

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Chonamara *Municipal District of Conamara*

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara held at Abbeyglan Hotel ,Clifden on 10th June, 2014 @2.30 p.m

The Meetings Administrator requested the Councillors to appoint an interim Cathaoirleach to deal with items 1, 2 & 3 on the Agenda up to and including the election of the Cathaoirleach. The appointment of Comh. O'Curraoin was unanimously agreed and he proceeded to conduct the meeting. He welcomed all those present and requested Mr. Mullarkey to introduce the officials present and Mr. Groarke to present items 1 to 3 on the Agenda.

ILATHAIR:

Baill:

Cllrs. S. Walsh, E. Mannion, T. Welby, S. Ó Tuairisg, N. Thomas, N. Byrne, S. Ó Cualáin, T. Ó Cuarraoin, T. Healy.

Oifigigh:

G. Mullarkey, Municipal District Director
E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Conamara
K. Wynne, SEE, Conamara
K. Finn, Area Engineer, South Conamara
TJ Redmond, Area Engineer, North Conamara
S. Groarke, Meeting Administrator.

Formally noting the establishment of Municipal Districts

CMD 14001

Mr. Groarke circulated copies of S.I No 50 of 2014 County of Galway Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Order 2014 at the meeting , fixing the number of members of Galway County Council to be elected for each Electoral Area and determining the Municipal Districts for County Galway. He advised that the Minister of the Environment and Local Government signed the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (Transfer Date) Order on the 22-5-2014 with the 1-6-2014 specified as the Transfer Date for its provisions whereby the Town Councils are dissolved and the Municipal Districts are established. (S.I No 216 of the 22-5-2014 refers) The members of the Municipal District noted this.

Return of persons elected to the Municipal District of Conamara at the Local Elections 2014. **CMD 14002**

Mr. Groarke circulated copies of the Galway County Council-Local Elections-Return of Persons Elected document at the meeting. This was signed by Mr. Michael Owens, Returning Officer on the 27-5-2014. The following were elected to the MD of Conamara:

Cllrs N. Byrne, S. Ó Cualáin, T. Healy, E. Mannion, N. Thomas, S. Ó Tuairisg, S. Walsh, T. Welby, T. O'Curraoin.

Election of Cathaoirleach for the year 2014/2015 **CMD 14003**

Comh Ó'Curraoin requested nominations for Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Conamara for the Year 2014/2015

It was proposed by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr. Thomas that Cllr. Walsh be elected Cathaoirleach. There were no other nominations for Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Walsh, was then declared elected Cathaoirleach and proceeded to conduct the meeting. He thanked the elected members for their support and advised them and the officials present that he intended to conduct the business of the MD of Conamara in an efficient, pragmatic and fair-minded way during his term of office.

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the year 2014/2015 **CMD 14004**

Cllr. Walsh requested nominations for Leas-Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Conamara for the Year 2014/2015.

It was proposed by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr. Byrne that Cllr. Mannion be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. There were no other nominations for the role.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Mannion elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Adoption of Municipal District Interim Standing Orders **CMD 14005**

Mr. Mullarkey advised the meeting that the Executive recommended that the Councillors adopt the Standing Orders as circulated as Interim Standing Orders for the purpose of the meeting with a view to adopting the Draft Standing Orders at the next ordinary MD meeting. This should allow sufficient time for consideration of the provisions.

It was proposed by Comh Ó' Tuairisg and seconded by Comh. Ó' Curraoin and agreed that the Standing Orders circulated at the meeting be adopted on an interim basis by the MD until the next ordinary meeting.

To fix schedule of dates for the Municipal District meetings **CMD 14006**

Mr. Mullarkey advised the meeting that the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) had recommended that the Municipal Districts hold their ordinary meetings on a bi-monthly basis while the full Council will continue to hold its ordinary meetings on a monthly basis. The recommendation for the MD of Conamara was that it would hold its meetings on the Tuesday of the second week of every second month. Comh. O'Tuairisg stated his opinion that the meetings should be held on a monthly basis due to the geographical size of Conamara and the level of functions that are delegated to the Municipal Districts. He stated that the elected members are aware of the Guidelines issued by the Department on this and that the elected members can decide the frequency and the venues for the meetings. The Councillors discussed this and agreed to consider the schedule and venues for ordinary meetings at the next meeting. Mr. Groarke advised that the first ordinary meeting for the MD was scheduled for 11.00 a.m on Tuesday the 15-7-2014. Mr. Molloy advised that it was important to senior Roads Department officials that the scheduling of the meetings be staggered –as they would be required to attend all of these MD meetings at certain times. He requested approval from the members to change the time of the meeting on the 15-7-2014 to 2.30 p.m (alternate with Athenry-Oranmore MD) and this was agreed. Comh. Ó'Tuairisg proposed that the next meeting be held at Carraroe and this was seconded by Comh. Ó' Cualáin.

Cllr .Mannion and Cllr. Healy proposed that the venues for the future meetings be rotated and this was agreed by the Cathaoirleach who suggested Oughterard as a future venue. Councillors Healy and O' Cualáin recommended that the the MD use community facilities where practical for the future meetings. Cllr. Healy suggested that the position of Cathaoirleach be rotated on an annual basis.

Cllr. Walsh, requested the elected members to send him details of any items they wish to place on future agendas. Cllr. Welby referred to the procedure outlined for Notices of Motion on the Interim Standing Orders. These have to be delivered to the Meetings Administrator at least 10 clear days before the date of the next ordinary meeting. Comh. S. Ó'Tuairisg advised that the MD should seek the attendance of Páid Ó'Neachtáin , Oifigeach Gaeilge at all future meetings. Mr. Mullarkey informed the meeting that the MD for Conamara did not have any representative on the Corporate Policy Group and he proposed that a meeting be held at 10.00 a.m on Monday the 23-6-2014 to consider this. This would be the only item on the agenda as the main Council meeting was scheduled for that date. The Councillors agreed to this and they complimented Cllr. Mannion for arranging the Abbeyglan Hotel as the venue for the inaugural Annual Meeting .

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