

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> of JUNE 2006 IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AT  
3.00 P.M.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor	Larry Kavanagh	In the Chair
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Councillors	John Bonham Ray Cribbin James Deegan John Joe Fennelly Catherine Fitzgerald Michael Lalor Jerry Lodge Michael Moloney Paul Mitchell Brendan Phelan Brian Stanley John D. Turley	Patrick Bracken James Daly William Aird David Goodwin Thomas Jacob Michael Rice Seamus McDonald Dick Miller John Moran Martin Phelan Mary Sweeney
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillor	Bill Delaney	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messrs: Peter Carey, County Manager, Gerry Gibson, Director of Services, John Daly, Director of Services, Declan Byrne, Director of Services, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Roisín Walsh, Acting Head of Finance, Carmel McNicholl, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Irene Delaney, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Breda Creed, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

**94. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Councillor Martin Phelan proposed that Councillor Michael Lalor be appointed as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2006/2007. This proposal was seconded by Councillor John Bonham

Councillor Jerry Lodge proposed that Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald be appointed as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2006/2007. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald.

It was agreed that a roll call vote should be taken and that Members should indicate which of the two nominees they wished to support. The following were the results of the Roll Call:-

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>For Michael Lalor</b>	<b>For Catherine Fitzgerald</b>
William Aird	√	
John Bonham	√	
Patrick Bracken		√
Raymond Cribbin		√
James Daly	√	
James Deegan	√	
Bill Delaney	Absent	Absent
John Joe Fennelly		√
Catherine Fitzgerald		√
David Goodwin	√	
Thomas Jacob	√	
Larry Kavanagh	√	
Michael Lalor	√	
Jeremiah Lodge		√
Seamus McDonald		√
Michael Moloney	Abstained	Abstained
Dick Miller		√
Paul Mitchell	√	
John Moran	√	
Brendan Phelan		√
Martin Phelan	√	
Michael Rice		√
Brian Stanley	√	
Mary Sweeney	√	
John D Turley	√	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>

**1 Absent**

**1 Abstained**

Councillor Michael Lalor was deemed to have been elected. Having taken up the position of Cathaoirleach, Councillor Lalor thanked Councillor Martin Phelan for having proposed his appointment. He also thanked Councillor John Bonham for having seconded Councillor Phelan's proposal and he further thanked those Councillors who had supported him. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Kavanagh. The County Manager on behalf of the employees of the Council congratulated Councillor Lalor on his election and wished him well in his term of office.

**95. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH**

Councillor John Bonham proposed that Councillor Martin Phelan be appointed as Leas Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2006/2007. This proposal was seconded by Councillor John D Turley. Councillor Martin Phelan was unanimously elected to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Councillor Martin Phelan thanked Councillor Bonham for having proposed his appointment and he also thanked Councillor Turley for having seconded Councillor Bonham's proposal. He also thanked the other Councillors for having supported his nomination for appointment.

**96. APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION**

On the proposition of Councillor Larry Kavanagh seconded by Councillor John Bonham, the members unanimously agreed that Councillor Michael Lalor, Cathaoirleach be appointed to the Local Authority Members Association for the duration of his term of office.

**97. NOMINATE CATHAOIRLEACH TO BE MEMBER OF THE LAOIS RURAL REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP**

The Members unanimously agreed that the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael Lalor, be appointed to the Laois Rural Regeneration Partnership for the duration of his term of office.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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Cathaoirleach

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Director of Corporate Affairs