

Annual Meeting - Borough District of Drogheda – June 2015

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, Drogheda, on Monday 8th June, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. K. Callan

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

Officials: Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer
Mary T. Daly, A/Director of Services
Brona O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Paddy Donnelly, Meetings Administrator / A/Director of Services

Apologies: Mr. David Storey, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 68/15

The Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda, Cllr. Kevin Callan, welcomed the members and staff, together with members of the public who joined them for the Annual General Meeting.

The Mayor before he commenced the formal business of the meeting wished to thank the staff and the elected members for their support during the year. He recognised and thanked the members of the press and media for their attendance and reporting of the business of the meetings throughout the year for which he was Mayor. The Mayor referred to Drogheda's proud tradition of its meetings being accessible to members of the public and he was delighted to see that this tradition continued during what was a difficult year in transitioning from a multi structured local authority to a single authority structure in the County.

The following comments from the members noted:

Cllr. Smith thanked Cllr. Callan for his role in maintaining the status of the Mayor of the Borough District.

Cllr. Culhane congratulated the Mayor on the work he had done and the high profile which he gave the role as the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda.

Cllr. Tully commented that it was his privilege to serve as the Deputy Mayor during Cllr. Callan's term of office and he was delighted to share many a platform with the Mayor both in his role as Deputy Mayor and as Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council.

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Cllr. Godfrey thanked and congratulated the Mayor and wished him and his wife every success in what he expected would be a long and fruitful career in politics.

Cllr. Munster recorded her disappointment that the Mayor as first citizen did not show his support to the people of Drogheda town during the water protests.

Cllr. Byrne congratulated the Mayor on his work and joined with Cllr. Munster in expressing his disappointment at the Mayor not being in attendance at the water protests.

Minute No. 69/15

Election of Mayor

To elect the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Cllr. Paul Bell was proposed by Cllr. Callan and seconded by Cllr. Smith.

Cllr. Imelda Munster was proposed by Cllr. Flood and seconded by Cllr. Cassidy.

There followed a roll call vote.

For Cllr Bell: Cllrs. Bell, Callan, Culhane, Godfrey, Smith, Tully. **Total 6 (six)**

For Cllr Munster: Cllrs. Byrne, Cassidy, Flood, Munster **Total 4 (four)**

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Cllr. Paul Bell was confirmed as the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda.

Minute No. 70/15

The Mayor, Cllr. Bell wished to thank those who nominated and supported his election as Mayor. He was delighted that this was his third opportunity to hold the office of Mayor. He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Callan and his wife, and understood that he, along with his wife, are a team and it requires such a team to ensure a successful year as Mayor.

He too recognised that it was a difficult transition to the new authority structure, and like Cllr. Callan he would keep his focus on jobs and housing in the Borough District of Drogheda.

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The Mayor congratulated Cllr. Munster on her nomination and noted that defeat in the election for the office of Mayor is not a record of unworthiness of the office, as he recognised that all members were worthy to serve as Mayor.

The Mayor continued that he was delighted that the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, accepted the Freedom of the Borough District of Drogheda. He also congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the Mayoral Awards which were rightful in the recognition of the role of individuals and groups within the community and he intended to continue the practice in the ensuing year. He looked forward to working with each of the Councillors individually and as a group for the development of the Borough District of Drogheda, and to do so with the Chief Executive and the staff. Mayor Bell also referred to the voluntary sector and the importance of working with this sector together with developing the natural assets that are a support to the town.

The following members recorded their congratulations.

Cllr. Byrne congratulated Cllr. Bell and wished him every success.

Cllr. Callan congratulated Cllr. Bell and looked forward to what he expected would be an exciting year with Cllr Bell in the role of Mayor.

Cllr. Tully wished the Mayor every success in the coming twelve months.

Cllr. Godfrey looked forward to the experience Cllr. Bell would bring to the office of the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda.

Cllr. Munster recorded that on a personal level she congratulated Cllr. Bell and his family.

Cllr. Culhane recorded the tireless work that Cllr. Bell had carried out in the past and he looked forward to working with him again into the future.

Cllr. Smith felt that he was the right man in the right job at this time and he will only strengthen the position for the betterment of the Borough District of Drogheda, together with his family and friends and he wished him every success.

Minute No. 71/15

Election of Deputy Mayor

To elect a Deputy Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Cllr. Richie Culhane was proposed by Cllr. Tully and seconded by Cllr. Callan.

Cllr. Alan Cassidy was proposed by Cllr. Munster and seconded by Cllr. Flood

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There followed a roll call vote.

For Cllr. Culhane: Cllrs. Bell, Callan, Culhane, Godfrey, Smith, Tully **Total 6 (six)**

For Cllr. Cassidy: Cllrs. Byrne, Cassidy, Flood, Munster **Total 4 (four)**

Abstain: **none**

Absent: **none**

Cllr. Culhane was confirmed as the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Culhane thanked those for their support and he looked forward to working with the members in the coming year.

That concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting

The minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____