

MINUTES OF FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON, ON THURSDAY THE 12TH JUNE, 2014 AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT Councillor Eugene Murphy, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: J. Cummins R. Doherty M. Hopkins

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors Byrne & Mulligan

OFFICIALS: Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive.
Majella Hunt, Director of Services.
Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning
Pat Murtagh, A/Director of Services
Fiona ni Chuinn, Meetings Administrator.

The Chief Executive welcomed the members to the first AGM for the Boyle Municipal District.

1.14. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH:

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Doherty

That Councillor Eugene Murphy would be elected Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.

As there were no other proposals from the floor Tommy Ryan declared Councillor Eugene Murphy to be elected Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.

Councillor Murphy thanked his proposer and seconder and stated that his new role as Cathaoirleach will be a challenge. He proposed to treat every elected member equally and he will honour the mandate given to each candidate by the electorate.

2.14. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Murphy

That Councillor Rachel Doherty would be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.

As there were no other proposals from the floor the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Rachel Doherty to be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Members congratulated Councillors Murphy and Doherty on their election as Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor Doherty thanked her proposer and seconder and confirmed that she would give her full co-operation to the Cathaoirleach for the betterment of the Boyle Municipal District. She stated the need to revise and examine the way we do our business to the benefit of our constituents.

Tommy Ryan, on behalf of the executive, congratulated Councillor Murphy and Councillor Doherty on their appointment as Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District and stated that this is a learning curve for the executive as well as the members and he hopes to achieve a consistent approach with all Municipal District members as decisions made at Municipal District meetings will now have the same weight as decisions made at a Plenary meeting. He referred specifically to issues around Part 8 regulations in dealing with the system at local level, the public participation network, the statutory role in relation to the budget. He confirmed that matters/issues relating to Municipal Districts will all be discussed at our training day on the 24th July.

3.14. DATES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS MEETINGS:

Tommy Ryan informed the members that this was a provisional list which may need to be amended over time. He confirmed that there will be a necessity for a Budget Meeting in the Municipal District and that Municipal District Meetings would need to be co-ordinated in line with the full Council Meetings.

The following issues were raised:-

- Will Area Staff be coming to the Municipal Districts meetings?
- Will there be a level of participation and engagement at local level?
- In order for members and the public to be able to come to Municipal District meetings they should be held locally as this would serve the people best.
- Public will ask why we are not having them locally.
- Queried the practicalities of public participation network.
- If notices and questions go off the Agenda how will local issues be dealt with?

Tommy Ryan responded to the queries raised. He informed the members that it will be necessary to hold a Standing Orders Committee meeting to update Standing Orders with regard to Municipal Districts which will not be a replacement for area committees. He referred to the training day on the 24th July which he anticipated will inform both executive and members on where meetings will be held into the future. He confirmed that there had also been an issue at the Athlone Municipal Districts Meeting as to where the meetings could be held.

In relation to public involvement at meetings we need to look to the Public Participation Network which will involve the community in the decision making process.

Councillor Cummins stated that due to the fact that two members were missing that the discussion on the location of the Municipal Districts meetings should be left until the 24th July.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins
SECONDED by Councillor Doherty

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

August 2014 – no meeting
24th November 2014
26th January 2015
27th April 2015
29th June 2015 AGM (Provisional)

4.14. ALLOWANCE FOR CATHAOIRLEACH:

Tommy Ryan confirmed that the Allowance for Cathaoirleach may be paid in accordance with the Local Government Expenses of Local Authority Members Regulations 2014 SI No. 236 of 2014 LG12/14 and the maximum allowance payable for the Municipal Districts in County Roscommon is €6,000.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Doherty
SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

It was **AGREED** that the allowance of €6,000 will be paid to the Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.

5.14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Transfer of Assets from Boyle Town Council:

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Doherty
SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

That Roscommon County Council would present a brief report at the July meeting on the transfer of assets from Boyle Town Council.

Budget.

Martin Lydon informed the members of the Municipal District that the Budget process for Municipal Districts will be very extensive and that funding will be allocated and apportioned by members. He confirmed that there may be a need for a few meetings in August to speed up the new process and we will be coming back with a list of dates for members in August.

Tommy Ryan confirmed that there will be a massive input from Municipal Districts to the work schedule following the Budget process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Countersigned