

**Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of Municipal District of Carlow**

**held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carlow**

**on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. Ahern (Nee Long)  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor J. Deane  
Councillor W. Lacey  
Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor J. Pender  
Councillor F. Phelan

In attendance: Ms. B. O'Brien, Director of Service – Corporate, Planning, Economic Development & Health & Safety  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer/Meetings Administrator  
Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer.

Ms. B. O'Brien welcomed Members to the Inaugural Meeting of the Municipal District of Carlow. It was agreed B. O'Brien would take the Chair until the election of the Cathaoirleach.

Members were advised that under Part 7 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, a Municipal District that includes the area of a town (including all environs of the town) the population of which when rounded to the nearest 1,000 as shown in the latest census report of the Central Statistics office is equal to or greater than 20,000, then the Municipal District members for such district may decide by resolution to use the title Mayor or Deputy Mayor to describe the office of Cathaoirleach or leas-Chathaoirleach. A debate took place on this issue.

**Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern nee Long**  
**Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane O'Connor**  
**And**

Following a show of hands unanimously agreed

*“That the title of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be used to describe the office of Cathaoirleach and leas-Chathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Carlow”.*

## ***Election of Mayor***

**Proposed by Councillor A. Ahern nee Long**  
**Seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor**

**And**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*“That Councillor J. Pender be elected Mayor of the Municipal District of Carlow”*

Councillor Pender took the chair and thanked his proposer and seconder and said it was emotional and a great honour to be elected the first Mayor of Carlow. He said he would represent all the people of the Municipal District. He looked forward to working with all those elected and the staff in providing services for all and intended to be fair to all.

Councillor Lacey congratulated Councillor Pender as did Councillors Cassin, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, Browne, Deane, Phelan and Paton

Ms B O'Brien congratulated Councillor Pender on behalf of the executive of Carlow County Council.

## ***Election of Deputy Mayor***

**Proposed by Councillor F. Phelan**  
**Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern nee Long**

**And**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*“That Councillor J. Murnane O'Connor be elected Deputy Mayor of Carlow Municipal District.”*

Members congratulated Councillor Murnane O'Connor on her election as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Murnane O'Connor thanked Members for their support.

It was proposed by Councillor Ahern and seconded by Councillor J. Murnane-O'Connor that a Chain of Office be acquired.

Ms B. O'Brien advised that this issue would need to be researched.

### **3. Draft Standing Orders Carlow Municipal District**

Ms B. O'Brien advised of the Draft Standing Orders. Councillors Cassin and Ahern suggested that Municipal District meetings be held monthly. Councillor Paton suggested bi-monthly meetings with an informal monthly meeting with the Area Engineer. Councillor Lacey suggested one Municipal District meeting every two months and a monthly Council meeting.

The Mayor suggested and it was agreed that the next meeting be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 at 6.30pm and that further consideration be given prior to finalising details of the scheduling of meetings in Standing Orders

It was agreed that items for the agenda will be sought by the executive from the Elected Members in advance of the issue of the agenda.

It was agreed that the Draft Standing Orders would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for further consideration prior to adoption. Members requested that an item be placed on the July Agenda relating to Tullow Traffic Management /Parking Bye-laws.

Councillor Ahern suggested, in the interest of the avoidance of duplication between the County Council and Municipal District meetings, that presentations be only made once to the appropriate Committee and not more than once.

#### **Votes of Sympathy:**

- To the family of the late J.J. Connolly, 16 Shillelagh Grove, Tullow
- To the Family and Presentation Sisters on the death of Sister Anna Hyland, Presentation Sisters, Oakley Park, Tullow Road.
- To Bernie O'Brien, Director of Services on the death of her mother-in-law Joan O'Brien, Green Lane, Carlow.

#### **Any Other Business with the consent of the Mayor**

Ms. B. O'Brien advised that it was a reserved function of the members of the Municipal District to approve the payment of an annual allowance for the Mayor.

It was

**Proposed by Councillor F. Browne**

**Seconded by Councillor A. Ahern nee Long**

**And**

Following a showing of hands it was unanimously resolved:-

*“That the allowance for the Mayor of Carlow Municipal District be set at the maximum allowance payable under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, in accordance with Section 143 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 22(1) (p) and Reference 13 of Schedule 3 (14A) of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.”*

This concluded the business of the meeting.