

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 29<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2015**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors	John Joe Fennelly	In the Chair
		William Aird	Paddy Bracken
		Ben Brennan	Caroline Dwane Stanley
		Mary Sweeney	Catherine Fitzgerald
		Padraig Fleming	David Goodwin
		James Kelly	John King
		Jerry Lodge	Seamus McDonald
		Paschal McEvoy	John Moran
		Tom Mulhall	Aidan Mullins
		Brendan Phelan	Noel Tuohy

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messers Gerry Murphy, Chief Executive, Henry Ritchie, A/Director of Services, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary.

**84. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH**

Mr. Gerry Murphy, Chief Executive made a formal presentation to Councillor John Joe Fennelly, the outgoing Cathaoirleach of a bound book of the minutes of meetings which were held during his term as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council together with a photo album containing photographs of various events held during the year.

The Members individually and collectively thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Joe Fennelly for all his assistance during his term as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council.

**85. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

It was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge and seconded by Councillor William Aird:

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

It was proposed by Councillor Aidan Mullins and seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan:

*“That Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”*

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR FITZGERLAD	FOR COUNCILLOR DWANE STANLEY
FIRST NAME	SURNAME		
William	AIRD	✓	
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓	
Ben	BRENNAN		✓
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY		✓
John Joe	FENNELLY	✓	
Catherine	FITZGERALD	✓	
Padraig	FLEMING	✓	
David	GOODWIN	✓	
James	KELLY		✓
John	KING	✓	
Jerry	LODGE	✓	
Seamus	MCDONALD	✓	
Paschal	MCEVOY	✓	
John Robert	MORAN	✓	
Tom	MULHALL	✓	
Aidan	MULLINS		✓
Brendan	PHELAN		✓
Mary	SWEENEY	✓	
Noel	TUOHY		✓

Total Number of Votes - 13 votes in favour of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald and 6 votes in favour of Councillor Dwane Stanley.

Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, having been elected Cathaoirleach, thanked her proposer and seconder and all her colleagues who supported her and she then took the Chair.

The Chief Executive, Mr. Gerry Murphy, on behalf of the Management and Staff at Áras an Chontae extended warm congratulations to Councillor Fitzgerald on this very proud and historical occasion for Councillor Fitzgerald and her family.

**86. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH**

It was proposed by Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming:

*“That Councillor John Moran be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”*

It was proposed by Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy:

*“That Councillor Ben Brennan be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”*

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR MORAN	FOR COUNCILLOR BRENNAN
FIRST NAME	SURNAME		
William	AIRD	✓	
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓	
Ben	BRENNAN		✓
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY		✓
John Joe	FENNELLY	✓	
Catherine	FITZGERALD	✓	
Padraig	FLEMING	✓	
David	GOODWIN	✓	
James	KELLY		✓
John	KING	✓	
Jerry	LODGE	✓	
Seamus	MCDONALD	✓	
Paschal	MCEVOY	✓	
John Robert	MORAN	✓	
Tom	MULHALL	✓	
Aidan	MULLINS		✓
Brendan	PHELAN		✓
Mary	SWEENEY	✓	
Noel	TUOHY		✓

Total Number of Votes - 13 votes in favour of Councillor John Moran and 6 votes in favour of Councillor Ben Brennan.

Councillor John Moran, having been elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported her.

**87. SCHEDULE OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 2015 - JUNE 2016 (IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS)**

The Members were circulated with a schedule of Laois County Council meetings from June 2015 - June 2016. On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the Members unanimously agreed the schedule of meetings as circulated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**CERTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE  
AFFAIRS**