

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Carlow County Council

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

on Wednesday 27th June 2012 at 2.30 p.m

Present: Councillor T. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach
Councillor M. Abbey,
Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)
Councillor F. Browne
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor W. Fennell,
Councillor D. Foley,
Councillor F. Hunter
Councillor D. Hurley
Councillor W. Lacey
Councillor A. McDonald,
Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor,
Councillor C. Murphy,
Councillor J. Murphy,
Councillor T. O'Neill
Councillor P. O'Toole
Councillor W. Paton
Councillor J. Pender,
Councillor W. Quinn.
Councillor C. Townsend,
Councillor J. Townsend,

In attendance: Mr. T. Barry, County Manager
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Service - Environment, Water Services & Health and Safety.
Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service - Community and Enterprise, Economic Development & Corporate Services.
Mr. D. McInerney, Director of Services Transportation & Safety & Emergency Services.
Ms Avril Oakes, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. B. Whelan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach Councillor T. Kinsella opened the meeting. He thanked Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor W. Fennell and his fellow Members for their support and loyalty during the year. He thanked the County Manager, Director of Services, Eamonn Brophy, Catriona Healy, Marian Morgan and staff for their help, guidance and support during his year as Cathaoirleach. He said it was a privilege and honour to represent the people of Carlow in what was an eventful year. He gave a short review of his year in office highlighting functions attended and civic receptions accorded by him. The Members paid tribute to Cllr. Kinsella for his excellent service to Carlow County Council during his year as Cathaoirleach. They complimented him on the manner in which he represented Carlow at official functions both at home and abroad. Members also paid tribute to the outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor W. Fennell. The County Manager paid tribute to Cllr. Kinsella and thanked him for his support during the year. He also thanked Councillor Fennell for his assistance during the year. The County Manager presented Councillor Kinsella with a photographic record of his year in office.

1. **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Proposed by Councillor P. O'Toole

Seconded by Councillor T. O'Neill

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

"That Councillor M. Abbey is elected Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council"

Taking the Chair, the new Cathaoirleach Councillor Abbey thanked his proposer and seconder and said he looked forward to the year ahead. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach Councillor Kinsella on an excellent job during his year in office and thanked outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor W. Fennell. He said he looked forward to serving the people of Carlow to the best of his ability.

The Members congratulated Councillor Abbey on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him well in his new role where he brings a wealth of experience.

The County Manager congratulated Councillor Abbey on his election and said he looked forward to working with him during the year.

2. **ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH**

Proposed by Councillor D Foley

Seconded by Councillor W. Quinn

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

“That Councillor Caroline Townsend is elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council.”

Councillor Townsend thanked her proposer and seconder and said she looked forward to her role during the year ahead.

The Members congratulated Councillor Townsend on her election as Leas Cathaoirleach and on representing the female Members of Council.

Councillor Pender expressed his support for all parties but appealed to parties to consider rotating the Chair. His view was supported by the Fianna Fáil Members.

3. DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members had proposed dates for Council Meetings from September 2012 to June 2013.

Proposed by Councillor W. Lacey

Seconded by Councillor T. O’Neill

Following a showing of hands it was resolved:-

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

2012	September	-	10th
	October	-	8th
	November	-	12th
	December	-	10th
2013	January	-	14th
	February	-	11th
	March	-	11th
	April	-	8th
	May	-	13th
	June	-	10th

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to be transacted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.