

Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting of Borough District of Drogheda

Minutes of the Annual General and inaugural Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in the Boyne Centre, Drogheda on Tuesday 10th June 2014

In attendance:

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully

Officials: P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: none

Minute No. 01/14

Address by Meetings Administrator

Meetings Administrator, P. Donnelly, welcomed all members to the annual and inaugural meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda, and proposed as representative of the Chief Executive to facilitate the election of Cathaoirleach of the members of the Borough District of Drogheda.

Minute No. 02/14

Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. I. Munster proposed to opt for the D'Hondt system which is inclusive and gives all and none an opportunity to Chair and Vice Chair over the 5 years. This was seconded by Cllr. K. Flood.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. O. Tully and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane to proceed with the Agenda as set out, and a roll call vote was taken as follows

For: Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, P. Smith, O. Tully. **(7)**

Against: Cllrs. A. Cassidy, K. Flood, I. Munster. **(3)**

Abstain: **(0)**

Absent: **(0)**

Accordingly nominations were sought for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane:

Cllr. K. Callan for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Cllr. K. Flood and seconded by Cllr. A. Cassidy:

Cllr. I. Munster for the position of Cathaoirleach.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

For Cllr. Callan: Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, P. Smith. O. Tully **(7)**

For Cllr. Munster: Cllrs. A. Cassidy, K. Flood, I. Munster **(3)**

Abstain: **(0)**

Absent: **(0)**

Accordingly Cllr. Kevin Callan was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of the members of the Borough District of Drogheda.

Minute No. 03/14

Election of Leas Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach then sought nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Smith and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane

Cllr. O. Tully for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

Proposed by Cllr. I. Munster and seconded by Cllr. A. Cassidy

Cllr. K. Flood for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

For Cllr. Tully: Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, P. Smith. O. Tully **(7)**

For Cllr. Flood: Cllrs. A. Cassidy, K. Flood, I. Munster **(3)**

Abstain: **(0)**

Absent: **(0)**

Cllr. Oliver Tully was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of the members of the Borough District of Drogheda

Minute No. 04/14

Title of Mayor

Cllr. P. Bell proposed that the title of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be used in accordance with Part 7 Section 37 1(A)(c) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. This was seconded by Cllr. Frank Godfrey, and a vote was taken as follows:

For: Cllrs: P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully **(10)**

Against: **(0)**

Minute No. 05/14

Chains of Office

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell that the chains of Office of the former Drogheda Borough Council be used by the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

For: Cllrs: P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully **(10)**

Against: **(0)**

Minute No. 06/14

Robes of Office

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey that the Robes of Office of the former Drogheda Borough Council be worn by the members if they so choose for civic and state occasions. Following a discussion there was a roll call vote:

For: Cllrs: P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully **(10)**

Against: **(0)**

Minute No. 07/14

Standing Orders

The Mayor led a discussion re the agreement of Draft Standing Orders as presented by the Meetings Administrator. The draft Standing orders were considered and agreed as per amendments listed with details recorded for circulation as the completed Standing Orders for the Borough District of Drogheda.

Members while noting that the venue for meeting as suggested by the Mayor was not in accordance with Department Circulars agreed that ordinary meetings of the Borough District of Drogheda will be held in Barlow House, Narrow West Street, Drogheda, for year one and that there would be no cost to the local authority.

Standing Orders are to be circulated for and noted at the next meeting.

That provision for Notice of Questions be added as Standing Order number 17 (a). And that provision is for two questions to be recorded and that members be afforded the opportunity of one supplementary question at the meeting.

S.O. No. 50 – Attendance of Public and Media

Proposed by Cllr. I. Munster and seconded by Cllr. K. Flood:

That Standing Order 50 be amended to say 75% of the total members.

Amendment proposed by Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. P. Smith:

That Standing Order 50 remains as is until clarification is confirmed.

A role call vote was taken as follows:

For: Cllrs. P. Bellew, T. Byrne, Cllr. R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, P. Smith, O.Tully. **(7)**

Against: Cllrs. I. Munster, K. Flood, A. Cassidy. **(3)**

Abstain: **(0)**

Absent: **(0)**

Minute No. 08/14

Vote of Sympathy

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy to former Member of Drogheda Borough Council Ken O'Heilhy on the death of his mother Maeve Healy R.I.P.

Minute No. 09/14

Meeting Schedule

The following dates were agreed for the 2014 Ordinary Meetings of Borough District members:

7th July
1st September
6th October
3rd November
1st December

Minute No. 10/14

In concluding the meeting, the Mayor expressed appreciation for the work of the former Mayor of Drogheda Borough Council, Cllr. Richie Culhane. He wished to acknowledge in particular and welcome the new members and invited all to attend a photo call of the inaugural members of the Borough District of Drogheda at Fair Street.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of Council held on:-

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____