

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHÚN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR
14 Meitheamh,
2024.

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh an chéad Cruinniu Blaintuil de Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ag dul ar
aghaidh ag 21 Meitheamh, 2024 ag 11.00 a.m. ag Áras an Chontae, Leifear.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo den Chomhairle. Tá Clár an Cruinnithe
le seo. Is féidir cóip den chlár a scrúdú in Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe, Áras an
Chontae, Leifear.

Mise, le meas



Pádraig Ó Laifearaigh
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings
Administrator
County House
Lifford

14th June, 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

The First Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Friday
21st June, 2024 at 11.00 am in the County House, Lifford.

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.
A copy of the agenda may be inspected in the Office of the Meetings Administrator,
County House, Lifford

Yours sincerely



Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

- 1) Election of Cathaoirleach.
- 2) Election of Leas Cathaoirleach.
- 3) Election of Chairs Designate – Strategic Policy Committees. (6 *No - Representation required from each Municipal District*)
- 4) Establishment and Consideration of Membership of the Corporate Policy Group. (6 *SPC Chairs plus the Cathaoirleach of the Day*)
- 5) Establishment and Election of Members to the Agriculture Committee. (9 *No. Members*)
- 6) Establishment and Election of Members to the Fisheries Committee. (9 *No. Members*)
- 7) Establishment and Election of Members to the Defective Concrete Blocks Committee. (12 *No. Members*)
- 8) Establishment and Election of Members to the Emergency Response Committee. (5 *No. Members (MD Chairs) for lifetime of the Council plus the Cathaoirleach of the Day*)
- 9) Establishment and Election of Members to the Donegal Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee. (6 *No Elected Members – Representation recommended from all Municipal Districts*)
- 10) Establishment and Election of Members to Coiste na Gaeilge. (12 *No Elected Members - 2 per Municipal District with 4 No. Elected Members from the Glenties Municipal District*)
- 11) Establishment and Election of Members to the Audit & Risk Committee. (2 *No Elected Members*) **See Appendix 1**
- 12) Establishment and Election of Members to the Islands Committee. (All *Members of the Glenties Municipal District and 1 No Member from the Milford Electoral Area*)
- 13) Establishment and Election of Members to the Donegal County Council Value for Money Committee. (8 *No Elected Members plus Cathaoirleach of the Day*)

- 14) Establishment and Election of Members to the Donegal Local and Community Development Committee. (3 No. Elected Members. Geographical spread and gender balance required. Note excluded membership.) **See Appendix 2**
- 15) Election of Members to the Donegal Heritage Forum. (6 No. Members to include 1 No Elected Member per Municipal District plus Chair of the Planning SPC)
- 16) Establishment and Election of Members to the Donegal Youth Council Expert Advisory Committee. (2 No Elected Members)
- 17) Establishment and Election of Members to Disability Strategy Committee (5 No. Elected Members. Representation recommended from each Municipal District)
- 18) Establishment and Election of Members to the Working Group on Constitutional Change. (10 No. Elected Members)
- 19) Establishment and Election of Members to the Working Group on Creeslough. (Cathaoirleach of the Day or their nominee plus 3 No members from the Glenties Municipal District)
- 20) Election of Members to Donegal County Council Peace Plus Partnership. (5 No – 1 from each Municipal District- to include cross party representation and consideration to be given to gender balance)
- 21) Election of Members to the County Donegal Education and Training Board. (12 No. Elected Members - Section 30(6) of the Education & Training Boards Act, 2013 specifies that, at least 40% of the members elected under subsection (1)(a) shall be women and at least 40% shall be men) **See Appendix 3**
- 22) Election of Members to the Regional Health Forum West. (5 No Elected Members)
- 23) Election of Members to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly. (3 No Elected Members) **See Appendix 4**
- 24) Election of Representatives to County Enterprise Fund. (2 No Elected Members)

- 25) Election of Members to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG). *(3 No Elected members - Gender balance within the nominated number of delegates) See Appendix 5*
- 26) Election of Local Authority Members Association Delegate. *(1 No Elected Member)*
- 27) Election of Members to Inishowen Development Partnership. *(4 No Elected Members with gender balance to be a consideration)*
- 28) Election of Members to Donegal Local Development Company CLG. *(3 No Elected Members)*
- 29) Election of Members to ERNACT EEIG Board of Management. *(2 No Elected Members)*
- 30) Election of Member to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. *(1 No Elected Member)*
- 31) Election of Members to North-West Regional Development Group. *(6 No Elected Members)*
- 32) Election of Members to Irish Central Border Area Network Ltd. *(4 No Elected Members with gender balance to be a consideration) See Appendix 6*
- 33) Election of Members to Donegal Local Sports Partnership CLG *(2 No Elected Members with gender balance to be a consideration)*
- 34) Election of Representative and Substitute to Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions. (CPMR)
- 35) Election of Representative and Substitute to participate in the project entitled 'Youth and Democracy – Empowering Europe's next generation', under the EU CERV Programme (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values). *See Appendix 7*
- 36) Election of Members to LATCH. Ltd. *(3 No Elected Members)*
- 37) Election of Representatives to Colmcille Heritage Trust. *(5 No Elected Members or their nominee)*
- 38) Election of Representatives to Erne Enterprise Development Company CLG. *(2 No Elected Members)*

- 39) Election of Members to Board of Fort Dunree Military Museum. *(1 No Elected Member)*
- 40) Election of Members to Earagail Arts Festival CLG. *(3 No Elected Members)*
- 41) Election of Members to Letterkenny Theatre Management Company Ltd. *(4 No Elected Members with two to be nominated by the Letterkenny – Milford Municipal District Committee)*
- 42) Election of Members to the Management Committee of Ballyshannon Leisure Centre. *(3 No Elected Members)*
- 43) Election of Members to the Board of Bundoran Waterworld Ltd. *(4 No Elected Members or their Nominees)*
- 44) Election of Members to the Board of Finn Valley Leisure Centre Ltd. *(4 No Elected Members)*.
- 45) Election of Members to Letterkenny Sports Complex Development Ltd. *(5 No Elected Members)*
- 46) Election of Member to the Strengthening Families Programme Advisory Board – NW Alcohol Forum. *(1 No Elected Member)*
- 47) Comhar na nOileán C.T.R. *(1 No Elected Member and ideally a member of Údarás na Gaeltachta)*
- 48) Election of Members to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee. *(5 No. Members)*
- 49) Election of Members to the A5/N2 Cross Border Committee. *(4 No Members)*
- 50) Election of Members to the North -West Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force. *(1 No. Member)*
- 51) *Election of Members to Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee. (5 No. Members plus Cathaoirleach of the Day)*
- 52) *Election of Cathaoirleach of the Day to the Board of Donegal Tourism CLG.*

- 53) Election of Members to Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company. (*5 No. Elected Members -1 No. from each Municipal District*)
- 54) Election of Members to the Board of the NW Regional Energy Agency Company Ltd. (*2 No Members*)
- 55) Election of Members to the Cross Border Working Group – Donegal County Council & Fermanagh & Omagh District Council. (*All Members of the Donegal Municipal District and the Lifford/Stranorlar Municipal District*)
- 56) To agree dates for first meeting of each Municipal District Committee.
- 57) Induction Training - Elected Members. *See Appendix 8*
- 58) **Advisory Note on Specific Obligations on Elected Members**
 - 1) Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act, 1999, as amended,
Obligation on Members (and unsuccessful candidates) to furnish returns of election expenditure incurred, and donations received, where appropriate, by 5th September, 2024.
 - 2) (Part 15) of the Local Government Act, 2001 - Ethics Framework.
 - (a) *Obligations on New Members to furnish Declaration of Interest by the 26th of July, 2024.*
 - (b) *General obligations in relation to conduct at meetings.*
 - 3) Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001 together with amendments as provided for in the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. *Requirement by Members appointed to other bodies to present reports on a quarterly basis.*
 - 4) Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 2001 together with amendments as provided for in the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. *Requirement by Members to submit within 15 working days to the Cathaoirleach a written report on all authorised attendance at Conferences/Events.*

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 21ST JUNE, 2024 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE,
LIFFORD**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs N Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, J Beard, L Blaney, M Boyle, F Bradley, C Brogan, J Brogan, P Canning, B Carr, D Coyle, T Crossan, TS Devine, A Doherty, G Doherty, A Farren, M Farren, M Harley, N Jordan, J Kavanagh, DM Kelly, M MacGiolla Easbuig, F McBrearty Jnr, M McBride, M McClafferty, M McDermott, P McGarvey, D McGee, P McGowan, M McMahan, D Meehan, A Molloy, J Murray, M Naughton, D NicMheanman, JS O'Fearraigh, M Scanlon.

Online: Cllr G McMonagle.

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OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

John G McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Patsy Lafferty, Director of Housing & Corporate/Meetings Administrator, Bryan Cannon, Director of Roads & Transportation, Richard Gibson, Director of Finance, Liam Ward, Director of Community Development & Planning Services, Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services, Michael McGarvey, Director of Water & Environment, Frances Friel, Communications Officer, Róise Ní Laifeartaigh, Rannóg na Gaeilge, Clíona Ní Ghallachóir, Tacaíocht do sheirbhísí Aistriúcháin, William Colvin, Assistance Communications Officer, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

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ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Mc Monagle joining the meeting online congratulated all members on their election to Donegal County Council. He acknowledged the contribution of those who had retired and those who had not returned to the Council. He said that his year as Leas Cathaoirleach had given him the opportunity to represent the people of Donegal at a broad spectrum of events, and that it had been a privilege to do so. He said that the Cathaoirleach had represented Donegal with great pride and dignity and had been a fair and dedicated chairperson. The next five years, he said, would bring considerable change in terms of urban and regeneration schemes. Concluding, he said, that he was looking forward to being part of this process and looked forward to working with all the elected members and the executive.

Mr Patsy Lafferty, Meetings Administrator read into the record the names of those elected to Donegal County Council arising from the Local Elections held on the 7th June 2024.

Municipal District of Donegal

Boyle Manus
Brogan Jimmy
Jordan Noel
Kennedy Niamh
Mc Mahon Michael
Naughton Micheál

Municipal District of Glenties

Carr Brian
Mac Giolla Easbuig Michéal Choilm
Mc Clafferty Michael
Mc Gee Denis
Molloy Anthony
O'Fearraigh John Seamais

Municipal District of Inishowen

Beard Joy
Bradley Fionán
Canning Paul
Crossan Terry
Doherty Albert
Farren Ali
Farren Martin
Mc Dermott Martin
Murray Jack

Municipal District of Letterkenny – Milford

Blaney Liam
Brogan Ciaran
Coyle Donal
Devine Tomás Seán
Kavanagh Jimmy
Kelly Donal Mandy
Mc Bride Michael
Mc Garvey Pauric
Mc Monagle Gerry
Meehan Declan

Municipal District of Lifford - Stranorlar

Doherty Gary
Harley Martin
Mc Brearty Frank
Mc Gowan Patrick
Nic Mheanman Dakota
Scanlon Martin

Cllr Harley the outgoing Cathaoirleach thanked the Chief Executive, the Council Executive and staff for their assistance and co-operation over the past year.

He said that it had been an honour and privilege to serve the people of Donegal. He alluded to a number of particular highlights including his attendance at the ceremony in London to accept the Lonely Planet award for Donegal. This, he contended, was testament to the hard work and efforts of the tourism team. The fact that Donegal had been chosen as the host destination for TBEX (Travel Blog Exchange) 2025, the world's largest conference and community of travel creators and influencers reflected the level of commitment that had been directed towards the growth of the tourism industry in the county.

He acknowledged also the level of investment in Roads and Greenways over the past number of years.

He said that it had been a particular privilege to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations for the 28th Infantry Battalion in Finner.

Other notable events attended included the,

- Meet the Maker and the Disrupt by the Sea Events.
- Tip O' Neill Awards
- London Irish Vintage Day Diaspora Event
- 25th Anniversary of the Island of Ireland Peace Park and its designation as a world heritage site.

He said that he had been especially honoured to host the Freedom of the County Award Ceremonies for Clannad and Tim O' Kelly.

Concluding he thanked his wife Denise and family circle for their support and co-operation over the past year. It had been, he said, a very special year and he thanked members, and staff for their assistance.

Cllr C Brogan thanked him for his dedication and service and paid tribute to the level of co-operation that had been shown to all the political groupings.

Cllr M Farren said that he had done an excellent job and should be proud of his achievements.

Cllr G Doherty said that he had been an excellent ambassador for Donegal and had done the county proud. He also thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach for his great work in 2023/2024 and acknowledged the good working relationship that had existed for both the Cathaoirleach and the Leas Cathaoirleach.

Continuing he congratulated all the new members and those that had been re-elected. All, he said, had been given a clear mandate and the onus now was on each member to do their very best. He acknowledged all the staff in Donegal County Council and the excellent working relationship that existed.

At this juncture, he extended congratulations to Seán O' Daimhin, Rannóg na Gaeltachta on his retirement and his immense contribution to both Donegal County Council and to the Irish language.

Cllr Kavanagh said that the Cathaoirleach had represented the county with honour both at home and abroad. He also acknowledged the contribution of the Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Mc Garvey said that the Cathaoirleach had served both with dignity and pride and had done the role of Cathaoirleach proud.

Cllr Mc Bride said that it had been a job well done and that the Cathaoirleach had represented the county in an excellent manner.

He was, he said, looking forward to working with all members in a fair and equitable manner.

The Chief Executive welcomed the new members and those returning to the chamber. On behalf of the staff and the senior management team he assured members that they would have all relevant support and assistance over the next five years.

Addressing the Cathaoirleach, he said, that it had been a privilege to work with him and thanked him for his courtesy and professionalism, noting that he had carried out the role with great dignity and respect. His integrity and good humour had been a valuable asset, he noted. He paid tribute also to the significant contribution made by the leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Harley then invited nominations for the office of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Mc Brearty on a point of order said that he was objecting to Standing Orders as in his opinion they were unconstitutional.

Cllr Mc Garvey proposed, seconded by Cllr M Farren that the position be filled by Cllr Niamh Kennedy. She had, he contended, been successfully elected for a third term and would be the first female independent councillor to take the chair of Donegal County Council. She was, he contended, an experienced local representative, hard-working and would represent the people of Donegal in an exemplary manner.

The Cathaoirleach asked if there were any other nominations.

Cllr Mc Brearty, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig proposed Cllr Tomás Seán Devine for the position and called for a recorded vote.

A poll was taken. Cllr Kennedy received 27 votes and Cllr Devine received 9 votes.

Those voting for Cllr Kennedy were:

Cllrs Blaney, Boyle, Bradley, C Brogan, Canning, Carr, Coyle, Crossan, A Doherty, G Doherty, M Farren, Harley, Jordan, Kavanagh, Kelly, Kennedy, Mc Clafferty, Mc Dermott, Mc Garvey, Mc Gowan, Mc Mahon, Molloy, Murray, Naughton, NicMheanman, Ó Fearraigh, and Scanlon. (27)

Those voting for Cllr Devine were:

Cllrs Beard, J Brogan, Devine, A Farren, Mc Giolla Easbuig, Mc Brearty, Mc Bride, Mc Gee and Meehan. (9)

Thus, Cllr Niamh Kennedy was elected as the Cathaoirleach for the period 2024-2025.

Cllr Kennedy said that she was delighted to accept the nomination and would strive to maintain a good working relationship with all members, so that the best possible outcome could be achieved for the people of Donegal.

She thanked her family, friends and supporters who had helped and assisted her through what had been a tough election process.

She extended congratulations to all the elected members on their success, noting that all had done their respective communities proud and thanked those who had not returned to the chamber for their service and dedication.

It was an honour, she said, to be the first female independent Cathaoirleach and the 4th woman in 125 years to serve as Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council.

There were many priorities, she advised, going forward with tourism a key player in the economic development of the county. Times had changed, she added, and Donegal was now home to many different communities, all of whom required representation.

She thanked Cllr Harley for his tremendous work and the dignity in which he had carried out the role of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Mc Brearty called on the Cathaoirleach to outline the political groupings represented in the chamber and their composition. He said that she had indicated that it was all inclusive, yet himself and several others had not been included in the committee nomination process.

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ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Harley proposed, seconded by Cllr Boyle that Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh be appointed to the position. He said that Cllr Kavanagh had been a fine ambassador for Letterkenny, and a capable and dedicated councillor who would represent the Council in a competent and dignified manner.

Cllr Mc Brearty proposed Cllr Joy Beard for the position but did not have a seconder for his proposal.

As there were no other proposals Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh was elected Leas Cathaoirleach for 2024-2025.

Cllr Mc Bride congratulated Cllrs Kennedy and Kavanagh on their appointments. He said that the Cathaoirleach had alluded to the fact that this was an all-inclusive Council, yet the number of positions allocated to a number of the independent members had not been dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. He said that at no time had he or a number of others been allowed to negotiate or take part in the selection process. This, he contended, was not a good start and cited the need to sit and renegotiate same. This, he contended, was a slight to the electorate who had voted for members concerned.

Cllr Brogan congratulated the Cathaoirleach and said that she had the full support of the Fianna Fáil grouping and cited the need to move forward in harmony as a team effort was required to meet the challenges that lay ahead.

Cllr G Doherty congratulated both on behalf of the Sinn Féin grouping and said that his party were willing to work with all. He said that the positions had been allocated based on the D'Hondt principles and that the independent block had received their fair share. He said that he could not comment on any internal wrangling withing the independent grouping.

Cllr Mc Brearty contended that the 100% Redress Party and a number of other independents had been advised not to do business with himself or Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig on the basis that they had both made allegations of corruption during the previous council term. He alluded to the fact that two thirds of the electorate in Donegal had voted for the independent grouping and that this was a disservice to the electorate who had clearly given them a huge mandate.

Cllr Mc Bride proposed, seconded by Cllr Mc Brearty that the meeting be adjourned in light of same. Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig endorsed these comments and said that it was imperative that the mandate given by the electorate was endorsed.

Cllr Farren on behalf of the Labour Party, Cllr Jordan on behalf of the Donegal MD and Cllr Harley on behalf of Fine Gael together with Cllr Mc Clafferty congratulated and the Cathaoirleach and the Leas Cathaoirleach and wished them well over the coming year.

Cllr J Brogan offered his congratulations but stated that he was not aware of being represented in talks by anybody and supported Cllr Mc Bride's called for an adjournment as the filling of the positions had not been fairly negotiated.

Cllr Kavanagh thanked members for their support and said that the selection of Cllr Kennedy as Cathaoirleach had balanced a little the gender bias on the Council. He said he was honoured and proud to accept the position and would strive to carry out the role to the best of his ability.

Cllr Mc Brearty asked for a copy of the power sharing agreement.

The Chief Executive congratulated Cllrs Kennedy and Cllr Kavanagh, noting that they were both well experienced councillors and assured them that they would have the support of the executive who would work with them on their respective priorities.

The Meetings Administrator reminded members that Paragraph 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001 outlined the right to form groupings for certain appointments and outlined

details in relation to same. He said that there was now a proposal to adjourn, proposed by Cllr Mc Bride and seconded by Cllr Mc Brearty. Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig further endorsed this proposal.

A show of hands was taken by the Meetings Administrator with members unanimously agreeing to continue the meeting.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRS FOR EACH OF THE SIX STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Cllr M Farren proposed, seconded by Cllr Scanlon that Cllr Michael Mc Clafferty and Cllr Pauric Mc Garvey fill the first two positions.

Cllr Brogan proposed, seconded by Cllr Mc Gowan that Cllr Liam Blaney and Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly fill the third and fourth positions.

Cllr Mc Brearty interjecting said that he had been given a clear democratic mandate and asked again for a copy of the agreed power sharing agreement.

After some disruption the meeting was adjourned for ten minutes.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRS FOR EACH OF THE SIX STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Cllr Meehan said that he was of the belief that the Council was not fully inclusive as five independent members were excluded from the talks and that all in the chamber were aware of same. The seats allocated to the independent block were done so under the D,Hondt system discounting those members that were not involved in the negotiations. He asked that the names of those who negotiated on behalf of the different groupings be made available.

Cllr G Doherty indicated that this was a matter for the independent grouping and said that he could speak only for his own party. He thus proposed, seconded by Cllr Jack Murray that the fifth and sixth positions be filled by Cllr Noel Jordan and Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig reiterated the fact that five of the independent members had effectively been excluded and thus unfairly prevented from exercising their democratic mandate. He called for an adjournment.

The Cathaoirleach said that ten independent members had been elected and that when the negotiations started there were ten number individuals involved. Cllr Mc Brearty, she said, had indicated his preference to go with the 100% Redress Party and made very clear that this was the route he wished to take. She said that in doing so he had isolated the five others who joined

the negotiations and worked with the various other political groupings.

A heated exchange then occurred and the Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting until 2pm.

C/159/24 **ELECTION OF CHAIRS FOR EACH OF THE SIX STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

On resumption it was thus agreed that the following be elected as Chairs Designate of the six Strategic Policy Committees

- Cllr. Liam Blaney
- Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan
- Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly
- Cllr. Michael Mc Clafferty
- Cllr. Pauric McGarvey
- Cllr. Gerry McMonagle

C/160/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Murray the establishment of the Corporate Policy Group was unanimously agreed in accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by Section 48 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

This it was agreed would consist of the 6 Strategic Policy Committee Chairs together with the Cathaoirleach of the Day.

The following were deemed elected to the Corporate Policy Group:

- **Cllr. Liam Blaney**
- **Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan**
- **Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly**
- **Cllr. Michael Mc Clafferty**
- **Cllr. Pauric McGarvey**
- **Cllr. Gerry McMonagle**
- **Cathaoirleach of the Day – Cllr Niamh Kennedy**

C/161/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Agriculture Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllrs Kelly, Blaney and Naughton were proposed by Cllr Brogan and seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllrs Scanlon and Mc Clafferty were proposed by Cllr Mc Garvey and seconded by Cllr M Farren.

Cllr J Brogan was proposed by Cllr Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig

Cllrs Nic Mheanman and Mc Mahon were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr T Crossan.

Cllr Devine was proposed by Cllr A Farren, second by Cllr Mc Gee.

The following were therefore elected to the Donegal County Council Agriculture Committee

Cllr. Liam Blaney, Cllr. Jimmy Brogan, Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Cllr. Michael McClafferty, Cllr. Michael McMahan, Cllr. Michéal Naughton, Cllr. Dakota Nic Nic Mheanman, Cllr. Martin Scanlon

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ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Fisheries Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and increase the membership to 12 No. members.

Cllrs Jordan, O' Fearraigh and Crossan were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, second by Cllr Murray.

Cllr J Brogan was proposed by Cllr Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig.

Cllrs Kennedy and M Farren were proposed by Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Mc Clafferty.

Cllrs Devine and Mc Gee were proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Beard.

Cllrs Mc Dermott, Naughton and Molloy were proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kelly.

Cllr Boyle was proposed by Cllr Harley, seconded by Cllr Kavanagh.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Donegal County Council Fisheries Committee.

Cllr. Manus Boyle, Cllr. Jimmy Brogan, Cllr. Terry Crossan Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine, Cllr. Martin Farren, Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Cllr. Martin McDermott, Cllr. Denis McGee, Cllr. Anthony Molloy, Cllr. Michéal Naughton, and Cllr. John Shéamais Ó Fearraigh.

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ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott it was resolved to re-establish the Defective Concrete Blocks Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local

Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and increase the membership to 15 No members.

Cllrs Blaney, Mc Dermott and Canning were proposed by Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllrs Mc Bride and Meehan were proposed by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr J Brogan.

Cllrs A Doherty, Mc Monagle and Carr were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllrs Scanlon and Mc Garvey were proposed by Cllr Mc Clafferty, seconded by Cllr M Farren.

Cllrs Beard, Devine, A Farren and Mc Gee were proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Beard.

Cllr Kavanagh was proposed by Cllr Harley, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Defective Concrete Blocks Committee:

Cllr. Joy Beard, Cllr. Liam Blaney, Cllr. Paul Canning, Cllr. Brian Carr, Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine, Cllr. Albert Doherty Cllr. Ali Farren, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Cllr. Michael McBride Cllr. Martin McDermott, Cllr. Pauric McGarvey, Cllr. Denis McGee, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, Cllr. Declan Meehan and Cllr. Martin Scanlon.

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ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Emergency Response in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllr C Brogan proposed, seconded by Cllr G Doherty to refer the selection to the various Municipal District Committees for consideration.

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ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Donegal Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee, in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllr Mc Mahon was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig was proposed by Cllr Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr J Brogan.

Cllr C Brogan and Cllr Canning were proposed by Cllr Blaney and seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Devine was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Mc Gee.

Cllr Harley was proposed by Cllr Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Donegal Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Paul Canning, Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine, Cllr. Martin Harley, Cllr. Micheál Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig and Cllr. Michael McMahon.

C/166/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COISTE NA GAEILGE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish Coiste na Gaeilge in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr G Doherty it was resolved to defer consideration to the various Municipal District Committees.

C/167/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Audit & Risk Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllr Naughton was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Jordan was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Carr.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Audit & Risk Committee:

Cllr Noel Jordan and Cllr Michéal Naughton.

It was also agreed that the external membership of the committee would remain in place going forward.

C/168/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE ISLANDS COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Islands Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) to include all of the Glenties Municipal District members and 1 No member from the Milford Electoral Area.

It was agreed to refer same to the Municipal Districts for consideration.

C/169/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL VALUE FOR MONEY COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Donegal County Council Value for Money Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllrs Jordan and Mc Monagle were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllrs Kelly and Mc Gowan were proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Mc Bride was proposed by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr J Brogan.

Cllr Harley was proposed by Cllr Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

Cllr Devine was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Mc Gee.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Value for Money Committee:

Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine, Cllr. Martin Harley, Cllr. Noel Jordan, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Cllr. Michael McBride, Cllr. Patrick McGowan, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and the Cathaoirleach of the Day.

Further discussion it was noted was required in respect of the remaining vacancy on the committee.

C/170/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL LOCAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Donegal Local and Community Development Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllr Mc Dermott was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Canning.

Cllr Kennedy was proposed by Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Mc Clafferty.

Cllr Carr was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Donegal Local and Community Development Committee:

Cllr. Brian Carr, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy and Cllr. Martin McDermott

C/171/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL HERITAGE FORUM**

On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr G Doherty it was resolved to defer selection to the various Municipal Districts.

C/172/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Donegal Youth Expert Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Cllr Nic Mheanman was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Bradley was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Donegal Youth Expert Advisory Committee

Cllr. Fionán Bradley, and Cllr. Dakota Nic Nic Mheanman

C/173/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DISABILITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Doherty it was resolved to re-establish the Disability Strategy Committee in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and increase the membership to 8 No members.

Cllrs Molloy and Coyle were proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig was proposed by Cllr Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr J Brogan.

Cllrs Jordan and Mc Mahon were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Kavanagh was proposed by Cllr Harley, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

Cllr Mc Gee was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Beard.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Disability Strategy Committee:

***Cllr. Donal Coyle, Cllr. Noel Andrew Jordan, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Cllr. Micheál Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Denis McGee, Cllr. Michael McMahon, Cllr. Anthony Molloy.***

Further discussion it was noted was required in respect of the remaining vacancy on the committee.

C/174/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE WORKING GROUP ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Working Group on Constitutional Change in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)

Cllrs Meehan and J Brogan were proposed by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr Mc Bride.

Cllrs Canning and Bradley were proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Blaney.

Cllrs A Doherty, Mc Monagle and Crossan were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Carr.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Working Group on Constitutional Change:

***Cllr. Fionán Bradley, Cllr. Jimmy Brogan, Cllr. Paul Canning
Cllr. Terry Crossan, Cllr. Albert Doherty, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and Cllr. Declan Meehan.***

Further discussion it was noted was required in respect of the remaining three vacancies on the committee.

C/175/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE WORKING GROUP ON CREESLOUGH

It was unanimously agreed to re-establish the Working Group on Creeslough in accordance with Section 51, of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)

Cllr Molloy was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Mc Clafferty was proposed by Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Scanlon.

Cllr O' Fearraigh was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Kavanagh was proposed by Cllr Harley, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

Cllr Mc Gee was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Beard.

The following were therefore deemed elected to the Working Group on Creeslough.

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Cllr. Michael McClafferty, Cllr. Denis McGee, Cllr. Anthony Molloy, Cllr John Shéamais Ó Fearraigh.

The Cathaoirleach said that going forward the Cathaoirleach of the Day would be represented on the committee by ***Cllr Liam Blaney.***

C/176/24

ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL PEACE PLUS PARTNERSHIP

On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Harley it was resolved to retain the existing membership of the Peace Plus Partnership with the exception of Cllr Manus Boyle who replaced Cllr Barry Sweeny.

The following were therefore elected to the Peace Plus Partnership:

Cllrs Manus Boyle, Cllr. Paul Canning, Cllr. Michael McClafferty, Cllr. Patrick McGowan and Cllr. Gerry McMonagle

C/177/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY DONEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

Cllrs Mc Bride and Meehan were proposed by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr J Brogan.

Cllrs A Doherty, Crossan, and Carr were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllrs Bradley, Coyle, and Brogan were proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Blaney.

Cllrs M Farren and Mc Garvey were proposed by Cllr Mc Clafferty, seconded by Cllr Scanlon.

Cllr Devine was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Beard.

Cllr Harley was proposed by Cllr Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

The following were therefore appointed to the Donegal Education & Training Board.

Cllr. Fionán Bradley, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Brian Carr Cllr. Donal Coyle, Cllr. Terry Crossan, Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine, Cllr. Albert Doherty, Cllr. Martin Farren, Cllr. Martin Harley, Cllr. Michael McBride, Cllr. Pauric McGarvey and Cllr Declan Meehan.

C/178/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM WEST

Cllrs C Brogan and Naughton were proposed by Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Meehan was proposed by Cllr Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig.

Cllrs G Doherty and Mc Monagle were proposed by Cllr Crossan, seconded by Cllr Carr.

The following were therefore appointed to the Regional Health Forum West:

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Gary Doherty, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, Cllr. Declan Meehan and Cllr. Michéal Naughton

C/179/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Cllr Murray was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Crossan.

Cllr C Brogan was proposed by Cllr Mc Dermott, seconded by Cllr Canning.

Cllr Kennedy was proposed by Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Mc Clafferty.

The following were therefore appointed to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly:

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy and Cllr. Jack Murray

C/180/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY ENTERPRISE FUND

Cllr Kelly was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Mc Monagle was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

The following were therefore appointed to the County Enterprise Fund:

Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and Cllr. Gerry McMonagle

C/181/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)

Cllr Mc Clafferty was proposed by Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Meehan.

Cllr Mc Monagle was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Mc Mahon.

Cllr Mc Gowan was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Canning.

The following were therefore appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG):

Cllr Michael Mc Clafferty, Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan and Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle.

C/182/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION DELEGATE**

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott it was resolved that Cllr Liam Blaney would be the Donegal County Council representative to the Local Authority Members Association.

C/183/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE INISHOWEN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of same to the Inishowen Municipal District Committee.

C/184/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY CLG**

Cllr Mc Mahon was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Meehan was proposed by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr J Brogan.

Cllr Mc Gowan was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kelly.

The following were therefore appointed to Donegal Local Development Company CLG:

Cllr. Patrick McGowan, Cllr. Michael McMahon, and Cllr. Declan Meehan

C/185/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE ERNACT EEIG BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Cllr Bradley was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Canning.

Cllr Murray was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Carr.

The following were therefore appointed to the ERNACT EEIG Board of Management:

Cllr Fionán Bradley, and Cllr. Jack Murray

C/186/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD**

On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray it was resolved to appoint Cllr Dakota Nic Mheanman as the Donegal County Council representative TO Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

C/187/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE NORTH-WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Cllrs Canning and C Brogan were proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Blaney.

Cllr M Farren was proposed by Cllr Mc Clafferty, seconded by Cllr Mc Garvey.

Cllrs A Doherty and Mc Monagle were proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Beard was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Devine.

The following were therefore appointed to the North-West Regional Development Group:

***Cllr. Joy Beard, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Paul Canning
Cllr. Albert Doherty, Cllr. Martin Farren and Cllr. Gerry
McMonagle***

C/188/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE IRISH CENTRAL BORDER AREA NETWORK LTD

Cllr Molloy was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Mc Mahon was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Mc Bride was proposed by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr Meehan.

Cllr Boyle was proposed by Cllr Harley, seconded by Cllr Kavanagh.

The following were therefore appointed to the Irish Central Border Area Network Ltd:

***Cllr. Manus Boyle, Cllr. Michael McBride, Cllr. Michael
McMahon and Cllr. Anthony Molloy***

C/189/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP CLG

Cllr Mc Mahon was proposed by Cllr G Doherty, second by Cllr Murray.

Cllr Coyle was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

The following were therefore appointed the Donegal Local Sports Partnership CLG:

Cllr. Donal Coyle and Cllr. Michael McMahon

- C/190/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND SUBSTITUTE TO CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS (CPMR)**
On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Carr it was resolved to appoint Cllr Jack Murray as the representative to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions.
- C/191/24 **ESTABLISHMENT AND ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND SUBSTITUTE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT ENTITLED 'YOUTH AND DEMOCRACY' – EMPOWERING EUROPE'S NEXT GENERATION**
On the proposal of Cllr Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Boyle it was resolved to appoint Cllr Martin Harley as the Donegal County Council representative to participate in the EU Cerv Project entitled "Youth & Democracy" – Empowering Europe's next Generation.
- C/192/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO LATCH LTD**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Lifford/Stranorlar Municipal District.
- C/193/24 **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COLMCILLE HERITAGE TRUST**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Letterkenny/Milford Municipal District.
- C/194/24 **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ERNE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY CLG**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Donegal Municipal District.
- C/195/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF FORT DUNREE MILITARY MUSEUM**
Cllr C Brogan noted that previously there had been two number members appointed to the Board of Fort Dunree Military Museum. He asked that they be contacted, and a request made to retain this representation. On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Murray it was resolved to seek clarification on the membership and then to refer same to the Inishowen Municipal District for consideration.
- C/196/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EARAGAIL ARTS FESTIVAL CLG**
Cllr G Doherty was proposed by Cllr Murray seconded by Cllr Crossan.

Cllr Devine was proposed by Cllr A Farren, seconded by Cllr Beard.

Cllr Coyle was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kelly.

The following were therefore appointed the Earagail Arts Festival CLG:

Cllr. Donal Coyle, Cllr. Tomás Seán Devine and Cllr. Gary Doherty

- C/197/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LETTERKENNY THEATRE MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Letterkenny/Milford Municipal District
- C/198/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF BALLYSHANNON LEISURE CENTRE**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Donegal Municipal District
- C/199/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF BUNDORAN WATERWORLD LTD**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Donegal Municipal District
- C/200/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF FINN VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE LTD**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Lifford/Stranorlar Municipal District
- C/201/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LETTERKENNY SPORTS COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT LTD**
It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the Letterkenny/Milford Municipal District
- C/202/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME ADVISORY BOARD – NW ALCOHOL FORUM**
On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott it was resolved to appoint Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly to the Strengthening Families Programme Advisory Board – NW Alcohol Forum.
- C/203/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBER TO THE COMHAR NA nOILEAN C.T.R**
Cllr Molloy was proposed by Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig was proposed by Cllr J Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Bride. Cllr Brogan said that he was a suitable candidate for the position given that a considerable amount of his constituency work was carried out on the Islands and that he would be an active member of Comhar na nOileain.

As there were two nominees for the position a show of hands was taken by the Meetings Administrator with 27 no members outlining their support for Cllr Molloy.

Cllr Anthony Molloy was therefore selected as the representative to Comhar na nOileain.

C/204/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE WESTERN INTER-COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE**

It was unanimously agreed to defer the selection of members to the various Municipal District Committees.

C/205/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE A5/N2 CROSS BORDER COMMITTEE**

Cllr G Doherty was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Crossan.

Cllr Canning was proposed by Cllr c Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kelly.

Cllr Scanlon was proposed by Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Mc Garvey.

Cllr Harley was proposed by Cllr Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr Boyle.

The following were therefore appointed to the A5/N2 Cross Border Committee.

Cllr Paul Canning, Cllr Gary Doherty, Cllr Martin Harley and Cllr Martin Scanlon.

C/206/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE NORTH-WEST REGIONAL DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE**

On the proposal of Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr G Doherty it was resolved to appoint Cllr Mc Monagle to the North-West Regional Drug & Alcohol Taskforce.

C/207/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL TOURISM ASSOCIATE MEMBERS COMMITTEE**

Cllr C Brogan said that it was imperative given the importance of tourism that all Municipal Districts were represented on this committee.

The Chief Executive confirmed that it would be possible to seek an increase in the number of representatives but that this would be a matter for the board itself.

It was thus unanimously agreed to refer the selection of members to the various Municipal Districts for consideration.

C/208/24 **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH OF THE DAY TO THE BOARD OF DONEGAL TOURISM CLG**

On the proposal of Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott it was resolved that Cllr Niamh Kennedy sit on the Board of Donegal Tourism CLG as the Cathaoirleach of the Day.

C/209/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE DONEGAL 2040 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DESIGNATED ACTIVITY COMPANY

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr G Doherty it was resolved to retain the existing representation.

Thus, **Cllrs Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Paul Canning, Cllr. Gary Doherty, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, and Cllr. Michael Mc Clafferty** were appointed to the Board of the Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company.

C/210/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE NW REGIONAL ENERGY AGENCY COMPANY LTD

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr G Doherty it was resolved to retain the existing representation.

Thus, **Cllr Gary Doherty and Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan** were appointed to the Board of the NW Regional Energy Agency Company Ltd.

C/211/24

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE CROSS BORDER WORKING GROUP DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL & FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was unanimously agreed that the members of the Donegal Municipal District and the members of the Lifford/Stranorlar Municipal District would sit on the Cross-Border Working Group comprising Donegal County Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

C/212/24

TO AGREE DATES FOR FIRST MEETING OF EACH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to hold the First Annual Meeting of each Municipal District as outlined below:

- Inishowen MD – Monday - 1st July 2024 at 2.00pm.
- Letterkenny/Milford MD - 1st July 2024 at 2.00pm
- Donegal MD 28th June at 11.30am
- Glenties MD 28th June at 10.00am
- Lifford/Stranorlar MD 28th June at 10.00am

Cllr Harley noted that the Lifford/Stranorlar MD had not met in person for the past two years or so. Cllr Mc Gowan concurred and said that this was an issue going forward for the elected members.

C/213/24

AILG INDUCTION TRAINING

It was unanimously agreed having noted authorisation of representation at a seminar, meeting or event under Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act, 2001, S.I. No. 668 of 2006, Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members)

Regulations 2006, S.I. No. 37 of 2010, and Guidelines given by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010, and the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations, 2014(as amended) to approve the attendance of members at the AILG Elected Member General Induction Training on the 11th July , 2024 in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

C/214/24

ADVISORY NOTE ON SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS ON ELECTED MEMBERS

The Meetings Administrator drew Members attention to their obligations under the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and expenditure) Act, 1999, as amended and the necessity on members and unsuccessful candidates to furnish returns of election expenditure incurred and donations received , where appropriate by the 5th September, 2024.

He further advised in relation to the obligation on new Members to furnish an Ethics Declaration of Interest by the 26th July, 2024.

Members were informed also of their obligations under Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001(as amended) and the duty of Members appointed to other bodies to present a report on the activities and operation of that body.

The Meetings Administrator noted that there was an onus on Members to comply with the requirements of Section 141(a) of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 53(1) of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. This it was noted placed an onus on Members to notify the Authority of their attendance at meetings of all bodies to which they had been nominated by the Authority and to submit within 15 working days a written report on all authorised attendance at conferences and events.

Members were informed that the details of the new guidelines in relation to the establishment of Strategic Policy Committees had just issued and that proposals would be brought to the Corporate Policy Group and members in due course.

Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig advised of the need to have the Housing SPC up and running as soon as possible given the current housing crisis.

Cllr Mc Gowan said it was imperative that the Special Housing Meetings continued.

It was further resolved to hold the next Defective Concrete Block Committee meeting at 10am on Monday 8th July 2024.

Cllr Mc Clafferty asked that a listing of all the appointments be circulated to members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.