

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 2019
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CHARLEVILLE ROAD, TULLAMORE,
CO. OFFALY ON FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE 2019 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Cllrs. J. Carroll, C. Claffey, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, N. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, P. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn and K. Smollen.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive, Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. T. Mawe, A/H.O.F., Mr. A. Murray A/D.O.S., Ms. J. Ryan A/D.O.S., Mr. G. Bruton, A/Meetings Administrator; Ms. A. Dillon, S.E.O. and Ms. L. Carbery, C.O.
Cllr. D. Owens, Cathaoirleach welcomed the members, their families and members of the public to the Annual Meeting.	
NAMES OF PERSONS DULY ELECTED AS MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	Mr. G. Bruton, A/Meetings Administrator read out the names of the persons duly elected as members of the Local Authority as follows: <u>Birr LEA</u> John Leahy Renua Ireland Peter Ormond Fianna Fáil John Clendennen Fine Gael John Carroll Non-Party Eamon Dooley Fianna Fáil Clare Claffey Social Democrats <u>Edenderry LEA</u> Eddie Fitzpatrick Fianna Fáil John Foley Non-Party Liam Quinn Fine Gael Robert McDermott Fianna Fáil Noel Cribben Fine Gael Pippa Hackett Green Party/Comhaontas Glas <u>Tullamore LEA</u> Frank Moran Fianna Fáil Declan Harvey Fianna Fáil Neil Feighery Fine Gael Danny Owens Fianna Fáil Ken Smollen Irish Democratic Party Tony McCormack Fianna Fáil Seán O'Brien Non-Party
ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH	Cllr. D. Owens invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick the members resolved to elect Cllr. Peter Ormond, as Cathaoirleach.</p> <p>There being no other nominations, Cllr. D. Owens declared Cllr. P. Ormond elected as Cathaoirleach of Offaly County Council for the coming year.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Ormond then took the chair. He acknowledged that it was an honour to be elected Cathaoirleach and thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for his election. He congratulated Cllr. D. Owens on his term as Cathaoirleach, stating that he was a great ambassador for the county. He congratulated all the candidates and noted that it was an honour to be elected. He welcomed in particular all the newly elected members and advised that he looked forward to working with all members and the executive for the benefit of the county. He advised that the years ahead would be challenging but looked forward to working together on various issues such as housing, climate change and the county development plan. He thanked the Chief Executive and the staff for their ongoing assistance.</p>
<p>ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH</p>	<p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members resolved to elect Cllr. J. Leahy as Leas Cathaoirleach.</p> <p>There being no other nominations, Cllr. J. Leahy was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the following year. Cllr. J. Leahy thanked his proposer and seconder and advised that he looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and members on issues such as the road network, Community CCTV, tourism in the county and pollution.</p>
<p>FIXING OF ANNUAL MEETING DATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>Mr. G. Bruton, A/Meetings Administrator informed the meeting that in accordance with the <i>Local Government (Reform) Act 2014</i> that the Council is required to set the dates for the Municipal District Annual Meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipal District of Birr: Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, 10th June 2019 at 4.30pm in Birr Civic Offices; - Municipal District of Edenderry: Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 12th June 2019 at 3.00pm in Edenderry Town Hall. - Municipal District of Tullamore: Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13th June 2019 at 4.00pm in Tullamore Town Hall

<p>SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS</p>	<p>Mr. G. Bruton, A/Meetings Administrator advised the members that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th June at 2.00pm and that the ordinary meetings of Offaly County Council are held on the third Monday of every month, except August and if a bank holiday co-incides. He further advised that the Corporate Policy Group meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th June at 10.30am and an information briefing meeting, for all the elected members, on 17th June at 11.30am.</p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that all Section Heads and Senior Staff of the organisation would be in attendance at the briefing meeting also.</p>
<p>ELECTION / APPOINTMENT / NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES / COMMITTEES:</p>	
<p>EASTERN AND MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach invited two nominations to the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. D. Owens and Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick were deemed elected to the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly. He advised that Cllr T. McCormack would be the Alternate Delegate as required. This was agreed.</p>
<p>ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>Cllr. E. Dooley informed the meeting that a group had been formed of 7 members. Cllr Dooley queried if there were any other groups of 7 or more formed among the remaining members. There were no other groups formed.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the members resolved to appoint Cllrs. N. Cribbin, D. Owens and E. Dooley to the Association of Irish Local Government.</p>
<p>LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack, Cllr. P. Ormond was nominated to the Local Authority Members Association. The proposal was agreed.</p>
<p>REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM, DUBLIN – MID LEINSTER</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, Cllrs. T. McCormack, S. O’Brien and E. Fitzpatrick were nominated to the Regional Health Forum, Dublin-Mid Leinster.</p> <p>These proposals were agreed.</p>
<p>IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, the members agreed that Cllr. D. Owens be appointed to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.</p>

<p>LAOIS AND OFFALY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD</p>	<p>Cllr. E. Dooley requested a deferral to get clarification on the 40% gender requirement for the Laois and Offaly Education Training Board.</p> <p>Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive agreed to seek clarification from the Department of Education and to include this as an agenda item at the next meeting.</p>
<p>CHAIRPERSONS DESIGNATE OF OCC STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES</p>	<p>Cllr. P. Ormond, Cathaoirleach advised the members that the chairperson would be nominated at this meeting and the members would be appointed in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Clendennen advised that a group had been formed consisting of Cllrs. N. Feighery, N. Cribbin, L. Quinn and J. Foley for the purposes of nominating Cllr. L. Quinn as Chairperson Designate to the Transportation and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Clendennen, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. L. Quinn as Chairperson Designate to the Transportation and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>Cllr. S. O'Brien raised concerns about the fairness of the grouping system and requested if a fifth member would support his group. No member indicated availability.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. J. Leahy was appointed as Chairperson Designate to the Environment, Water and Drainage Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, it was agreed that Cllr. D. Owens be appointed Chairperson Designate to the Housing Policy, Social and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, it was agreed that Cllr. E. Dooley be appointed Chairperson Designate to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.</p>
<p>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn it was agreed that the Corporate Policy Group shall consist of the Cathaoirleach, the Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy Committees.</p>
<p>RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack, Cllrs. E. Fitzpatrick, J. Clendennen and P. Hackett were agreed as nominees to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.</p>

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery, it was agreed to nominate Cllrs. J. Leahy, D. Harvey and N. Cribbin to the Local Community Development Committee.
LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was agreed to appoint Cllrs. D. Harvey, T. McCormack, J. Leahy, K. Smollen and N. Feighery to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.
OFFALY INNOVATION AND DESIGN CENTRE LTD.	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. T. McCormack to the Offaly Innovation and Design Centre Ltd.
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey it was agreed to appoint Cllrs. P. Ormond, J. Carroll, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, D. Harvey, F. Moran, R. McDermott, E. Fitzpatrick, P. Hackett, J. Clendennen, K. Smollen, S. O'Brien and N. Feighery to the Joint Policing Committee.
AUDIT COMMITTEE	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn, it was agreed to appoint Mr. Michael Loughnane and Ms. Connie Hanniffy, retired members, to the Audit Committee.
OFFALY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to appoint Cllrs. D. Owens, J. Carroll and N. Cribbin to the Offaly Sports Partnership.
MIDLAND REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick it was agreed to appoint Cllr. F. Moran to the Midland Regional Drugs Task Force.
OFFALY FILM COMMISSION	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran, it was agreed to appoint Cllr. D. Harvey, S. O'Brien and D. Owens to the Offaly Film Commission.
OFFALY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, it was to appoint Cllrs. C. Claffey, E. Fitzpatrick and T. McCormack to the Offaly Local Development Company.
INDUCTION TRAINING FOR NEWLY ELECTED TRAINING MEMBERS	<p>Mr. G. Bruton, A/Meetings Administrator informed the members that the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) are organising training events for councillors on the 18th July in Dunboyne and 19th September in Ballinasloe.</p> <p>Ms. A. Delaney, C.E. advised the members to book through Corporate Services and also the section heads would be giving a short brief at the training on 17th June.</p>

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED MEMBERS TO WITNESS AFFIXING OF OFFICIAL SEAL	The members resolved on the proposal of Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens, that the Cathaoirleach or Leas-Cathaoirleach be approved for the purposes of witnessing the affixing of the official seal to documents.
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED:

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17th June 2019