

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council

held in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Athy Road, Carlow

on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 2.30 p.m

Present: Councillor C. Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor J. Deane
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor D. Foley
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor T. Kinsella
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor J. Murphy
Councillor B. O'Donoghue
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender
Councillor F. Phelan
Councillor W. Quinn,

In attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr. Dan McInerney, Director of Services, Transportation,
Environment and Water Services
Mr Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services, Housing,
Community, Recreation & Amenity, Building Control &
Emergency Services
Mr. P. Delaney, Head of Finance
Mr. J. Shorthall, Acting County Librarian
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach Councillor Charlie Murphy opened the meeting.

Councillor Doran congratulated Councillor Murphy on his year as Cathaoirleach and paid tribute to his balance and fairness at all times. The Members wished to be associated with these remarks and thanked the Cathaoirleach for his contributions particularly for the part he played in the 1916/2016 commemorations.

Ms. B. O'Brien, Deputy Chief Executive thanked Councillor Murphy on behalf of the executive and noted his contributions particularly in relation to the Development Plan, The Budget and the 1916/2016 Commemorations.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Members and the Deputy Chief Executive for their kind remarks and stated he was honoured to be the Cathaoirleach in the year 2016.

1. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor Kinsella said he was privileged to propose Councillor John Murphy as the Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council and gave a brief account of his election to Carlow County Council. He welcomed Councillor Murphy's family to the Chamber.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

"That Councillor John Murphy is elected Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council"

As there was no other proposal Councillor J. Murphy was deemed elected in accordance with Section 37 (b) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Taking the Chair, the new Cathaoirleach Councillor J. Murphy thanked his proposer and seconder and the Elected Members and said it was an honour and privilege to be elected Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council and an honour for his extended family. He congratulated the outgoing Cathaoirleach on his year in office. He said he would be taken as a leader for his county and community. He noted the changes over the last seven

years and the current improvements including SME's and multinationals in Carlow together with a successful agribusiness sector.

He acknowledged Town Centre regeneration is a major issue. He also referred to an improving tourist offering, mentioning St. Mullins, Barrow Track, Altamont Gardens, Ducketts Grove, Food Tourism and Festivals. His message is to 'talk up' the County.

Councillor Murphy also thanked his family for their support and wished Ciaran O'Byrne well. He welcomed Councillor Ken Murnane to the chamber.

Members congratulated Councillor Murphy on his election and wished him well.

The Deputy Chief Executive congratulated Councillor Murphy on his election on behalf of the executive.

The new Cathaoirleach Councillor J. Murphy presented Councillor C. Murphy with a photographic record of his year in office.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Proposed by Councillor M. Doran

Seconded by Councillor B. O'Donoghue

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

"That Councillor D. Foley is elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council."

As there was no other proposals Councillor Foley was deemed elected in accordance with Section 37 (b) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Councillor Foley thanked his proposer and seconder and said he looked forward to his role during the year ahead.

The Members congratulated Councillor Foley on his election as Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Deputy Chief Executive also congratulated Councillor Foley.

3. DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members had proposed dates for Council Meetings from September 2016 to June 2017.

Proposed by Councillor F. Browne

Seconded by Councillor M. Doran

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

“That the proposed dates for Council Meetings for the ensuing months to the next Annual Meeting are as follows:-

2016	July	-	11 th
	September -		12 th
	October	-	10 th
	November	-	14 th
	December	-	12 th
2017	January	-	9 th
	February	-	13 th
	March	-	13 th
	April	-	10 th
	May	-	8 th
	June	-	12 th

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

P. Delaney, Head of Finance advised of the arrangement for a special budget meeting in late July. It was agreed that a Sinn Féin representative be invited to attend the Corporate Policy Group meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.