Minutes of Meeting of Annual General Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

Held in Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim

On Friday 14th June 2019 at 11:00am

Members Present:  Councillor Des Guckian
                  Councillor Thomas Mulligan
                  Councillor Paddy Farrell
                  Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire
                  Councillor Sean McGowan

Apologies:  Councillor Enda Stenson

Officials Present:  Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services,
                   Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
                   Kieran Brett, Meeting Administrator

Vote of Sympathy

At the outset of the meeting Cllr Des Guckian proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Mrs Josephine Stenson, mother of Cllr Enda Stenson.

In support of the motion Cllr Sean McGowan suggested that the election of the Cathaoirleach should take place first and that Councillor Guckian’s motion be then moved.

This was agreed by all members

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Seconded by Sean McGowan;
“That Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire be elected Cathaoirleach of the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District for the term 2019/2020.”
As there were no other nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire was duly elected.

On taking the role of Cathaoirleach Finola Armstrong thanked those that had proposed her for the position. The Cathaoirleach then supported the earlier motion of Cllr Des Guckian to adjourn the meeting for 10 minutes.

**Proposed by Councillor Des Guckian, Seconded by Councillor Finola Armstrong Maguire AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;**

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District be adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Josephine Stenson, mother of Cllr Enda Stenson.

Meeting adjourned at 11.10 am.

Meeting resumed at 11:20 am.

On resumption of the meeting, a prayer was recited as a mark of respect to the deceased.

2. **Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

**Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Thomas Mulligan;**

“That Councillor Paddy Farrell be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District for the term 2019/2020.”

As there were no other nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Paddy Farrell was duly elected.

Cllr Des Guckian questioned if the coalition of Fianna Fail and Fine Gael were going to continue to deny him his rights to be one of the post holders on the Municipal District.

Cathaoirleach Finola Armstrong McGuire stated that proposal and seconds were being taken for positions as they became available and Cllr Guckian rights were not being denied.

3. **Appoint two (2) members to the Heritage Forum**

**Proposed by Cllr Paddy Farrell and seconded by Cllr Thomas Mulligan:**

“That Cllr Sean McGowan and Cllr Finola Armstrong McGuire be appointed to the Leitrim Heritage Forum”
As no other proposals were received Councillors McGowan and Armstrong McGuire were elected as appointees to the Heritage Forum.

4. **To fix dates and times of meetings of Carrick-on-Shannon MD until next AGM**

Proposed by Cllr Sean McGowan and seconded by Cllr Paddy Farrell and unanimously resolved

“That the meetings of Carrick-on-Shannon MD take place on the 2nd Monday of every Month with the meetings being held at 11 am in the Council Chamber of Aras and Chontae”

5. **A.O.B.**

Cllr Des Guckian proposed that Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District should limit the number of guest speakers to one for the coming term. Guest speakers should be limited to ten minutes peaking time with a further 5 minutes for questions from the members. He further proposed that deputations should only be allowed on important issues.

Meetings Administrator Kieran Brett, stated that the procedure in relation to deputations was addressed through Section 51 of the Standing Orders for Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District meetings. This was noted by the members.

Director of Services Joseph Gilhooley stated having guest speakers from business units within the council routinely present to Municipal District meetings was a practise that was set up when Municipal Districts were first introduced in 2014. This practise has discontinued recently and there are no plans to have these reintroduced in the current term of the Municipal District. Guest speakers may be required on occasion where statutory items or policy matters are being discussed and it is felt that the members could benefit by the support of relevant staff.

Councillor Guckian disagreed and he believed that too much time was being taken up with guest speakers and that time was better spent debating the issues.

Councillor Sean McGowan, felt that presentations were very beneficial to the members when important matters were being discussed. This was supported by Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire.

Following a question from Cllr Thomas Mulligan regarding Notices of Motions and Questions at Municipal District Meetings, Director of Service Joseph Gilhooley, outlined the procedure and operation of Notices of Motions at Municipal District Meeting and at Council Meetings. Members are allowed 2 Notices of Motions on operational issues at Municipal District meetings and at Plenary Council Meetings are allowed one Notice of Motion on county wide or policy issues.

Joseph Gilhooley wished Cllr Finola Armstrong McGuire well in her term as Cathaoirleach and he extended these good wishes to all members of the Municipal District for the coming 5 year term.
6. Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 8th July 2019 at 11am in Áras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 11:40

Signed: ________________________________  ________________________________

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire  Mairead Shanley
Cathaoirleach  Meetings Administrator

Date: ________________________________