

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE BAILEY ALLEN HALL, NUIG, ON MONDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2014 AT 2.00 P.M.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. Eileen Mannion, Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway
Cllr. Mary Hoade, Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. T. Broderick, D. Burke, J. Byrne, N. Byrne, S. Canney, J. Charity, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, G. Cronnelly, Comh. S. Ó Cualáin, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, S. Cunniffe, Comh. T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. S. Donnellan, A. Donohue, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, M. Fitzmaurice, T. Healy, P. Hynes, F. Kearney, P. Keaveney, D. Killilea, M. Kinane, M. Maher, J. McClearn, K. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Noone, A. Rabbitte, P. Roche, N. Thomas, Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Welby

Oifigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, Chief Executive, Messrs. J. Cullen & K. Kelly, Directors of Services, Messrs. L. Gavin & M. Raftery, Acting Directors of Services, Mr. G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, Mr. P. O'Neachtain, Oifigigh Gaeilge, Ms. R. O'Boyle & Ms. G. Healy, Staff Officers.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Cllr. Carroll, outgoing Mayor of the County of Galway, addressed the gathering. He extended his congratulations and best wishes to the Members with a special word of welcome and congratulations to the newly elected Members and their families, and wished them all every success over the next five years. He detailed the highlights of his year as Mayor of the County and thanked the Chief Executive and Staff of the Council for the courtesy afforded to him over the years and particularly during his year as Mayor, he also wished the Chief Executive all the best on her upcoming retirement.

The Members & Chief Executive congratulated the Mayor on his term of office and extended their best wishes for the future.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

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It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. McHugh and agreed that outgoing Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway, Cllr. Mannion assume the Chair for the purpose of the Return of Persons Elected at the Local Elections and the Election of the Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for year 2014/2015.

Cllr. Mannion assumed the Chair and began the Meeting by acknowledging the candidates in the Local Elections 2014 for Galway County Council and congratulating the persons returned on what she described as an historic day for both the Council and the Members as it was now comprised of 39 Members.

RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

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Mr. Owens read the the Return of Persons Elected at the Local Elections for both the Municipal Districts and Galway County Council into the record and the Members of the Council noted the Return of Persons elected at the Local Elections 2014, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member prior to the meeting.

ELECTION OF THE CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY FOR YEAR 2014/2015

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It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Killilea that Cllr. Hoade be elected Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Cunniffe that Cllr. K. McHugh be elected Cathaoirleach.

Mr. Owens advised that the process for election of the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach was governed by Chapter 2, Part 5 of the Local Government Act 2001, a copy of which had been circulated prior to the Meeting with Report dated the 29th May 2014.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr. Hoade

Cllrs. Burke, J. Byrne, N. Byrne, M. Connolly, Donnellan, Donohue, Fahy, Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, Hoade, Kearney, Keaveney, Killilea, Kinane, Maher, Mannion, McClearn, T. McHugh, Noone, Rabbitte, Roche & Thomas, Comh. Ó Tuairisg & Cllr. Walsh [25]

For Cllr. K. McHugh.

Cllrs. Broderick, Canney, Charity, D. Connolly & Cronnolly, Comh. Ó Cualáin, Cllrs. Cuddy & Cunniffe, Comh. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs Fitzmaurice, Healy, K. McHugh & Welby [13]

Abstained:

Cllr. Hynes [1]

Cllr. Hoade, was then declared elected Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway for 2014/2015 and she was invested with the Chain of Office.

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Cllr Hoade then assumed the chair.

Cllr. Hoade thanked her fellow Councillors who had elected her as Cathaoirleach for the coming year. She said that she would make every effort to carry out the duties of Cathaoirleach and looked forward to working with the new Council, the Chief Executive and staff.

ELECTION OF THE LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY FOR YEAR 2014/2015.

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It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh, that Cllr. Niamh Byrne be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach. It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by An Comh. Ó Curraoin, that Cllr. Charity be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr. N. Byrne:

Cllrs. Burke, J. Byrne, N. Byrne, M. Connolly, Donnellan, Donohue, Fahy, Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, Hoade, Kearney, Keaveney, Killilea, Kinane, Maher, Mannion, McClearn, T. McHugh, Noone, Rabbitte, Roche & Thomas, Comh. Ó Tuarisg & Cllr. Walsh **[25]**

For Cllr. Charity:

Cllrs. Broderick, Canney, Charity, D. Connolly & Cronnolly, Comh. Ó Cualáin, Cllrs. Cuddy & Cunniffe, Comh. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. Fitzmaurice, Healy, K. McHugh & Welby **[13]**

Abstained: Cllr. Hynes **[1]**

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Niamh Byrne elected Leas-Chathaoirleach of the County of Galway for 2014/2015.

The Cathaoirleach then adjourned the Meeting for 15 minutes.

On the resumption of the Meeting the Cathaoirleach moved Item 3 on the Clár.

Mr. Owens referred to Report dated the 29th May 2014, circulated prior to the Meeting and advised the Members of the provisions contained in Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2001 relating to the right to form groups for certain appointments, a copy of which had been circulated prior to the meeting with Report dated the 29th May 2014.

Mr. Owens in reply to a proposal from Cllrs. Welby and Broderick and in response to a range of queries raised by the Members in relation to the operation of the group/list system, advised that the Local Government Act made provision that a group of members who are present at the meeting at the time when the business of making the appointments is reached and comprising the number of members necessary for the purpose, may nominate a person for appointment without any vote being taken. He further clarified that it was a matter for each Member to determine individually whether

they wished to form or join a group for this purpose and it was not possible to require Members to participate in the group system by means of a majority vote on a motion.

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

1774

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Rabbitte that Cllr. G. Finnerty be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. G. Finnerty appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Maher be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Maher appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

- (1) Cllr. G. Finnerty
- (2) Cllr. Maher

APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

1775

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Mr. Tom Nolan as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee was handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of: Cllrs. Welby, Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe & Charity & Comh. Ó Cualáin [7]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Mr. Tom Nolan appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Keaveney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Keaveney appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Donohue be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach

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declared Cllr. Donohue appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty that Cllr. Burke be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Burke appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Donnellan that Cllr. M. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Cllr M. Fitzmaurice be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. FitzMaurice appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the six Members appointed to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

- (1) Mr. Nolan
- (2) Cllr. Keaveney
- (3) Cllr. Donohue
- (4) Cllr. Burke
- (5) Cllr. M. Connolly
- (6) Cllr. FitzMaurice

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES. 1776

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty that Cllr. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Walsh appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr N. Byrne be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. N. Byrne appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

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- (1) Cllr. Walsh
- (2) Cllr. N. Byrne

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBER(S) TO THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY.

1777

Reports dated 29th May & 30th May 2014, copy LG 09/2014 from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government and copy correspondence dated the 29th May 2014 from the Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly were previously circulated.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Comh. O'Curraoin as a member of the Regional Assembly was handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Welby, Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cuniffe & Charity, Comh. Ó Cualáin & Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. Canney, FitzMaurice, D. Connolly, Healy & Cronnolly [13]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Comh. O'Curraoin appointed as a member of the Regional Assembly.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Maher and seconded by Cllr. Feeney that Cllr. McClearn be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. McClearn appointed as a member of the Regional Assembly

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Finnerty that Cllr. Kinane be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Kinane appointed as a member of the Regional Assembly

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the three Members appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

- (1) Comh. Ó Curraoin
- (2) Cllr. McClearn
- (3) Cllr. Kinane

APPOINTMENT OF 8 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

1778

Report dated the 6th June 2014 and Circular Housing 27 of 2014 dated the 30th May 2014 from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government was circulated at the meeting.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Cronnolly as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. FitzMaurice, D. Connolly, Healy, Cronnolly & Welby. [5]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. Cronnolly appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. K. McHugh as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe & Charity. [5]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. K. McHugh appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty that Cllr. Donnellan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donnellan appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Donnellan that Cllr. G. Finnerty be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. G. Finnerty appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Roche that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Roche that Cllr. Maher be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach

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declared Cllr. Maher appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty that Cllr. Killilea be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Killilea appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Eighth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Roche that Cllr. T. McHugh be appointed. However, following discussion, Cllr. T. McHugh declined the nomination in favour of a proposal for Comh. Ó Curraoin to be nominated.

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney and seconded by Cllr. Walsh that Comh. Ó Curraoin be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Comh. Ó Curraoin appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Eight Members appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

- (1) Cllr. Cronnolly
- (2) Cllr. K. McHugh.
- (3) Cllr. Donnellan
- (4) Cllr. G. Finnerty
- (5) Cllr. Feeney
- (6) Cllr. Maher
- (7) Cllr. Killilea
- (8) Comh. Ó'Curraoin

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY HERITAGE AND TOURISM CO. 1779

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. McHugh that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty that Cllr. Rabbitte be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Rabbitte appointed as a member of the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co.

- (1) Cllr. Feeney
- (2) Cllr. Rabbitte

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

1780

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty that Cllr. Killilea be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Killilea appointed as a member of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1781

Report dated the 29th May 2014 and copy correspondence dated the 14th May 2014 from the Association of Irish Local Government was previously circulated.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. T. Welby as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Welby, Fitzmaurice, D. Connolly, Healy, Cronnolly, Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe & Charity, Comh. Ó Cualáin & Ó Curraoin & Cllr. Canney. [13]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. Welby appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, and seconded by Cllr T. McHugh that Cllr. Donohue be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donohue appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, and seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg that Cllr. G. Finnerty be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. G. Finnerty appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government.

Fifth Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, and seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg that Cllr. Killilea be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Killilea appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the five Members appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government

- (1) Cllr. Welby.
- (2) Cllr. Feeney
- (3) Cllr. Donohue
- (4) Cllr. G. Finnerty
- (5) Cllr. Killilea

APPOINTMENT OF 3 OF THE 5 MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH GOVERNMENT TO THE STANDING POLICY COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1782

Report dated the 29th May 2014 and copy correspondence dated the 14th May 2014 from the Association of Irish Local Government was previously circulated.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. T. Welby as a member of the Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Welby, Fitzmaurice, D. Connolly, Healy, Cronnolly, Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe & Charity, Comh. Ó Cualáin & Ó Curraoin & Cllr. Canney. **[13]**

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. Welby appointed as a member of the Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, and seconded by Cllr. Donnellan that Cllr. G. Finnerty be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. G. Finnerty appointed as a member of the Standing Policy Council of the Association of the Association of Irish Local Government.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Feeney appointed to the Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government.

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As a result of the foregoing, the following are the three Members appointed to the Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government:

- (1) Cllr. Welby
- (2) Cllr. G. Finnerty
- (3) Cllr. Feeney

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY (LOCAL) RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE.

1783

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. FitzMaurice as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. D. Connolly, Healy, Cronnolly, Fitzmaurice, Welby, Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe, Charity, Comh. Ó Cualain & Ó Curraoin & Cllr. Canney. **[13]**

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. FitzMaurice appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Roche be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, and seconded by Cllr G. Finnerty that Cllr. Thomas be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Thomas appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the three Members appointed to the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

- (1) Cllr. Fitzmaurice
- (2) Cllr. Roche
- (3) Cllr. Thomas

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGHREA HERITAGE COMPANY LTD.

1784

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, and seconded by Cllr G. Finnerty that Cllr. Donnellan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the

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Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donnellan appointed as a member of the Loughrea Heritage Company Ltd.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McCleran and seconded by Cllr T. McHugh that Cllr. Maher be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Maher appointed as a member of the Loughrea Heritage Company Ltd.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the Loughrea Heritage Company Ltd.

- (1) Cllr. Donnellan
- (2) Cllr. Maher

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA).

1785

Report dated the 30th May 2014 and copy correspondence from Cllr. Hugh Mc Elvaney, Chairman LAMA received on the 30th May 2014 was previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Feeney that Cllr. T. McHugh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. T. McHugh appointed as a member of the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA).

APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE WESTERN INTER-COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE.

1786

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Comh. Ó Cualain as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Broderick, Welby, Fitzmaurice, D. Connolly, Healy, Cronnolly, Cuddy, K. McHugh. **[8]**

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Comh. Ó Cualain appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Finnerty and seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg that Cllr. M. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Third Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. G. Finnerty and seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg that Cllr. Kinane be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Kinane appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Roche be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. However, following discussion, Cllr. Feeney declined the nomination in favour of a proposal for Cllr. Canney to be nominated.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cuniffe and seconded by Cllr. Feeney that Cllr. Canney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Canney appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the five Members appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee

- (1) Comh. Ó Cualain
- (2) Cllr. M. Connolly
- (3) Cllr. Kinane
- (4) Cllr. Roche
- (5) Cllr. Canney

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER(S) TO THE GALWAY ROSCOMMON EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD.

1787

Mr. Owens referred to email correspondence dated the 29 Bealtaine 2014 from the Department of Education and Skills, circulated in advance of the meeting, advising that local authorities should not elect Members to the ETBs in advance of the Minister for Education & Skills signing regulations in accordance with Section 30(5) and 30(6) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until the meeting following the signing of the necessary regulations by the Minister.

APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM REPRESENTATION, WEST.

1788

First Vacancy

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A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Broderick as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Broderick, Welby, D. Connolly, Healy, Cronnolly, FitzMaurice, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe & Charity, Comh. Ó Cualain & Ó Curraoin & Cllr. Canney. [13]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. Broderick appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg that Cllr. Killilea be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Killilea appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Killilea that the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Hoade be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Hoade appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr M. Finnerty be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. M. Finnerty appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Donohue be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Donohue appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the three Members appointed to the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

- (1) Cllr. Broderick
- (2) Cllr. Killilea
- (3) Cllr. Hoade
- (4) Cllr. Finnerty
- (5) Cllr. Donohue

APPOINTMENT OF 15 MEMBERS TO THE JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE.

1789

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Mr. Owens referred to email correspondence from the Department of Justice & Equality, circulated at the meeting, advising that revised Guidelines for the operations of JPCs are due to issue imminently and in this context it was considered that Local Authorities need not seek to appoint Members to JPCs until the revised Guidelines have been issued by the Minister for Justice & Equality.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until the meeting following receipt of the Guidelines from the Minister.

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE GALWAY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP. 1790

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty, that Cllr. Killilea be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Killilea appointed as a member of the Galway Sports Partnership.

APPOINTMENT OF 5 CHAIRS (DESIGNATE) OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES. 1791

It was agreed that the Chairs (Designate) of the five Strategic Policy Committees would be appointed but that individual assignments would not be made until a later date.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. J. Cuddy as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Broderick, Cuddy, K. McHugh, Cunniffe & Charity, Comh. Ó Cualain & Ó Curraoin & Cllr. Welby. [8]

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and she accordingly declared Cllr. Cuddy appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh that Cllr. Maher be appointed.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Healy that Cllr. Cronnolly be appointed.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr. Maher.

Cllrs. Burke, J. Byrne, N. Byrne, M. Connolly, Donnellan, Donohue, Fahy, Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, Hoade, Kearney, Keaveney, Killilea, Kinane, Maher, Mannion, McClearn, T. McHugh, Noone, Rabbitte, Roche & Thomas, Comh. Ó Tuairisg & Cllr. Walsh. [25]

For Cllr. Cronnolly

Cllrs. Canney, D. Connolly, Cronnolly, Fitzmaurice & Healy. [5]

Abstained: Cllr. Hynes [1]

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Maher appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. McClearn be appointed.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Healy that Cllr. Cronnolly be appointed.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr. McClearn

Cllrs. Burke, J. Byrne, N. Byrne, M. Connolly, Donnellan, Donohue, Fahy, Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, Hoade, Kearney, Keaveney, Killilea, Kinane, Maher, Mannion, McClearn, T. McHugh, Noone, Rabbitte, Roche & Thomas, Comh. Ó Tuairisg & Cllr. Walsh. [25]

For Cllr. Cronnolly

Cllrs. Canney, D. Connolly, Cronnolly, Fitzmaurice & Healy. [5]

Abstained: Cllr. Hynes [1]

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. McClearn appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. T. McHugh be appointed.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Healy that Cllr. Cronnolly be appointed.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr . McHugh

Cllrs. Burke, J. Byrne, N. Byrne, M. Connolly, Donnellan, Donohue, Fahy, Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, Hoade, Kearney, Keaveney, Killilea, Kinane, Maher, Mannion, McClearn, T. McHugh, Noone, Rabbitte, Roche & Thomas, Comh. Ó Tuairisg & Cllr. Walsh. [25]

For Cllr. Cronnolly

Cllrs. Canney, D. Connolly, Cronnolly, Fitzmaurice & Healy. [5]

Abstained: Cllr. Hynes [1]

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. T. McHugh appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Fifth Vacancy.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg, that Cllr. G. Finnerty be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. G. Finnerty appointed as Chair (Designate) of a Strategic Policy Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the five Members appointed as Chairs (Designate) of the Strategic Policy Committees

- (1) Cllr. Cuddy
- (2) Cllr. Maher
- (3) Cllr. McClearn
- (4) Cllr. T. McHugh
- (5) Cllr. G. Finnerty

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON COMHAR NA NOILEÁN

1792

Report dated the 29th May 2014 was previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Thomas that Comh. Ó Tuairisg be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Comh. Ó Tuairisg appointed to Comhar Na nOileán.

FIXING A SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

1793

Report dated the 29th May 2014 was previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Broderick and agreed following discussion 'that the first and all Municipal Districts Meetings will be held in the Council Chamber in Ballinasloe.'

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed following discussion 'that the first Meeting of Conamara Municipal District be held in Clifden Town Hall (subject to availability) or at an alternative venue in Clifden at 11 am on Tuesday 10th June.'

It was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed following discussion 'that the Loughrea Meeting take place in the Loughrea Area Offices.'

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It was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Fitzmaurice and agreed following discussion 'to have Tuam District Meetings held at Tuam Town Council Chamber.'

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the venues and based on the resolution as adopted the following arrangements for the Annual Meetings of the Municipal Districts were agreed:

The Municipal District of Athenry/Oranmore.

Tuesday, 10th June, 2014, at 11.00 a.m. at Áras an Chontae.

The Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Wednesday, 11th June, 2014 at 2.30 p.m. at Ballinasloe Municipal District Offices.

The Municipal District of Conamara

Tuesday, 10th June, 2014 at 2.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Clifden or alternative venue as necessary in Clifden.

The Municipal District of Loughrea

Thursday, 12th June, 2014 at 11.00 at the Loughrea Area Offices.

The Municipal District of Tuam

Wednesday, 11th June 2014 at 11.00 a.m. at Tuam Town Hall.

FIXING A SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

1794

Report dated the 29th May 2014 was previously circulated.

Mr. Owens informed the Members that the Monthly Meeting of the Council is normally held on the 4th Monday of every month, excluding August. Cllr. McClearn pointed out that in view of the fact that there are now 39 Councillors it would suggest that the starting time for the Monthly Meetings should be reviewed.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed that the June Meeting to be held on Monday, 23rd June 2014 commence at 2.00 pm.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzmaurice, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly 'that the Council look at ways of not spending the huge amount of money on the building to make the area bigger. That we save money and Councillors need to show leadership.'

Following discussion and in response to a query on the timeframe since the decision was made by Council to advance the procurement process for the extension to the Council Chamber and given that the item was not included on the clár for the meeting, it was agreed to defer the matter to a future meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed to include a Financial Report on the clár for the June Meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

1795

It was proposed by Comh O'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting continue beyond 6.00 pm.

ADOPTION OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS.

1796

Report dated the 29th May 2014 was previously circulated and draft Standing Orders were circulated at the Meeting.

Mr. Owens advised of the requirement to review the Standing Orders and advised that pending consideration of revised Standing Orders by the Corporate Policy Group and Council it was necessary to consider a number of minor changes arising directly from the Local Government Reform Act 2014 including the change in titles to include Cathaoirleach, Leas-Chathaoirleach and Chief Executive. The change in the quorum to 11 and the inclusion of provisions of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 relating to disorderly conduct.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed to adopt the Standing Orders as circulated.

INDUCTION TRAINING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

1797

Mr. Owens referred to Appendix V of LG 06/2014 dated the 28th May 2014 from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government, relating to Induction Training for Councillors, as previously circulated.

Mr. Owens informed the Members that an Information Session for Elected Members was being held by Galway County Council on Monday, 16th June 2014 and that further information would issue relating to same.

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin
