

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL Chamber - Áras an Chontae, ON MONDAY, 26th June, 2017 FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE MONTHLY MEETING.

PRESENT:	Councillor Tony Ward, Cathaoirleach Athlone Municipal District	PRESIDED
MEMBERS:	Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr L. Callaghan, Cllr I. Connaughton, Cllr D. Connolly, Cllr M. Creaton, Cllr J. Cummins, Cllr R. Doherty, Cllr L. Fallon, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice, Cllr J. Keogh, Cllr P. Kilduff, Cllr O. Leyden, Cllr M. Mulligan, Cllr J. Murphy, Cllr J. Naughten and Cllr K. Shanagher.	
OFFICIALS:	Patricia Bohan, Meetings Administrator Derek Caldbeck, A/Director of Services Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive Majella Hunt, Director of Services Cait Kenny, Assistant Staff Officer Martin Lydon, Director of Services	

Apologies:

Mr. Frank Guckian, A/Head of IT addressed the members to give an introduction of webcasting, which is the live streaming of Council Meetings by specialist company Public-i. He said today's meeting would be live streamed for training purposes.

Cathaoirleach Tony Ward welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Roscommon County Council. He thanked his fellow Councillors for their help and support during his term with a special word of thanks to Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Nigel Dineen. He also thanked the C.E., Directors of Services, Head of L.E.O and all of their staff, for their help during his year as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Ward said it was an honour and a privilege for him to serve County Roscommon and this couldn't be done without the help of his fellow councillors. He welcomed back Cllr. Connolly, who had been absent through illness over the past number of months.

All Councillors acknowledged Cllr. Ward's excellent year as Cathaoirleach and commended him for carrying out his role with great dignity and professionalism, who chaired all meetings fairly and impartially. They paid tribute to the number of events he had represented the Council and the County at home and abroad at and his help to fellow councillors during the year.

The CE, on behalf of the management team and staff thanked the Cathaoirleach for his co-operation and support and said it was a pleasure to work with Cllr. Ward and he wished him all the best in his new role.

79. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

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The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Cathaoirleach.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Doherty

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

That Councillor Orla Leyden be elected as Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Orla Leyden to be elected Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council for the coming year.

80. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Murphy

SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

That Councillor Rachel Doherty be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

As there was no other nomination for the office of Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Rachel Doherty was declared the elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council for the coming year.

Leas Cathaoirleach Rachel Doherty said that it was an honour for her to propose Cllr. Leyden to the position of Cathaoirleach and welcomed her family to the chamber. She said that this was a great honour well earned after 13 years serving as a councillor. She wished her well and offered her assistance as leas Cathaoirleach and thanked the members for voting her into the position.

Councillor Orla Leyden then addresses the members. She said it was a huge honour and privilege to be elected Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council. She thanked her proposer and seconder and the members for their unanimous support. She congratulated Cllr. Doherty on her new position as Leas-Cathaoirleach and complimented Cllr. Ward on his successful year, noting the time and commitment he gave to the role throughout, and that she would follow in his footsteps. Cllr. Leyden informed all that live streaming of meetings would commence in July. She said that she is looking forward to the coming year and working with Elected Members, Chief Executive, Management team, Staff and community groups to ensure that everyone continues to drive economic development while looking after the social and cultural needs of all the citizens of the county. Her goals for the year include working towards the creation of more jobs in Roscommon through the development of a new enterprise and innovation centre site in Roscommon Town, and to further support the enterprise development in Monksland and the food hub in Castlerea, all of which create jobs for our young people. The development of Roscommon's tourism potential and the promotion of Roscommon as a tourism destination will be one of her main policies during her tenure. Roscommon must be promoted at every opportunity and insist that Ireland's Lakelands Strategy, that would include county Roscommon, is developed and implemented as soon as possible. In the meantime, we continue to work to implement the Roscommon Tourism Strategy and work with and support communities with their festivals and events and engage with initiatives such as the 'New Ireland Way'. On a personal note she welcomed her husband Pablo, daughter Donato Maria, parents, extended family and friends and was very grateful to all who supported her.

The members congratulated Councillors Leyden and Doherty on their new positions.

81. DATE OF MEETINGS

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IT WAS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CONNAUGHTON

SECONDED by Councillor Kilduff

And **AGREED** that the following should be the dates for holding the Plenary Meetings in 2017/2018:-

24th July 2017

No Meeting in August

25th September 2017

23rd October 2017

27th November 2017

18th December 2017

22nd January 2018

26th February 2018

26th March 2018

23rd April 2018

28th May 2018

Annual Meeting – 25th June 2018

This concluded the business of the AGM.

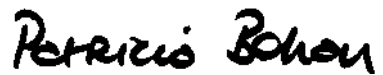
The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:



Cathaoirleach



Meetings Administrator



Countersigned