

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TULLAMORE  
ON MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2010 AT 5.20 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. N. Bourke (Presiding), Cllrs. M. Buckley, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, B. Cowen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, C. Hanniffy, N. Hogan, T. McKeigue, J. Leahy, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan Ryan, Cllr. P. Ormond, D. Owens, G. Plunkett and L. Quinn

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S., Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F., Mr. T. Mawe, Financial Management Accountant., Mr. E. O’Ceilleachair, C.F.O., Mr. A. Murray, S.P., Mr. Tom Shanahan, S.E., Mr. Dermot Mahon, S.E.O., Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator and Ms. N. Troy, Clerical Officer.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. J. Butterfield

**INTRODUCTION:**

Cllr. N. Bourke, Cathaoirleach, in opening the meeting said it was an honour to be appointed Cathaoirleach last June. He expressed his thanks to the members for the courtesy and co-operation afforded him during the past year. He acknowledged that it was a demanding job particularly having regard to the constrained resources available to the council at this time. He felt that it was important to keep the Council’s Mission Statement, *‘To improve the quality of life for people in Offaly’*, to the fore in our daily operations. He thanked the Manager, Directors of Services, Head of Finance, Senior Management Group and Corporate Services staff for their support and assistance during the year. He thanked his wife, son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons for their support in his political life.

In paying tribute to Cllr. N. Bourke the members expressed their appreciation to him for the manner with which he had carried out his duties, his commitment to the Council and the manner in which he had represented the Council.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined with the sentiments of the members. He thanked him for his committed work in the months following the local election and echoed the members in the effective way that he had performed his duties within and outside the chamber.

## **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Cllr. N. Bourke invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. B. Cowen was proposed by Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley.

Cllr. T. McKeigue was proposed by Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. C. Hanniffy.

There being no other nominations a roll call ensued the result of which was as follows:

For Cllr. B. Cowen: Cllr. N. Bourke B. Cowen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, J. Leahy, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan Ryan, Cllr. P. Ormond, D. Owens, G. Plunkett.

For Cllr. T. McKeigue: Cllr. M. Buckley, P. Clendennen, C. Hanniffy, N. Hogan, T. McKeigue, L. Quinn

Abstain: Cllr. J. Carroll

Absent: Cllr. J. Butterfield

Cllr. N. Bourke declared Cllr. B. Cowen elected as Cathaoirleach of Offaly County Council for the following year.

Cllr. B. Cowen then took the chair, thanked his proposer, seconder and the members for his election. He commiserated with Cllr. T. McKeigue. He advised that he looked forward to working with members, management and staff.

Cllr. T. McKeigue thanked his proposer, seconder and the members who supported him, congratulated Cllr. B. Cowen and wished him well in his term as Cathaoirleach.

## **ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Cllr. B. Cowen, Cathaoirleach, invited nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. D. Owens was proposed by Cllr. S. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley.

Cllr. L. Quinn was proposed by Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue.

**ELECTION OF LEAS  
CATHAOIRLEACH  
(cont'd):**

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

For Cllr. D. Owens: Cllr. N. Bourke B. Cowen, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, J. Leahy, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan Ryan, Cllr. P. Ormond, D. Owens, G. Plunkett.

For Cllr. L. Quinn: Cllr. M. Buckley, P. Clendennen, C. Hanniffy, N. Hogan, T. McKeigue, L. Quinn

Abstain: Cllr. J. Carroll

Absent: Cllr. J. Butterfield

Cllr. B. Cowen, Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. D. Owens elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. D. Owens thanked his proposer, seconder and the members for his election and commiserated with Cllr. L. Quinn.

Cllr. L. Quinn thanked his proposer, seconder and the members who supported him and congratulated Cllr. B. Cowen and Cllr. D. Owens on their elections.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, congratulated Cllr. B. Cowen and Cllr. D. Owens on their election and assured them of the continued support from management and staff. He commiserated with Cllr. T. McKeigue and Cllr. L. Quinn.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**MINUTES CONFIRMED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010**