verified. It was proposed that Majella Hunt, Director of Services would make the draw from the box. *The name of Councillor Ivan Connaughton was picked from the box.*

**The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Ivan Connaughton to be elected Cathaoirleach of Athlone Municipal District for the coming year.**

At this stage Councillor Kilduff vacated the chair and Councillor Connaughton assumed the position of Cathaoirleach.

Members congratulated Councillor Connaughton in his new position and expect him to be a fair Cathaoirleach in the year ahead.

Councillor Connaughton thanked Councillor Kilduff for all his work over the last year stating he was always impartial and efficient. He thanked his proposer and seconder and Majella Hunt for drawing his name. He wished Mary Small well in her retirement. He went on to welcome Diarmuid MacDonncha, Senior Executive Engineer to the meeting and looks forward to working with him in the year ahead.

#### **27.15. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:**

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Naughten

**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh

That Councillor Laurence Fallon be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of Athlone Municipal District

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Kilduff

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connaughton

That Councillor Tony Ward be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of Athlone Municipal District.

**A vote was taken on the election of Leas- Cathaoirleach which resulted as follows:-**

#### **VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR FALLON:-**

Councillors Fallon, Keogh, Naughten (3)

#### **VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR WARD:-**

Councillors Connaughton, Kilduff, Ward (3)

As the vote was a tie, Fíona ní Chuinn, Meetings administrator informed the members that in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001 lots have to be drawn to determine the successful candidate. The names of Councillor Laurence Fallon and Councillor Tony Ward were duly placed in a cardboard box and verified. It was proposed that Diarmuid MacDonncha, Senior Executive Engineer would make the draw from the box. *The name of Councillor Laurence Fallon was picked from the box.*

Members congratulated Councillor Fallon on his new position.

Councillor Keogh requested that the comments made by Councillor Kilduff regarding the absence of the Athlone Municipal District Engineer be stricken from the minutes.

Councillor Kilduff stated that he wanted to minutes to remain as he had stated as it was unfortunate that in the last year since the establishment of the municipal districts that no Area Engineer had attended the meetings.

Councillor Connaughton confirmed that all members were aware of re-structuring issues and LRC discussions that have taken place over the last year and he thanked Diarmuid for attending today now that these issues have recently been resolved.

Majella Hunt, Director of Services confirmed that the Municipal District Engineer was not required to attend the AGM of the Municipal District just the meeting which commenced at 10.30am and arrived on time for the commencement of the Municipal District meeting.

The members expressed their concern at the absence of the Municipal District Engineer over the last year but were delighted to see a full quorum of Council staff present at today's meeting. It is important that the Athlone Municipal District is seen as a separate entity to the other two districts in terms of budgets, staff, materials and resources. Shared facilities will create future problems.

## **28.15. FIXING OF DATES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

**SECONDED** by Councillor Fallon

It was **AGREED** that dates for the Athlone Municipal District Meetings during the coming year be as follows:-

- 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015
- 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015
- 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016
- 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016
- Annual Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

**This concluded the business of the AGM.**

**The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:**

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Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator

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Countersigned