

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN
ARAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE, ON THE 7TH OF JUNE 2019**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor	John King	In the Chair
	Councillors	Willie Aird Ben Brennan Thomasina Connell Padraig Fleming John Joe Fennelly James Kelly Aisling Moran Aidan Mullins Mary Sweeney	Paddy Bracken Conor Bergin Ollie Clooney Caroline Dwane Stanley Catherine Fitzgerald Paschal McEvoy Tom Mulhall Seamus McDonald

APOLOGIES: Councillor Noel Tuohy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messers John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Michael Rainey, A/Director of Services, Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary.

(104) Declaration by Returning Officer of persons to the Members of Laois County Council and their respective Municipal Districts as a result of poll taken on the 24th of May 2019

Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer declared the results of the poll taken on the 24th of May 2019 to secure all the seats on Laois County Council in the three Municipal Districts as follows:

Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District

Mr. Paddy Bracken, Garoon, Mountmellick, Co. Laois.
Mr. James Kelly, Main Street, Mountrath, Co. Laois.
Mr. Seamus McDonald, Drummond, Rosenallis, Co. Laois.
Mr. Conor Bergin, Shanboe, Borris-in-Ossory, Co. Laois.
Mr. John King, Church Street, Rathdowney, Co. Laois.
Mr. Ollie Clooney, The Swan Road, Durrrow, Co. Laois.

Graigecullen/Portarlinton Municipal District

Mr. Padraig Fleming, Westbank House, The Swan, via Athy, Co. Laois.
Mr. Aidan Mullins, Foxcroft Street, Portarlinton, Co. Laois.
Mr. Tom Mulhall, Cappakeel, Emo, Potlaoise, Co. Laois.
Mr. Paschal McEvoy, 13 The Glebe, Stradbally, Co. Laois.
Mr. Ben Brennan, Monavea, Crettyard, Co. Laois.
Ms. Aisling Moran, Cullenagh, Ballylinan, Co. Laois.

Portlaoise Municipal District

Mr. Willie Aird, Nutgrove, Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Mr. John Joe Fennelly, Ballymullen, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois.
Ms. Caroline Dwane Stanley, 40 Clonrooske Abbey, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Ms. Catherine Fitzgerald, 14 Cherrygarth, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Mr. Noel Tuohy, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Ms. Mary Sweeney, Newtown, Ballyroan, Co. Laois.
Ms. Thomasina Connell, 18 Chestnut Avenue, Esker Hills, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

(105) Election of Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Mary Sweeney and seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell:

“That Councillor Willie Aird be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

It was proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan and seconded by Councillor James Kelly:

“That Councillor James Kelly be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR AIRD	FOR COUNCILLOR KELLY	ABSENT
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
William	AIRD	✓		
Conor	BERGIN	✓		
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓		
Ben	BRENNAN		✓	
Ollie	CLOONEY	✓		
Thomasina	CONNELL	✓		
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY		✓	
John Joe	FENNELLY	✓		
Catherine	FITZGERALD	✓		
Padraig	FLEMING	✓		
James	KELLY		✓	

John	KING	✓		
Seamus	MCDONALD	✓		
Paschal	MCEVOY	✓		
Aisling	MORAN	✓		
Tom	MULHALL	✓		
Aidan	MULLINS		✓	
Mary	SWEENEY	✓		
Noel	TUOHY			✓

Total Number of Votes 14 votes in favour of Councillor Willie Aird, 4 votes in favour of Councillor James Kelly with one absent

Councillor Willie Aird having been elected Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported him and he then took the Chair.

The Chief Executive, Mr. John Mulholland, on behalf of the Management and Staff at Áras an Chontae extended warm congratulations to Councillor Aird on this very proud and historical occasion for Councillor Aird and his family.

(106) Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald:

“That Councillor John Joe Fennelly be appointed Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

It was proposed by Councillor James Kelly and seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley:

“That Councillor Ben Brennan be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR FENNELLY	FOR COUNCILLOR BRENNAN	ABSENT
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
William	AIRD	✓		
Conor	BERGIN	✓		
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓		

Ben	BRENNAN		✓	
Ollie	CLOONEY	✓		
Thomasina	CONNELL	✓		
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY		✓	
John Joe	FENNELLY	✓		
Catherine	FITZGERALD	✓		
Padraig	FLEMING	✓		
James	KELLY		✓	
John	KING	✓		
Seamus	MCDONALD	✓		
Paschal	MCEVOY	✓		
Aisling	MORAN	✓		
Tom	MULHALL	✓		
Aidan	MULLINS		✓	
Mary	SWEENEY	✓		
Noel	TUOHY			✓

Total Number of Votes 14 votes in favour of Councillor John Joe Fennelly, 4 votes in favour of Councillor Ben Brennan with one absent

Councillor John Joe Fennelly having been elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported him and he then took the Chair.

(107) Confirm date for the first meetings of the Municipal Districts (17th of June 2019) – in accordance with Paragraph 57(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014

The Members were advised that in every year in which a local election is held the Annual Meetings of the Municipal Districts shall be held on a date not later than ten days after the Annual Meeting of the Local Authority.

The Members unanimously agreed that the AGM of each Municipal District would take place on the 17th of June 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

(108) Appoint 13 Members to the Joint Policing Committee

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald the following Members were appointed to the Joint Policing Committee;-

Councillor Padraig Fleming
Councillor Paddy Bracken
Councillor Seamus McDonald
Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald
Councillor Paschal McEvoy

On the proposition of Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the following Members were appointed to the Joint Policing Committee:-

Councillor Aidan Mullins
Councillor Ben Brennan
Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were appointed to the Joint Policing Committee:-

Councillor John King
Councillor Tom Mulhall
Councillor Thomasina Connell
Councillor Aisling Moran
Councillor Conor Bergin

(109) Appoint 7 Members to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Councillor Mary Sweeney
Councillor John King
Councillor Tom Mulhall

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the following Members were appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Councillor Paddy Bracken
Councillor Paschal McEvoy
Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

On the proposition of Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the following Member was appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Councillor James Kelly

(110) Appoint 6 Members to the Placenames Committee (Representatives from each Municipal District)

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the following Members were appointed to the Placenames Committee

Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald
Councillor Paddy Bracken

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were appointed to the Placenames Committee

Councillor Mary Sweeney
Councillor John King
Councillor Tom Mulhall
Councillor Aisling Moran

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor **Noel Tuohy** be nominated also and take the place of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

(111) Appoint 6 Members to the Laois & Offaly Education & Training Board

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the following Members were appointed to the Laois & Offaly Education & Training Board

Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald
Councillor Pdraig Fleming

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were appointed to the Laois & Offaly Education & Training Board

Councillor Mary Sweeney
Councillor Willie Aird
Councillor John King

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan, the following Member was appointed to the Laois & Offaly Education & Training Board

Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

(112) Election of Chairs Designate to the Four Strategic Policy Committees

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy, the following Member was elected as Chair Designate to a Strategic Policy Committee

Councillor Paddy Bracken

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were elected as Chair Designate to Strategic Policy Committees

Councillor Thomasina Connell
Councillor Conor Bergin
Councillor John King

Councillor James Kelly proposed the name of Councillor Brennan. However, due to insufficient numbers to form a group, the proposal was not successful.

(113) Nominate 3 Members as delegates to the Association of Irish Local Government (1 delegate from each Municipal District)

On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the following Members were appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government

Councillor John Joe Fennelly

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government

Councillor John King
Councillor Aisling Moran

(114) Appoint 3 Members to the Local Community Development Committee

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Pdraig Fleming, the following Member was appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government

Councillor Paschal McEvoy

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Members were appointed to the Local Community Development Committee

Councillor John King
Councillor Conor Bergin

(115) Appoint 3 Members to the Laois Arts Theatre Company Ltd (Dunamais Arts Centre)

On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy, the following Member was appointed to the Laois Arts Theatre Company Ltd:-

Councillor John Joe Fennelly

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Member was appointed to the Laois Arts Theatre Company Ltd:-

Councillor Mary Sweeney

Councillor Thomasina Connell

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the name of **Councillor Noel Tuohy** and it was agreed that Councillor Noel Tuohy replace Councillor John Joe Fennelly

(116) Appoint 3 Members to the Board of Portarlington Leisure Centre

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portarlington Leisure Centre:-

Councillor Padraig Fleming

On the proposition of Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portarlington Leisure Centre

Councillor Aidan Mullins

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portarlington Leisure Centre

Councillor Tom Mulhall

(117) Appoint 3 Members to the Board of Portlaoise Leisure Centre

On the proposition of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portlaoise

Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

On the proposition of Councillor Tom Mulhall seconded by Councillor Mary Sweeney, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portlaoise Leisure Centre

Councillor Thomasina Connell

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portlaoise Leisure Centre

Councillor Noel Tuohy

(118) Appoint 3 Members to the Portlaoise Enterprise Centre

On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy, the following Member was appointed to the Board of Portlaoise Enterprise Centre

Councillor John Joe Fennelly

