

Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting – June 2020

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting held in The Barbican Centre, William Street, Drogheda on Monday 8th June, 2020 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Paul Bell

Members: Councillors: James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power

Officials: Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Darius Messayeh, Executive Engineer

Apologies: Cllr. Pio Smith

Minute No. 31/20

The Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda, Cllr. Paul Bell commended the work of the members and staff for keeping services going during the COVID-19 crisis, along with all workers providing essential services. He also commended the community for supporting each other through this difficult time. He reflected on highlights of the year such as the rally against criminality and the freedom of Drogheda being bestowed upon Geraldine Byrne-Nason. He also acknowledged the passing away of two of the recipients of mayoral awards, Patsy Rice and John Kierans. He also thanked his wife for her support.

Minute No. 32/20

The members thanked the Mayor and commended him for his inclusivity and professionalism during his term.

Minute No. 33/20

Election of Mayor

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

Cllr. Kevin Callan was proposed by Cllr. Michelle Hall and seconded by Cllr. Declan Power.
Cllr. Joanna Byrne was proposed by Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne.

A roll call vote was then called.

For Cllr. Kevin Callan (5): Cllrs. Paul Bell, James Byrne, Kevin Callan, Michelle Hall, Declan Power

For Cllr. Joanna Byrne (2): Cllrs. Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham

Abstain (1): Cllr. Paddy McQuillan

Absent (2): Cllrs. Pio Smith, Eileen Tully

Accordingly, Cllr. Kevin Callan was declared elected as Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Kevin Callan thanked the members for their support and commiserated with Cllr. Joanna Byrne. He also paid tribute to Cllr. Paul Bell for his work as Mayor and as a public representative. He paid tribute to the people of the greater Drogheda area for working together to support each other throughout the COVID-19 crisis. He expressed the belief that the members could work together in relation to issues such as the pedestrianisation of West Street, the Northern Cross Route and achieving city status for Drogheda.

Minute No. 34/20

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. James Byrne was proposed by Cllr. Paul Bell and seconded by Cllr. Kevin Callan.

Cllr. Tom Cunningham was proposed by Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Tom Cunningham.

A roll call vote was then called.

For Cllr. James Byrne (5): Cllrs. Paul Bell, James Byrne, Kevin Callan, Michelle Hall, Declan Power

For Cllr. Tom Cunningham (2): Cllrs. Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham

Abstain (1): Cllr. Paddy McQuillan

Absent (2): Cllrs. Pio Smith, Eileen Tully

Accordingly, Cllr. James Byrne was declared elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the ensuing year.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____