

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber,  
Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 12 noon.**

**Members Present:**

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| Bohan, Mary       | McCartin, John   |
| Colreavy, Michael | McDermott, Sean  |
| Dolan, Frank      | McGloin, Enda    |
| Dolan, Gerry      | McGloin, Siobhán |
| Ellis, Caillian   | McGowan, Sean    |
| Ferguson, Tony    | McTernan, John   |
| Guckian, Sinéad   | O'Rourke, Paddy  |
| Hughes, Gordon    | Reynolds, Gerard |
| Kenny, Martin     | Stenson, Enda    |
| Kilrane, Gerry    | Ward, John       |

And Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Cathaoirleach presiding

**Apologies:** Councillor Francis Gilmartin

**Officials Present:**

- Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager
- Mr. Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services
- Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure
- Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural and Enterprise Development
- Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services
- Ms. Katrina Murphy, Head of Finance
- Mr. Vincent Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services
- Ms. Carmelita Caslin, Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure
- Ms. Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator

At the outset the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan, welcomed Members, Staff, the Media and Members of the public to the Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council.

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28/6/10 Election of Cathaoirleach**

Councillor Mulligan stated that he was honoured and privileged to be a member of Leitrim County Council and to have served as Cathaoirleach for the past 12 months. He outlined that it had been a challenging year for Leitrim County Council on two particular fronts – the economic situation had led to difficult decisions and a particularly difficult budgetary situation while the unprecedented weather events of Winter 2009/2010 had stretched Council resources to their maximum. He thanked the Members for their co-operation at the 2010 Budget meeting, despite the difficult choices to be made. He also congratulated the staff of the Council on their response to the two weather emergencies – the flooding of November/December 2009 and the severe cold snap of December 2009 / January 2010. He stated that Council staff had handled the situation particularly well as had been recognised nationally.

Councillor Mulligan expressed thanks to Councillor Enda McGloin, Leas Cathaoirleach, Ms. Jackie Maguire County Manager, Directors of Services, Ms. Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Kathleen McGovern Ellis, Meetings Secretary and all the staff of Leitrim County Council for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year. He also congratulated Kathleen McGovern Ellis on the recent birth of her baby girl.

Councillor Mulligan thanked the media for providing fair and balanced coverage of Council activities throughout the year. He also thanked his family for their support and assistance over the past year. Finally he thanked the Members for affording him the privilege of serving as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council, and for their support and co-operation throughout the year.

The members unanimously complimented and expressed thanks to Councillor Mulligan on his fairness and impartiality in the role of Cathaoirleach and on the way in which he had represented the Council with distinction throughout his year as Cathaoirleach.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager, on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, thanked Councillor Mulligan for his support and co-operation throughout what had been a difficult but nonetheless successful year. She then presented Councillor Mulligan with a pictorial memoir of his year as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Mulligan invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

***Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, seconded by Councillor Siobhán McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That **Councillor Frank Dolan** be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2010/2011.”

Councillor Mulligan outlined that as there was only one proposal for the position of Cathaoirleach, Councillor Frank Dolan was deemed elected Cathaoirleach for the year 2010/2011.

Councillor Frank Dolan thanked his proposer and seconder and all of the Members for electing him to the position of Cathaoirleach. He stated that this is a huge personal honour for him and his family. Councillor Dolan acknowledged the many members who have served on Leitrim County Council over the years and have never had the privilege of serving as Cathaoirleach. He stated that he considered himself very lucky to be afforded this honour and stated that he would carry out his duties as Cathaoirleach to the very best of his abilities. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mulligan and the Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Enda McGloin. He outlined that he was very conscious of the many people who have worn the Chain of Office in the past and stated that he would try and live up to that standard. He outlined a number of particular areas and projects that he would like to see progressed and particularly in relation to the more proactive promotion, on a collaborative basis with other agencies, of Leitrim as a tourist attraction. In conclusion he outlined that he was looking forward to working closely with the members and staff for the forthcoming year and he again thanked the Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach.

The members unanimously congratulated Councillor Dolan and wished him every success as Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

Ms Jackie Maguire, County Manager on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Leitrim County Council congratulated Councillor Dolan and wished him well in his role as Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year. She assured him of the full support and co-operation of the staff throughout his term of office.

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**28/6/10 Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach**

Councillor Enda McGloin, outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach thanked the Members and Staff for their support and co-operation throughout his term as Leas Cathaoirleach. He congratulated Councillor Thomas Mulligan on a very successful term as Cathaoirleach which had made his role as Leas-Cathaoirleach an easy one.

Councillor Frank Dolan invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

***Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor John McCartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That ***Councillor Enda Stenson*** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the ensuing year.”

Councillor Frank Dolan outlined that as there was only one proposal for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Enda Stenson was deemed elected Leas-Cathaoirleach for the year 2010/2011.

Councillor Stenson thanked his proposer and seconder and all of the Members for unanimously appointing him as Leas-Cathaoirleach. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach and stated that he considers it a huge honour, as an Independent Member of Leitrim County Council, to hold the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. He stated that he would always be available to do whatever he is called upon to do in the role.

The members unanimously paid tribute to the outgoing Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Enda McGloin and wished Councillor Stenson well in the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager thanked the outgoing Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Enda McGloin, and congratulated Councillor Enda Stenson on being elected Leas Cathaoirleach and wished him well in the role.

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**28/6/10 Appointment of Cathaoirleach and one members of the Border Regional Authority to the Operational Committee**

**Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, Seconded by Councillor Tony Ferguson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;**

“That the Cathaoirleach and Councillor John McCartin be appointed to the Border Regional Authority Operational Committee for the purpose of Article 15 of the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993.”

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**28/6/10 Dates and Times of Council Meetings**

**Proposed by Councillor Gerard Reynolds, Seconded by Councillor Michael Colreavy AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED;**

“That monthly Council meetings be held on the first Monday of each month at 5.30pm. Where the first Monday falls on a Bank Holiday the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. There will be no Council meeting in the month of August.”

Ms. Aileen McGovern, Meetings Administrator advised that the July Council meeting will take place on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

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**28/6/10 Any Other Business**

Councillor Michael Colreavy outlined that he understood that the timing of the Annual Meeting is decreed by Legislation. He suggested however that it would be useful if the Annual Meeting were to coincide with the publication of the Annual Report so that the Annual Meeting could be an opportunity to review the activities and achievements of the previous year.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager confirmed that the timeframe for the Annual Meeting is determined by Legislation. She advised that the Annual Report was adopted at the June Council meeting. She outlined that a review of the year could be undertaken at any meeting at which the Annual Report is being considered but confirmed that the suggestion in this regard could be passed on to the Department.

**This concluded the business of the meeting at 12.45pm.**

**SIGNED: Frank Dolan  
Cathaoirleach**

**SIGNED: Aileen McGovern  
Meetings Administrator**

**DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010**