

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

#### Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea Regional Office, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 @ 5 p.m.

#### I LATHAIR:

**Cathaoirleach**

**Cllr. J. Byrne**

**Baill:**

Cllr's I. Canning, P. Hynes, M. Maher, J. McClearn,  
G. Finnerty, S. Curley, M. Kinane, G. Donohue, PJ  
Murphy

**Oifigigh:**

Mr J. Cullen, D.O.S Roads & Transportation;  
Mr. F McGillicuddy, Executive Engineer;  
Mr B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;  
Mr P. Carroll, Meetings Administrator;

#### **Return of persons elected to the Municipal District of Loughrea at the Local Elections 2019 LMD 19024**

Mr. Carroll read the return of persons elected to the Municipal District of Loughrea at the  
Local Elections 2019 - **Cllrs. J. Byrne, I. Canning, P. Hynes, M. Maher, J. McClearn, G.  
Finnerty, S. Curley, M. Kinane, G. Donohue, PJ Murphy.**

#### **Election of Cathaoirleach for the year 2019/2020**

**LMD 19025**

Cllr. Finnerty proposed that Cllr. Canning be elected Cathaoirleach. His proposal was  
seconded by Cllr. Curley.

Cllr. Donohue proposed that Cllr. Hynes be elected Cathaoirleach. Her proposal was  
seconded by Cllr. McClearn

In accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local  
Government Reform Act 2014 a vote was taken as follows

**For Cllr. Hynes** Cllrs Hynes, Maher, McClearn, Byrne, Donohue, Murphy. **(6)**

**For Cllr. Canning** Cllrs. Canning, Curley, Finnerty, Kinane **(4)**

As a result of the vote Cllr. Hynes was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Loughrea for the year 2019/2020.

Cllr. Hynes thanked his proposer and seconder and stated that he was honoured to be elected. He paid tribute to Cllr. Byrne in his role as Cathaoirleach for the past year. Cllr. Byrne thanked everyone for their support in the last year. Cllr. Hynes also paid tribute to Cllr. Michael Fahy as a great public representative and who will be hugely missed by all who knew him.

**Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the year 2019/2020**

**LMD 19026**

Cllr. Byrne proposed that Cllr. Maher be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. McClearn.

Cllr. Finnerty proposed that Cllr. Kinnane be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. Curley.

In accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 a vote was taken as follows

**For Cllr. Maher** Cllrs. Maher, Hynes, McClearn, Byrne, Donohue, Murphy **(6)**

**For Cllr. Kinane** Cllrs. Kinane, Canning, Finnerty, Curley. **(4)**

As a result of the vote Cllr. Maher was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Loughrea for the year 2019/2020.

**To fix schedule of dates for the Municipal District Meetings**

**LMD 19026**

It was agreed that future meetings of the Municipal District of Loughrea be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 11 am.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

**LMD 19027**

Members expressed their concern that with two LEA's issues for discussion may be of more importance to one LEA than the other, including deputations, and queried how the business of meetings could best be held and whether consideration should be given to having separate meetings for each LEA. Mr Cullen stated that the only statutory authority below the County Council is the Municipal District and that the Municipal District structure cannot be dismantled. It was agreed that meetings would be monitored over the coming months to assess how best to conduct business of the meetings.

Cllr. Curley asked that the meeting in March 2020 be conducted through Irish. It was agreed to consider having a meeting at some agreed date in the Council Chamber, County Hall, where appropriate translation facilities are available.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Loughrea Municipal District would be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**CHRIOGHNAIGH AN CHRUINNIU ANSIN**