

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN TOWN FERBANE HERITAGE & ARTS CENTRE**  
**ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008 AT 4.00P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. E. Dooley (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, M. Buckley, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, M. Corcoran-Kennedy, B. Cowen, D. Dolan, , T. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, M. Fox, C. Hanniffy, G. Killally, J. Foran, F. McDonnell, T. McKeigue, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan Ryan, P. Ormond, D. Owens.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. J. Butterfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Pat Gallagher, County Manager, Mr. M. Roche, D.O.S., Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. Sean Murray, D.O.S., Mr. Declan Kirrane, D.O.S., Ms. Marita Hanlon, A/DOS, Ms. Ann. Dillon, A/S.E.O. (Meetings Administrator), Natasha Troy, Clerical Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Dooley opened the meeting by expressing his thanks to the County Manager, Pat Gallagher and the Executive for their cooperation over the last year. He thanked the staff of the Council, in particular Ann Dillon and the staff of Corporate Services and Phyllis Hughes and the staff of the Planning Department for their efforts and he complimented them on the great work done around the county and on the County Development Plan this past year. In addition, he thanked the members, the media and his family.

He stated that enjoyed the year and the two disappointments for him were lack of progress on the Integrated Cohesion Group and the loss of the Town & Village Renewal Projects which were being moved from the Local Authority.

Members complimented Mr. Dooley on the excellent manner in which he carried out his duties as Cathaoirleach, always being fair, impartial and approachable.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the council joined with the members compliments to Cllr. Dooley. He said it had been a pleasure to work with the Cathaoirleach. He always found him practical and upfront, which was effective and got the work done. He commended the Cathaoirleach on his efforts on the Development Contribution Scheme and the production of the County Development Plan. He stated that it was always a pleasure to have the company of Cllr. Dooley and his family at functions. He extended his best wishes to him for the future.

**ELECTION OF  
CATHAOIRLEACH:**

In proposing Cllr. B. Cowen, Cllr. D. Owens advised that he comes from a long line of political people with great experience; he had been a member of Offaly County Council since 1991 and a former Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. D. Dolan seconded the proposal.

In proposing Cllr. M. Corcoran-Kennedy as Cathaoirleach, Cllr. C. Hanniffy stated that Cllr. Corcoran-Kennedy also comes from a long line of political people. She became a member herself in 1990 with her father and grandfather both being in politics. She stated that Cllr. Kennedy has brought many concerns from the Housing S.P.C. to the Council and these have benefited that public and the council. She made an appeal as this is the last year of this council for fresh leadership and fresh vision.

Cllr. T. McKeigue seconded the proposal.

There being no other nominations a roll call vote ensued resulting as follows:

For Cllr. B. Cowen:

13 votes – Cllr's N. Bourke, J. Carroll, B. Cowen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, T. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, G. Killally, F. McDonnell, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan-Ryan, P. Ormond, D. Owens.

For Cllr. M. Corcoran-Kennedy

7 votes – Cllr's M. Buckley, P. Clendennen, M. Corcoran-Kennedy, J. Foran, M. Fox, C. Hanniffy, T. McKeigue.

Cllr. B. Cowen was declared elected as Cathaoirleach and he then took the chair.

Cllr. Cowen thanked his proposer, seconder and his own party and he paid tribute to Cllr. Corcoran-Kennedy. He advised the members that over the coming year he would treat his responsibilities and tasks with diligence and ensured impartiality in his role as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. M. Corcoran-Kennedy congratulated Cllr. Cowen on his election and stated that she had no doubt he would do a good job. She thanked her proposer and seconder.

The County Manager congratulated Cllr. Cowen on behalf of Offaly County Council and commiserated with to Cllr. Corcoran-Kennedy. He extended his best wishes to the Cathaoirleach and assured him of his full support over the coming year.

**ELECTION OF LEAS  
CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Cllr. T. McLoughlin proposed Cllr. J. Carroll, as Leas Cathaoirleach. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond.

Cllr. T. McKeigue proposed Cllr. M. Buckley, as Leas Cathaoirleach. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Fox.

There being no other nominations a roll call vote ensued resulting as follows:

For Cllr. J. Carroll:

11 votes – Cllr’s N. Bourke, J. Carroll, B. Cowen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, T. Feighery, , G. Killally, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan-Ryan, P. Ormond, D. Owens.

For Cllr. M. Buckley

8 votes – Cllr’s M. Buckley, P. Clendennen, M. Corcoran-Kennedy, J. Foran, M. Fox, C. Hanniffy, F. McDonnell, T. McKeigue.

1 abstention: Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick

Cllr. J. Carroll was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

In accepting the nomination Cllr. Carroll expressed his gratitude for the nomination and said he would do his best. He congratulated Cllr. Barry Cowen on his nomination to Cathaoirleach and said he would support him when called upon.

Cllr. Buckley extended congratulated Cllr. B. Cowen & Cllr. J. Carroll on their victories. She wished them both well in the coming year and ensured her support.

The County Manager joined with members in congratulating the newly elected Cathaoirleach & Leas Cathaoirleach, and assured them of the continued support from management and staff. He commiserated with Cllr. Buckley.

**MINUTES CONFIRMED: -**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTATOR**

**14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**