

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 30th of JUNE 2008 IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE,
PORTLAOISE AT 3.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor: John Moran In the Chair

Councillors: William Aird John Bonham
Paddy Bracken Ray Cribbin
James Daly James Deegan
John Joe Fennelly David Goodwin
Geraldine Delaney Thomas Jacob
Laurence Kavanagh Seamus McDonald
Michael Moloney Dick Miller
Brian Stanley Paul Mitchell
Jerry Lodge Brendan Phelan
Martin Phelan Michael Rice
Mary Sweeney John D. Turley
Michael Lalor

APOLOGIES: Councillor: Catherine Fitzgerald

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messer's Peter Carey, County Manager, Gerry Gibson, Director of Services, Declan Byrne, Director of Services, John Daly, Director of Services, Michael O'Hora, A/Director of Services, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Roisin Walsh, A/Head of Finance Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Georgina Ireland, A/Administrative Officer, and Ms. Catherine Gorman, A/Executive Secretary.

82. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor John D. Turley proposed that Councillor Tom Jacob be appointed as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2008/2009. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Brian Stanley.

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed that Councillor Jerry Lodge be appointed as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2008/2009. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Ray Cribbin.

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:-

COUNCILLOR	For Tom Jacob	For Jerry Lodge	Absent
William Aird	√		
John Bonham	√		
Patrick Bracken		√	
Raymond Cribbin		√	
James Daly	√		
James Deegan	√		
Geraldine Delaney		√	
John Joe Fennelly		√	
Catherine Fitzgerald			√
David Goodwin	√		
Thomas Jacob	√		
Laurence Kavanagh	√		
Michael Lalor	√		
Jeremiah Lodge		√	
Seamus McDonald		√	
Dick Miller		√	
Paul Mitchell	√		
Michael Moloney	√		
John Moran	√		
Brendan Phelan		√	
Martin Phelan	√		
Michael Rice		√	
Brian Stanley	√		
Mary Sweeney	√		
John D Turley	√		
TOTAL	15	9	1

Councillor Tom Jacob was deemed to have been elected to the position of Cathaoirleach for the year 08/09. Councillor Jacob thanked Councillor John D. Turley for having proposed his appointment and he also thanked Councillor Brian Stanley for having seconded Councillor Turley's proposal. He also thanked the other Councillors for having supported his nomination for appointment. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Moran. The County Manager, on behalf of the employees of the Council, congratulated Councillor Jacob on his election and wished him well in his term of office.

83. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor Martin Phelan proposed that Councillor John Bonham be appointed as Leas Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2008/2009. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Michael Lalor.

Councillor Dick Miller proposed that Councillor Michael Rice be appointed as Leas Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council for the year 2008/2009. This proposal was seconded by Councillor John J. Fennelly.

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:-

COUNCILLOR	For John Bonham	For Michael Rice	Absent
William Aird	√		
John Bonham	√		
Patrick Bracken		√	
Raymond Cribbin		√	
James Daly	√		
James Deegan	√		
Geraldine Delaney		√	
John Joe Fennelly		√	
Catherine Fitzgerald			√
David Goodwin	√		
Thomas Jacob	√		

COUNCILLOR	For John Bonham	For Michael Rice	Absent
Laurence Kavanagh	√		
Michael Lalor	√		
Jeremiah Lodge		√	
Seamus McDonald		√	
Dick Miller		√	
Paul Mitchell	√		
Michael Moloney	√		
John Moran	√		
Brendan Phelan		√	
Martin Phelan	√		
Michael Rice		√	
Brian Stanley	√		
Mary Sweeney	√		
John D Turley	√		
TOTAL	15	9	1

Councillor John Bonham was deemed to have been elected to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Councillor Bonham thanked Councillor Martin Phelan for having proposed his appointment and he also thanked Councillor Michael Lalor for having seconded Councillor Phelan's proposal. He also thanked the other Councillors for having supported his nomination for appointment.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Director of Corporate Affairs