



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana Dúiche Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Municipal District of Dundalk – Halla Na Bhaile, Dún Dealgan/Town Hall, Dundalk - Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Seán Kelly

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Ciarán Fisher, Shane McGuinness, Andrea McKeivitt, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore

Apologies: Councillor(s) Sionnain McCann,

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Patrick Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer

Minute No. 45/25

Chains of Office

Cllr Kelly advised that the Corporate Policy Group had made the decision to reinstate the previous Chains of Office of the Urban District Council while the Chains currently in use for the Municipal District of Dundalk would be given to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk.

Minute No. 46/25

Election of Cathaoirleach

Outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seán Kelly expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the support provided to him by his fellow Councillors, Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Nash, and the staff of LCC throughout his term as Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Dundalk. He stated that he had been “privileged to have been elected to represent the Municipal District of Dundalk” and considered it to have been “a wonderful experience.”

Members congratulated Cllr Kelly on his term as Cathaoirleach with many referencing his inclusivity and objectivity in conducting the business of the role and concluding that he was an ‘*exemplary Dundalkian*’ with the people of Dundalk at the heart of his endeavours.

On behalf of the Executive and the staff of Louth County Council, Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy thanked and congratulated Cllr Kelly on the progress he had made over his two years as the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk noting his passion and enthusiasm for the position.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Kelly then called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Dundalk for the 2025-2026 term of office.

Cllr Robert Nash was nominated on the:

Proposal of: Cllr Seán Kelly
Seconded by: Cllr Ciarán Fisher

Cllr Fiona MhicConchoille was nominated on the:

Proposal of: Cllr Antóin Watters
Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Meenan

As neither candidate rejected the nomination, there were therefore 2 valid candidates for Cathaoirleach. In accordance with Section 37(g) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, a vote was called for as follows:

Councillor	Nominee No. 1 – Cllr Nash	Nominee No. 2 – Cllr MhicConchoille	Abstain	Absent
Butler, Marianne			1	
Coffey, Emma	1			
Fisher, Ciarán	1			
Kelly, Seán	1			
McCann, Sionnain				1
McGuinness, Shane	1			
McKevitt, Andrea	1			
MhicConchoille, Fiona		1		
Meenan, Kevin		1		
Nash, Robert	1			
Reilly, John	1			
Watters, Antóin		1		
Yore, Maeve			1	
Result	7	3	2	1

And Cllr Robert Nash was elected Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the 2025-2026 term.

Cllr Nash thanked Members for his nomination and for electing him as Cathaoirleach stating that he was a 'proud Dundalk man' and promised to do his best.

Members spoke to congratulate Cllr Nash on his election to the position of Cathaoirleach and while Cllr Meenan considered it an 'unfortunate way' to be elected, referencing alleged party pact arrangements, he nevertheless wished Cllr Nash the very best on the year ahead.

Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy congratulated Cllr Nash and wished him the best of luck and affirmed that he would have the full support of the staff of Louth County Council throughout his term.

Minute No. 47/25

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Nash called for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Dundalk for the 2025-2026 term of office.

Cllr Andrea McKeivitt was nominated on the:

Proposal of: Cllr Seán Kelly

Seconded by: Cllr John Reilly

Cllr Kevin Meenan was nominated on the:

Proposal of: Cllr Fiona MhicConchoille

Seconded by: Cllr Antóin Watters

As neither candidate rejected the nomination, there were therefore 2 valid candidates for Cathaoirleach. In accordance with Section 37(g) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, a vote was called for as follows:

Councillor	Nominee No. 1 – Cllr McKeivitt	Nominee No. 2 – Cllr Meenan	Abstain	Absent
Butler, Marianne		1		
Coffey, Emma	1			
Fisher, Ciarán	1			
Kelly, Seán	1			
McCann, Sionnain				1
McGuinness, Shane	1			
McKeivitt, Andrea	1			
MhicConchoille, Fiona		1		
Meenan, Kevin		1		
Nash, Robert	1			
Reilly, John	1			
Watters, Antóin		1		
Yore, Maeve			1	
Result	7	4	1	1

And Cllr Andrea McKeivitt was elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the 2025-2026 term.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Nash, the Members and Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy congratulated Cllr McKeivitt on her appointment as Leas Cathaoirleach and wished her all the best for the year ahead.

Minute No. 48/25

To agree a schedule of Municipal District of Dundalk Meetings

Members agreed to continue with the established schedule of meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month, excluding August, at 5:15pm).

Proposed by: Cllr Maeve Yore

Seconded by: Cllr Seán Kelly

And resolved.

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

Date: 8th July 2025

Cathaoirleach:

Andrea McQuinn

Meeting Administrator:

San Dooley