

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 27th OF JUNE 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald In the Chair
William Aird Paddy Bracken
Ben Brennan Caroline Dwane Stanley
Mary Sweeney John Joe Fennelly
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 John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services, Mr. Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Michael Rainey, A/Director of Services, Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary.

84. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH

Mr. John Mulholland, Chief Executive made a formal presentation to Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the outgoing Cathaoirleach of a bound book of the minutes of meetings which were held during her 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 Catherine Fitzgerald for all her assistance during her term as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council.

85. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor John Moran and seconded by Councillor John King:

“That Councillor Tom Mulhall be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

It was proposed by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley and seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy:

“That Councillor Brendan Phelan be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR MULHALL	FOR COUNCILLOR PHELAN
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 Tom Mulhall and 6 votes in favour of Councillor Brendan Phelan. Councillor Tom Mulhall, having been elected Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported him and he then took the Chair.

The Chief Executive, Mr. John Mulholland, on behalf of the Management and Staff at Áras an Chontae extended warm congratulations to Councillor Mulhall on this very proud and historical occasion for Councillor Mulhall and his family

86. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly:

“That Councillor Padraig Fleming be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

It was proposed by Councillor Noel Tuohy seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan:

“That Councillor James Kelly be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR FLEMING	FOR COUNCILLOR KELLY
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 Padriag Fleming 6 votes in favour of Councillor James Kelly.

Councillor Padraig Fleming, having been elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported him.

87. SCHEDULE OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017 (IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS)

The Members were circulated with a schedule of Laois County Council meetings from July 2016 - June 2017. On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy, the Members unanimously agreed the schedule of meetings as circulated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
**A/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS**