

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Shannon Municipal District

Tuesday 11th June, 2019 at 3.00pm

In the Offices of the Municipal District, Town Hall, Shannon, Co. Clare

Present: Councillors Gerard Flynn (Cathaoirleach), Michael Begley, Cathal Crowe, John Crowe, Pat McMahon, PJ Ryan.

Liam Conneally, Director of Service, Siobhán O'Reilly, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies: Cllr Mike Mckee, Patricia O'Neill, Staff Officer, Shannon MD.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach for the next 12 months

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Gerry Flynn opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the AGM of the Shannon Municipal District. In particular, he welcomed Cllr Michael Begley to the Shannon Municipal District. He congratulated Councillor Cathal Crowe on his new role as Mayor of Clare and also congratulated Councillors Pat Mc Mahon and John Crowe on their nominations as Chairs of SPCs. Cllr. Flynn thanked his fellow Councillors, the staff of the Shannon Municipal District and Clare County Council, for their support and commitment over the last 12 months during his tenure as Cathaoirleach.

Nominations for Cathaoirleach were invited. It was proposed that the present arrangement would remain in place whereby Cllr Gerry Flynn would remain as Cathaoirleach of Shannon Municipal District. This was proposed by Cllr PJ Ryan and seconded by Cllr John Crowe and agreed by all.

Councillors paid tribute to Cllr Mike Mc Kee and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Director of Service congratulated members on their re-election and welcomed Cllr Begley to the Shannon MD. He advised that in the interests of economic development promotion he would be meeting with significant employers in the area in the coming months. This was welcomed by all members.

Concerns about the future of Shannon Airport were raised by members and in particular in relation to fall off in customers using the airport and the lack of engagement with the members of the Municipal District. Members agreed a strong future focus of the Municipal District(MD) should be on Shannon Airport.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the next 12 months

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the election of Leas Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr PJ Ryan seconded by Cllr Cathal Crowe, Cllr Pat McMahon was unanimously elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

3. Approval of payment of allowances to the Cathaoirleach

The payment of the allowances to the Cathaoirleach for the term was proposed by Cllr John Crowe and seconded by Cllr Cathal Crowe and agreed by all.

4. Nominations x2 for the Working Group for the Action Plan for Rural Ireland

It was proposed by Cllr Pat Mc Mahon and seconded by Cllr Cathal Crowe to nominate Cllr Gerry Flynn and Cllr PJ Ryan to the Working Group for the Action Plan for Rural Ireland.

5. Nomination x2 for the Clare Rural Development Forum

It was proposed by Cllr Cathal Crowe and seconded by Cllr Pat McMahon to nominate Cllr PJ Ryan and Cllr John Crowe to the Clare Rural Development Forum.

6. Draft Schedule of Meetings for the next 12 months.

Tuesday 9th July 2019 9:45am
Tuesday 17th September 2019 9:45am
Tuesday 19th November 2019 9:45am
Tuesday 21st January 2020 9:45am
Tuesday 24th March 2020 9:45am
Tuesday 19th May 2020 9:45am

It was agreed that a standing item on MD Economic Development matters would be included as an Agenda item for future meetings. Feedback from the Clare Rural Development Forum and the Working Group for the Action Plan for Rural Ireland would be relayed and discussed under this topic in addition to other items of importance from an economic development perspective. Members requested that from time to time the Rural and Community Development Officer be invited to future meetings as part of the Economic Development item.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____

Cllr Gerard Flynn

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Siobhán O'Reilly

Meetings Administrator

Dated: July 2019.