

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ATHLONE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE Council Chamber - Áras an Chontae, ON Monday, 15th June, 2020 AT 4.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Ward **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr. I. Connaughton, Cllr. L. Fallon, Cllr. J. Keogh, Cllr. D. Kilduff and Cllr. J. Naughten.

OFFICIALS: Liam Bergin, Director of Services
Paul Browne, Executive Engineer
Diarmuid MacDonnacha, Athlone Municipal District Co-ordinator
Sheila Glennon Asst Staff Officer

Apologies:

31.20 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor Tony Ward welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Athlone Municipal District. He thanked the Executives and staff for their support and co-operation during his term as Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Cathaoirleach.

On the **PROPOSAL OF;** Cllr. L. Fallon
SECONDED BY; Cllr. J. Keogh

That Cllr. John Naughten be elected Cathaoirleach

On the **PROPOSAL OF;** Cllr. I. Connaughton
SECONDED BY; Cllr. T. Ward

That Cllr. Donal Kilduff be elected Cathaoirleach

Councillor Tony Ward called for a vote on the position of Cathaoirleach and the Councillors voted in the following manner;

VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR NAUGHTEN:- Councillors Fallon, Keogh and Naughten (3)

VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR KILDUFF:- Councillors Connaughton, Kilduff and Ward (3)

Due to a tie break situation, Liam Bergin Director of Services informed the members that in accordance with the Local Government Act 2014 lots must be drawn to determine the successful candidate in the event of a tie.

Both names were put in a box and Liam Bergin, Director of Services agreed to draw the name, Councillor Donal Kilduff was successful. It was **Agreed that** Councillor Donal Kilduff be elected Cathaoirleach of Athlone Municipal District to hold office until his successor is appointed in accordance with the statute.

Councillor Donal Kilduff thanked his proposer and seconder and also thanked Councillor Tony Ward for all his work over last year and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

All members congratulated Councillor Donal Kilduff and wished him well as Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year and also thanked Councillor Tony Ward for excellent work he carried out during his term in office.

Councillor Tony Ward put a **Motion** forward to define Athlone Municipal district as Athlone West Municipal District for all correspondence to ensure that it retains its identity as Roscommon.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by all members.

32.20 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor Donal Kilduff sought nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

On the **PROPOSAL OF;** Cllr. T Ward
SECONDED BY; Cllr. D Kilduff

That Cllr. I Connaughton be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

On the **PROPOSAL OF;** Cllr. L Fallon
SECONDED BY; Cllr. J Naughten

That Cllr. J Keogh be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Donal Kilduff called for a vote on the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach and the Councillors voted as follows;

VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR CONNAUGHTON:- Councillors Connaughton, Kilduff and Ward (3)

VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR KEOGH:- Councillors Fallon, Keogh and Naughten (3)

As the result was a tie. The Cathaoirleach, in accordance with the standing orders, exercised his right to a casting vote. The Cathaoirleach voted for Councillor Ivan Connaughton.

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Ivan Connaughton be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Athlone Municipal District to hold office until his successor is appointed in accordance with statute.

Councillor Ivan Connaughton thanked his proposer and seconded and is looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

All members congratulated Councillor Ivan Connaughton on his election as Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished him well for the forthcoming year.

33.20 DATE OF MEETINGS

The proposed list of dates for meetings for the forthcoming year was noted.

Councillor Tony Ward noted that the date of AGM should be nearer to 15th June, 2021 as the Chair should hold office for one year.

Councillor Ivan Connaughton suggested that in order of fairness for the next 3 years to bring the AGM forward one week each year.

On the **PROPOSAL OF;** Cllr I Connaughton
SECONDED BY; Cllr J Keogh

Athlone AGM will be held one week prior to last year date for the next three years.

Therefor Athlone AGM for 2021 should be held Tuesday 8th June, 2021

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by all members, that the following Athlone MD meetings for 2020/2021 take place on the following dates:

- 14th July, 2020 (MD)
- 15th September, 2020 (MD)
- 10th November, 2020 (MD)
- 12th January, 2021 (MD)
- 23rd March, 2021 (MD)
- 8th June, 2021 (MD & AGM)

This concluded the business of the AGM.

The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:

Cllr Donal Kilduff

Cathaoirleach

Paul Blowne

Meetings Administrator

Paul Blowne

Countersigned