

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANNUAL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, ON MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Orla Leyden, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr L. Callaghan, Cllr I. Connaughton, Cllr D. Connolly, Cllr M. Creaton, Cllr J. Cummins, Cllr N. Dineen, Cllr R. Doherty, Cllr L. Fallon, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice, Cllr J. Keogh, Cllr P. Kilduff, Cllr M. Mulligan, Cllr J. Murphy, Cllr J. Naughten, Cllr K. Shanagher and Cllr T. Ward.

OFFICIALS: Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive
Majella Hunt, Director of Services
Martin Lydon, Director of Services
Pat Murtagh, A/Director of Services
Patricia Bohan, Meetings Administrator
Cait Kenny, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies:

Cathaoirleach Orla Leyden welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Roscommon County Council. She thanked her fellow Councillors for their help and support during his term with a special word of thanks to Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Rachel Doherty. She also thanked the Chief Executive, Directors of Services, and all of their staff, for their help during her year as Cathaoirleach. She thanked all of the community groups and schools for their many invitations to events during the year where she felt such pride in our County and it was a privilege and an honour to attend so many events throughout the past year. There were so many highlights in a year she will never forget including the recent visit to Chartrettes to celebrate 20 years of twinning and she presented momentos of the visit to the Council.

The members warmly thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for her professionalism and dedication to the role and the way in which she had represented her county at home and abroad. She was acknowledged as a wonderful ambassador for the county who put great thought into her speeches.

78.18 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Cathaoirleach.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Keogh

SECONDED by Councillor Ward

And **AGREED** That Councillor Ivan Connaughton be elected as Cathaoirleach.

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

79.18 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice
And **AGREED** That Councillor Kathleen Shanagher be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

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

Addressing the meeting, the new Cathaoirleach thanked all of the Members and his family and friends for their support. This is a unique occasion as it is the first time that a father and son has held the position as the first citizen of the county and he is one of the youngest clouncillors elected to this position. He thanked Cllr. Leyden for her representation on behalf of the Council at home and abroad and congratulated Cllr. Shanagher, who was first elected to the Council with him in 2014, to her position as Leas Cathaoirleach. His experience as Cathaoirleach of the Athlone Municipal District and GRETB will stand him in good stead for th position and he promised to be fair and impartial and represent everyone at home and abroad.

His hopes for his term in office include:

- Increase tourism in the county with development of Lough Key Forest Park, the River Suck, and seeking to get Roscommon to get a fair share of funding and seeking to make the River Shannon navigable to Roscommon Town
- Roscommon is our county town and needs investment to attract more people to live and work there.
- Calling on Connacht Council GAA to develop Hyde Park to allow Connacht Finals be played in Roscommon town.
- Over the past number of years our health services have eroded and it is time for renewed investment
- Greenway in South Roscommon needs to be fastracked
- Need a special meetring with Oireachtas memebers seeking roads funding
- There is great work done by out community schemes but there is now a need to revise the termms and conditions as many want to remain on their schemes
- Want the current staff dispute resolved without delay
- Hope that there can be more use of the foyer in Aras an Chontae such as a Craft Fair at Christmas.
- Want to see a physical prescence of Athlone I.T in this building

Cllr. Shanagher thanked the members for her nomination as Leas Cathaoirleach. She promised to support the Cathaoirleach and thanked her family for their support and she was delighted to accept this great honour.

The members congratulated Councillors Connaughton and Shanagher on their new positions and wished them well for the coming year.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the significant contribution of Cllr. Leyden as Cathaoirleach and the passion and informed way that she delivered her speeches. He also thanked Cllr. Doherty for her contribution as leas Cathaoirleach and wished the incoming Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Shanagher well in her new position. He welcomed Cllr. Connaughton as the new Cathaoirleach and looked forward to working with him in the coming year to assist in fulfilling his ambitions to make the county a better place and deliver what is best for it's people.

80.18 DATE OF MEETINGS

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Fallon

It was **AGREED** that the following should be the dates for holding the Plenary Meetings in 2018/2019:-

23rd July, 2018

No Meeting in August

24th September 2018

22nd October 2018

26th November 2018

17th December 2018

28th January 2019

25th February 2019

25th March 2019

22nd April 2019

27th May 2019 (provisional)


Annual Meeting – Date to be determined

This concluded the business of the AGM.

The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:


Meetings Administrator


Cathaoirleach


Countersigned