

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE ON 19TH OF JUNE 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors **Tom Jacob** In the Chair

	Rotimi Adebari	William Aird
	John Bonham	Pat Bowe
	Patrick Bracken	Ben Brennan
	Raymond Cribbin	James Daly
	James Deegan	John Joe Fennelly
	Catherine Fitzgerald	Padraig Fleming
	David Goodwin	John King
	Michael Lalor	Jeremiah Lodge
	Seamus McDonald	Paul Mitchell
	John Moran	Tom Mulhall
	Kathleen O' Brien	Brendan Phelan
	Martin Phelan	Brian Stanley
	Mary Sweeney	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messers Peter Carey, County Manager, Brendan Clarke, A/Director of Services, Declan Byrne, Director of Services, Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, John Daly, Director of Services, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Josephine Kavanagh, A/Senior Executive Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary

66. DECLARATION BY RETURNING OFFICER OF PERSONS TO BE MEMBERS OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL AS A RESULT OF POLL TAKEN ON THE 5TH OF JUNE 2009

Mr. Declan Byrne, Returning Officer declared the results of the poll taken on the 5th of June 2009 to secure all the seats on Laois County Council in the five electoral areas as follows:-

Borris-in-Ossory Electoral Area

Fennelly, John Joe, Ballymullen, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois.
Lalor, Michael, Cardtown, Mountrath, Co. Laois.
King, John, Church Street, Rathdowney, Co. Laois.
Phelan, Brendan, Glebe House, Donaghmore, Rathdowney, Co. Laois.
Bonham, John, Dunmore, Durrow, Co. Laois.
Phelan, Martin, Farren House, Ballacolla, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Emo Electoral Area

Cribbin, Ray, Main Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.
Mitchell, Paul, Lea Road, Portarlington, Co. Laois.
Mulhall, Tom, Cappakeel, Emo, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Deegan, James, Dysart, Stradbally, Co. Laois.

Luggacurren Electoral Area

Daly, James, Garryglass, Timahoe, Co. Laois.
Moran, John, Ballinagar, Ballylinan, Co. Laois.
Fleming, Pdraig, Westbank House, The Swan, via Athy, Co. Laois.
Brennan, Ben, Monavea, Crettyard, Carlow.

Mountmellick Electoral Area

Goodwin, David, Tineel, Rosenallis, Co. Laois.
Bracken, Patrick, Garoon, Mountmellick, Co. Laois.
Bowe, Pat, 29 College View, Mountmellick, Co. Laois.
McDonald, Seamus, Drummond, Rosenallis, Co. Laois.

Portlaoise Electoral Area

Aird, William, Nutgrove, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
Stanley, Brian, 53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Sweeney, Mary, Ballyroan, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
Lodge, Jerry, Ridge Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
O' Brien, Kathleen, 6 Millview, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Rotimi Adebari, 12 Colliers Court, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Fitzgerald, Catherine, 14 Cherrygarth, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Mr. Peter Carey, County Manager paid tribute to Mr. Declan Byrne, Returning Officer on the manner in which the count was conducted and the excellent team. The County Manager also complimented Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald and Mr. Paddy Buggy on the manner in which they conducted themselves during the re-count process.

67. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH

Mr. Peter Carey, County Manager made a formal presentation to Mr. Tom Jacob, the outgoing Cathaoirleach of a bound book of minutes of meetings during his term as Cathaoirleach.

68. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor John Moran and seconded by Councillor James Deegan:

“That Councillor James Daly be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge and seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan:

“That Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR DALY	FOR COUNCILLOR FITZGERALD	ABSTAIN
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
Rotimi	ADEBARI			✓
Willie	AIRD	✓		
John	BONHAM	✓		
Pat	BOWE			✓
Paddy	BRACKEN		✓	
Ben	BRENNAN			✓
Raymond	CRIBBIN		✓	
James	DALY	✓		
James	DEEGAN	✓		
John Joe	FENNELLY		✓	
Catherine	FITZGERALD		✓	
Padraig	FLEMING		✓	
David	GOODWIN	✓		
John	KING	✓		
Michael	LALOR	✓		
Jerry	LODGE		✓	
Seamus	MCDONALD		✓	
Paul	MITCHELL	✓		
John Robert	MORAN	✓		
Tom	MULHALL	✓		
Kathleen	O'BRIEN	✓		
Brendan	PHELAN		✓	
Martin	PHELAN	✓		
Brian	STANLEY			✓

Mary	SWEENEY	✓		
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Total Number of Votes – 13 votes in favour of Councillor James Daly, 8 votes in favour of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald with 4 abstentions.

Councillor James Daly, having been elected Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported him and he then took the Chair. He commiserated with Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald. Councillor Fitzgerald thanked her proposer and seconder and congratulated Councillor James Daly. Councillor Jerry Lodge, on behalf of his group congratulated Councillor Daly also on his election.

The County Manager, Mr. Peter Carey, on behalf of the Management & Staff at Áras an Chontae extended warm congratulations to Councillor James Daly on this very proud and historical occasion.

69. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor John Bonham and seconded by Councillor Michael Lalor:

“That Councillor Martin Phelan be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

It was proposed by Councillor Seamus McDonald and seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly:

“That Councillor Ray Cribbibrn be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR PHELAN	FOR COUNCILLOR CRIBBIBN	ABSTAIN
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
Rotimi	ADEBARI			✓
Willie	AIRD	✓		
John	BONHAM	✓		
Pat	BOWE			✓
Paddy	BRACKEN		✓	
Ben	BRENNAN			✓
Raymond	CRIBBIN		✓	
James	DALY	✓		

James	DEEGAN	✓		
John Joe	FENNELLY		✓	
Catherine	FITZGERALD		✓	
Padraig	FLEMING		✓	
David	GOODWIN	✓		
John	KING	✓		
Michael	LALOR	✓		
Jerry	LODGE		✓	
Seamus	MCDONALD		✓	
Paul	MITCHELL	✓		
John Robert	MORAN	✓		
Tom	MULHALL	✓		
Kathleen	O'BRIEN	✓		
Brendan	PHELAN		✓	
Martin	PHELAN	✓		
Brian	STANLEY			✓
Mary	SWEENEY	✓		

Total Number of Votes – 13 votes in favour of Councillor Martin Phelan, 8 votes in favour of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald with 4 abstentions.

Councillor Martin Phelan, having been elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder.

70. ELECTION OF CHAIRS DESIGNATE TO FOUR STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

The following Members formed a group:

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Padraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Ray Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Paul Mitchell

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald:-

“That Councillor John Joe Fennelly be elected as a Chair Designate to a Strategic Policy Committee”.

On the proposal of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor William Aird, it was agreed that the following Members also be elected as Chairs Designate to the Strategic Policy Committees:-

Councillor Michael Lalor
Councillor Martin Phelan
Councillor John Moran

71. APPOINT 2 MEMBERS AND 2 NON-MEMBERS TO THE BARROW DRAINAGE BOARD

The following Members formed a group:-

Councillors Rotimi Adebari, Pat Bowe, Ben Brennan, Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan & Brian Stanley

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Stanley seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan:-

“That Councillor Pat Bowe be elected to the Barrow Drainage Board

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Barrow Drainage Board”

Councillor David Goodwin
Mr. David Conroy
Mr. Jimmy Kelly

72. APPOINT 3 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER GOUL DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

The following Member formed a group:

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Ray Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald, Paul Mitchell & Pat Bowe

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald:

“That Councillor Brendan Phelan be appointed to the River Goul Drainage Committee

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the River Goul Drainage Committee:-

Councillor Martin Phelan
Councillor John King

73. APPOINT 4 MEMBERS AND 1 NON-MEMBER TO THE DUNGAR JOINT BURIAL BOARD

The following Members formed a group:

Group No. 1

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Ben Brennan

Group No. 2

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Brian Stanley

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Catherine Fitzgerald:

“That Councillor Brendan Phelan & Councillor Seamus McDonald be appointed to the Dungar Joint Burial Board”

On the proposition of councilor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Moran, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Dungar Joint Burial Board:

Councillor Michael Lalor
Councillor John King
Mr. Paddy Lowry

74. APPOINT 6 MEMBERS AND 1 NON-MEMBER TO THE PORTARLINGTON JOINT BURIAL BOARD

The following Members formed a group:-

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald:

“That Councillor Raymond Cribbin & Councillor Patrick Bracken be appointed to the Portarlinton Joint Burial Board”.

It was proposed by Councillor Pat Bowe seconded by Councillor Rotimi Adebari:

“That Councillor Brian Stanley be appointed to the Portarlinton Joint Burial Board”

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Moran, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Portarlington Joint Burial Board:-

Councillor Tom Mulhall
Councillor Paul Mitchell
Councillor James Deegan
Ms. Winifred Champ-Cox

75. NOMINATE 3 MEMBERS AS DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS

The following Members formed a group:-

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Ben Brennan

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald:-

“That Councillor Seamus McDonald be nominated to the Association of County & City Councils”

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated to the Association of County & City Councils:-

Councillor David Goodwin
Councillor Martin Phelan

76. NOMINATE 1 DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE A.G.M. OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor William Aird, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated to attend the A.G.M. of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd:-

Councillor Kathleen O' Brien

77. APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE REGIONAL BOARD OF Failte Ireland (East & Midlands)

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Regional Board of Fáilte Ireland (East & Midlands)

Councillor Martin Phelan

78. APPOINT 6 MEMBERS TO THE MIDLAND REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The following Members formed a group:-

Group No. 1

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Pat Bowe

Group No. 2

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Brian Stanley

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Brian Stanley:

“That Councillor Brendan Phelan be appointed to the Midland Regional Authority”

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Midland Regional Authority:-

Councillor James Deegan
Councillor Martin Phelan
Councillor James Daly
Councillor John Bonham

79. NOMINATE MAYOR/CATHAOIRLEACH AND APPOINT 1 ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SIX TO BE MEMBERS OF THE E.U. OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated to the E.U. Operational Committee

Councillor James Daly, Cathaoirleach

Councillor John Bonham

80. APPOINT TWO OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SIX MEMBERS TO BE MEMBERS OF THE B.M.W. REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the B.M.W. Assembly:-

Councillor James Deegan
Councillor James Daly

81. APPOINT 3 MEMBERS TO THE LAOIS ARTS THEATRE COMPANY LTD

The following Members formed a group:-

Councillors Rotimi Adebari, Pat Bowe, Ben Brennan, Brian Stanley, Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin & Patrick Bracken

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Stanley seconded by Councillor Pat Bowe:

“That Councillor Rotimi Adebari be appointed to the Laois Arts Theatre Company Ltd”

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Bonham, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Laois Arts Theatre Company Ltd:-

Councillor Kathleen O’ Brien
Councillor Mary Sweeney

82. APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF THE ABBEYLEIX HERITAGE TRUST

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Board of the Abbeyleix Heritage Trust:

Councillor John Bonham

83. APPOINT 3 MEMBERS TO THE RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE

The following Members formed a group:

Councillors Rotimi Adebari, Pat Bowe, Ben Brennan, Brian Stanley, Catherine Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin & Patrick Bracken

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Stanley seconded by Councillor Pat Bowe:

“That Councillor Ben Brennan be appointed to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee”

Councillor John Bonham
Councillor Tom Mulhall

84. APPOINT 8 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Following Members formed a group:-

Councillors Rotimi Adebari, Pat Bowe, Ben Brennan, Catherine Fitzgerlad, Pdraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan & Brian Stanley (CHECK)

It was proposed by Councillor Pat Bowe seconded by Councillor Rotimi Adebari:

“That Councillor Brian Stanley be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

CHECK WITH JERRY LODGE

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Bonham, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

Councillor William Aird
Councillor Mary Sweeney
Councillor Kathleen O’ Brien
Councillor Paul Mitchell
Councillor John King

85. APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Martin Phelan, it was agreed that the following Member be appointed to the Local Authority Members Association:

Councillor Michael Lalor

86. APPOINT 4 MEMBERS TO THE LAOIS COUNTY ENTERPRISE BOARD

The following Members formed a group:

Councillors Rotimi Adebari, Pat Bowe, Ben Brennan, Brian Stanley, Catherine Fitzgerald, Padraig Fleming & Brendan Phelan

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Stanley seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan:-

“That Councillor Pat Bowe be appointed to the Laois County Enterprise Board

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Laois County Enterprise Board:-

Councillor Tom Mulhall
Councillor James Daly
Councillor William Aird

87. APPOINT 2 MEMBERS TO THE LAOIS PARTNERSHIP COMPANY LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Bonham, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Laois Partnership Company Ltd:-

Councillor Tom Mulhall
Councillor Michael Lalor

88. APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE LAOIS T.R.I.P. (TRANSPORT FOR RURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMME)

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Bonham, it was agreed that the following Member be appointed to Laois T.R.I.P.:

Councillor Michael Lalor

89. APPOINT 3 MEMBERS TO KYLETELISHA LANDFILL MONITORING COMMITTEE

The following Members formed a group:

Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Padraig Fleming, Brendan Phelan, Raymond Cribbin, Patrick Bracken, John Joe Fennelly, Jerry Lodge, Seamus McDonald & Brian Stanley

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald:-

“That Councillor Patrick Bracken be appointed to the Kyletelisha Landfill Monitoring Committee”

On the proposition of Councillor James Deegan seconded by Councillor John Bonham, it was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Kyletelisha Landfill Monitoring Committee:-