

Minutes of the A.G.M. Of Portlaoise Municipal District Meeting held in Áras and Chontae on the 17th June 2019 at 11:00 am

- Present:** Catherine Fitzgerald, M.C.C. Chairperson
Mr. Willie Aird, M.C.C., Mr. John Joe Fennelly, M.C.C., Mr. Noel Tuohy, M.C.C., Ms. Thomasina Connell, M.C.C. Ms. Mary Sweeney, M.C.C.
- Apologies:** Caroline Dwane Stanley, M.C.C.
- In attendance:** Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services, Mr. Wes Wilkinson Senior Executive Engineer & Ms. Kim Kinsella, Administrative Officer

Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach welcomed all Members and congratulated them on their election to Laois County Council. She welcomed Councillor Thomasina Connell to the Portlaoise Municipal District. Councillor Fitzgerald paid tribute to Ms. Pauline Madigan for her service to Laois County Council. The Members jointed with the Cathaoirleach in wishing Ms. Pauline Madigan well and thanked her for her service with Laois County Council.

Councillor Willie Aird thanked Councillor Fitzgerald for her work during her term of office as Cathaoirleach. Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Service thanked Councillor Fitzgerald on behalf of the Management & Staff of Laois County Council.

Councillor Fitzgerald thanked all the Members and said that it had been an honor and pleasure to be Cathaoirleach.

(1) ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

On the proposition of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald seconded by Councillor Willie Aird, the Members unanimously agreed that Councillor John Joe Fennelly be elected Cathaoirleach of Portlaoise Municipal District for the forthcoming year. Councillor John Joe Fennelly thanked his proposer and seconder.

(2) ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

On the proposition of Councillor Mary Sweeney seconded by Councillor Willie Aird, the Members unanimously agreed that Councillor Thomasina Connell be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Portlaoise Municipal District for the forthcoming year. Councillor Connell thanked her proposer and seconder.

(3) SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Schedule of Meetings was agreed as presented with the July meeting being re-scheduled to the 15th of July 2019.

(4) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Councillor Tuohy requested that that the Municipal District consider electing a Cathaoirleach outside the current party structure over the next 5 years.
- It was agreed that the Chairs of the Municipals and the Director of Services would meet to discuss the scheduling of monthly meetings in 2020.

(5) FIX TIME, DATE & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is to be held on the 15th July 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of Áras an Chontae.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

Certified: _____

DIRECTOR OF SERVICE