

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

**MINUTES OF JUNE ANNUAL MEETING 2014
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE,
CO. OFFALY ON FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE 2014 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllrs. J. Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, D. Dolan, E. Dooley, S. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, D. Harvey, B. Killeavy, J. Leahy, T. McKeigue, F. Moran, C. Nolan, M. O' Reilly, P. Ormond, D. Owens and L. Quinn.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr. S. Murray, Chief Executive, Mr. D. Conlon, H.O.F, Mr. D. Kirrane, D.O.S, Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Mahon, S.E.O. Housing; Ms. M. Stuart, County Librarian; Ms. A. Dillon, S.E.O Human Resources; Mr. T. Mawe, Financial Management Accountant; Mr. T. Shanahan, S.E. Water Services; Mr. H. O'Donoghue, Head of I.S.; Mr. M. Daly, Community Development, Mr. A. Murray, S.P.; Mr. C. McCarthy, S.E. Roads; Mr. E. O' Ceilleachair, Chief Fire Officer; Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E. Tullamore; Ms. O. Martin, Head of Local Enterprise Office; and Ms. F. Flaherty C.O.
APOLOGIES	Cllr. N. Bourke.
Mr. S. Murray, Chief Executive welcomed the members to the Annual Meeting. He introduced the executive to all present and informed the members that he looked forward to working with them on behalf of the people of Offaly.	
NAMES OF PERSONS DULY ELECTED AS MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator read out the names of the persons duly elected as members of the Local Authority as follows:</p> <p><u>Birr Electoral Area:</u> John Leahy, Non-Party Peter Ormond, Fianna Fáil John Clendennen, Fine Gael Carol Nolan, Sinn Féin John Carroll, Non-Party Eamon Dooley, Fianna Fáil</p> <p><u>Edenderry Electoral Area:</u> Martin O'Reilly, Sinn Féin Eddie Fitzpatrick, Fianna Fáil John Foley, Non-Party Noel Bourke, Fianna Fáil Liam Quinn, Fine Gael Noel Cribbin, Non-Party</p> <p><u>Tullamore Electoral Area:</u> Brendan Kileavy, Sinn Féin Dervill Dolan, Non-Party Sinéad Dooley, Fianna Fáil Tommy McKeigue, Fine Gael</p>

	<p>Declan Harvey, Fianna Fáil Frank Moran, Fianna Fáil Danny Owens, Fianna Fáil</p>
<p>ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.</p> <p>Cllr. D. Owens proposed Cllr. Sinead Dooley, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll nominated Cllr. Dervill Dolan, seconded by Cllr. N. Cribbin</p> <p>There being no other nominations a ballot ensued resulting as follows:</p> <p><u>For Cllr. S. Dooley:</u> Cllrs. J. Clendennen, E. Dooley, S. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McKeigue, F. Moran, P. Ormond, D. Owens and L. Quinn.</p> <p><u>For Cllr. D. Dolan:</u> Cllrs. J. Carroll, N. Cribbin, D. Dolan, J. Foley, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan and M. O'Reilly.</p> <p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator declared Cllr. S. Dooley elected as Cathaoirleach of Offaly County Council for the coming year.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Dooley then took the chair. She acknowledged that it was an honour to be elected Cathaoirleach and thanked her proposer and seconder and the members for her election. She congratulated all who were elected and extended her commiserations to those who had not been successful at the Local Elections. She welcomed in particular all the newly elected members and advised that she looked forward to working with all members and the executive for the benefit of the county.</p> <p>Cllr. D. Dolan thanked his proposer and seconder for his nomination and advised that he looked forward to working with the newly elected Cathaoirleach.</p>
<p>ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH</p>	<p>Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.</p> <p>Cllr D. Harvey proposed Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond.</p> <p>Cllr. D. Dolan proposed Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. N. Cribbin.</p> <p>There being no other nominations a ballot ensued resulting as follows:</p>

	<p><u>For Cllr. F. Moran:</u> Cllrs. J. Clendennen, E. Dooley, S. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, D. Harvey, T. McKeigue, F. Moran, P. Ormond, D. Owens and L. Quinn.</p> <p><u>For Cllr. J. Carroll:</u> Cllrs. J. Carroll, N. Cribbin, D. Dolan, J. Foley, B. Killeavy, J. Leahy, C. Nolan and M. O' Reilly.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Moran was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the following year.</p> <p>Mr. S. Murray, Chief Executive joined with the members in congratulating the newly elected Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and assured them of the continued support of management and staff. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach for their work over the past year.</p>
<p>FIXING OF ANNUAL MEETING DATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator informed the meeting that in accordance with the <i>Local Government (Reform) Act 2014</i> that the Council is required to set the dates for the Municipal District Annual Meetings.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue, the members resolved to meet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipal District of Birr: Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10th June 2014 at 2.00pm in Birr Civic Offices; - Municipal District of Tullamore: Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12th June 2014 at 2.00pm in Tullamore Town Hall; - Municipal District of Edenderry: Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, 16th June 2014 at 3.30pm in Edenderry Town Hall.
<p>SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator drew the members' attention to the <i>Local Government (Reform) Act 2014</i>. She recommended that the Corporate Policy Group meet to examine Offaly County Council's Standing Orders having regard to the Municipal District Guidelines and draft Standing Orders which, she advised, were circulated earlier. Changes, if any, recommended by the Corporate Policy Group to Offaly County Council Standing Orders could be considered at the next meeting of Offaly County Council. She invited the members to forward any suggestions that they may have to her in advance of the next Corporate Policy Group meeting.</p> <p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator proposed that an Information Briefing for Members be held on Monday, 7th July 2014 and that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 21st July 2014 noting that the Schedule of Ordinary Meetings could be considered at that meeting.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, the members resolved to meet as recommended.</p>

ELECTION / APPOINTMENT / NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES / COMMITTEES:

BORDER, MIDLAND AND WESTERN ASSEMBLY

Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator drew the members' attention to Circular *LG 09/2014 Local Government Reform Act 2014 – Regional Structures Reorganisation*, circulated in advance of the meeting, which advised that the eight Regional Authorities were dissolved on 1st June 2014 and that their functions were transferred to the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly and the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly. She advised that the two Regional Assemblies will undertake the Regional Authorities functions until 31st December 2014 whereupon a new system of regional assemblies will come into effect.

Cllr. S. Dooley, Cathaoirleach invited two nominations to the Border, Midland and Western (BMW) Assembly noting that the membership of the two members appointed to the BMW Assembly will transfer to the new assembly on 1st January 2015.

Following some discussion it was agreed to adjourn the meeting and meet In-Committee for five minutes to allow the Executive to outline the Grouping System that may apply to the various appointments to the various bodies/committees listed on the Agenda. The meeting resumed after five minutes.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. E. Dooley and Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick were deemed elected to the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly. This was agreed.

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator informed the meeting that the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) is the representative body for elected councils following the merger of former Association of County and City Councils and former Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Cllr. D. Dolan informed the meeting that a group had been formed consisting of Cllrs. D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, J. Carroll, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan and M. O'Reilly, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 2001*, for the purposes of nominating Cllr. N. Cribbin as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, Cllr. D. Owens was nominated as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. P. Ormond was nominated as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government.

The members resolved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, that the three members

	<p>appointed, i.e., Cllrs. N. Cribbin, D. Owens and P. Ormond would also be appointed as the permanent delegates to the Standing Policy Council of the Association for the five year term.</p>
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, Cllr. S. Dooley was nominated to the Local Authority Members Association. The proposal was agreed.</p>
REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM, DUBLIN – MID LEINSTER	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, Cllrs. T. McKeigue and E. Fitzpatrick were nominated to the Regional Health Forum, Dublin-Mid Leinster.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. C. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. N. Cribbin, Cllr. B. Killeavy was nominated to the Regional Health Forum, Dublin-Mid Leinster.</p> <p>These proposals were agreed.</p>
IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, the members agreed that Cllr. J. Clendennen be appointed to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.</p>
LAOIS AND OFFALY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD	<p>Cllr. D. Dolan advised that Cllrs. D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, and J. Carroll had formed a group for the purposes of nominating Cllr. J. Carroll to the Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board.</p> <p>Cllr. B. Killeavy nominated Cllr. C. Nolan to the Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board. The nomination was seconded by Cllr. M. O'Reilly and agreed.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Ormond proposed that Cllrs. E. Fitzpatrick, L. Quinn, S. Dooley and E. Dooley be appointed to the Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. F. Moran and agreed.</p>
BARROW DRAINAGE BOARD	<p>Cllr. D. Dolan informed the members that Cllrs. J. Carroll, D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan and M. O'Reilly had formed a grouping to nominate Cllr. M. O'Reilly to the Barrow Drainage Board.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Ormond nominated Cllr. L. Quinn, Mr. Finian O'Neill and Mr. Tom Nolan to the Barrow Drainage Board. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Owens and was agreed by the members.</p>
CHAIRPERSONS DESIGNATE OF OCC STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES	<p>Cllr. J. Carroll advised that a group had been formed consisting of Cllrs. D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, J. Carroll, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan and M. O'Reilly for the purposes of nominating Cllr. D. Dolan as Chairperson Designate to a Strategic Policy Committee.</p>

	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed to appoint Cllrs. T. McKeigue and E. Dooley as Chairperson Designate to a Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, Cllr. P. Ormond was appointed as Chairperson Designate to a Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran, it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr. E. Dooley be appointed Chairperson Designate to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC; and - Cllr. T. McKeigue be appointed Chairperson Designate to the Environment, Water and Drainage Services SPC. <p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr. P. Ormond be appointed Chairperson Designate to the Housing Policy, Social and Cultural SPC. <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. N. Cribbin, it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr. D. Dolan be appointed Chairperson Designate to the Transportation and Emergency Services SPC. <p>It was agreed that a revised Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme would be prepared and presented to the Council at the July Council Meeting and that appointments to the various Strategic Policy Committees would be made following the adoption of the Scheme.</p>
<p>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator advised that in accordance with <i>Section 48, Local Government (Reform) Act 2014</i> that the Corporate Policy Group shall consist of the Cathaoirleach, the Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy Committees and where for any period of time, the Corporate Policy Group does not contain a member of a Municipal District that Municipal District shall select from their members a nominee to the Corporate Policy Group. Accordingly, she advised, that the appointment / nomination / election of a representative from the Municipal District of Edenderry to the Corporate Policy Group will be included on the Municipal District of Edenderry's Annual Meeting Agenda.</p>
<p>RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Cllr. D. Dolan advised that a group had been formed consisting of Cllrs. D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, J. Carroll, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan, M. O' Reilly for the purpose of nominating Cllr. N. Cribbin to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, Cllrs. D. Owens and E. Fitzpatrick were agreed as nominees to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.</p>

<p>LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Cllr. D. Dolan advised that a group had been formed consisting of Cllrs. D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, J. Carroll, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan, M. O'Reilly for the purpose of nominating Cllr. B. Killeavy to the Local Community Development Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, it was agreed to nominate Cllrs. E. Fitzpatrick and J. Clendennen to the Local Community Development Committee.</p>
<p>LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Cllr. D. Dolan advised that a group had been formed consisting of Cllrs. D. Dolan, N. Cribbin, B. Killeavy, C. Nolan and M. O' Reilly for the purpose of nominating Cllr. B. Killeavy to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue, it was agreed to appoint Cllrs. E. Dooley and E. Fitzpatrick to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. P. Ormond to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. J. Leahy to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.</p>
<p>OFFALY INNOVATION AND DESIGN CENTRE LTD.</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. S. Dooley to the Offaly Innovation and Design Centre Ltd.</p>
<p>JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator advised that the Revised Guidelines for the operation of Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) are due to issue imminently and accordingly Local Authorities were requested not to seek the appointment of members to JPCs until the revised Guidelines have issued by the Minister for Justice and Equality.</p>
<p>AUDIT COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Ms. M. Cleary, Meetings Administrator advised that the <i>Local Government (Audit Committees) Regulations 2014</i> were only received earlier that morning and requested that this item be deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.</p>
<p>OFFALY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed to appoint Cllrs. D. Owens and F. Moran to the Offaly Sports Partnership.</p>
<p>MIDLAND REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. F. Moran to the Midland Regional Drugs Task Force.</p>

