

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
ON THE 26TH OF JUNE 2023 IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE**

PRESENT:	Councillor	Thomasina Connell	In The Chair
	Councillors	Willie Aird John Joe Fennelly James Kelly Caroline Dwane Stanley Aidan Mullins Padraig Fleming Seamus McDonald Aisling Moran Ben Brennan	Paddy Bracken Marie Tuohy P.J. Kelly John King Paschal McEvoy Catherine Fitzgerald Ollie Clooney Conor Bergin Barry Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messrs John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Ms. Angela McEvoy, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Director of Services, Ms. Carmel McNicholl, A/Director of Services, Ms. Irene Delaney, A.O., & Ms. Michelle McCormack, S.O.

99. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH

Mr. John Mulholland, Chief Executive made a formal presentation to Councillor Thomasina Connell, the outgoing Cathaoirleach of a bound book of the minutes of meetings together with a photo album containing photographs of various events held during the year. Mr. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, on behalf of the Management and Staff thanked Councillor Connell for her assistance during her term as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council.

The Members individually and collectively also thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomasina Connell for all her assistance during her term as Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council. Councillor Connell thanked the Chief Executive & Staff of Laois County Council and also her fellow elected Members for their kind words.

100. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor Padraig Fleming and seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald:

“That Councillor Paschal McEvoy be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

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

“That Councillor Aidan Mullins be appointed Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR MULLINS	FOR COUNCILLOR MCEVOY	ABSTAIN
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	✓		
P.J.	KELLY		✓	
Aidan	MULLINS	✓		
Marie	TUOHY	✓		
Barry	WALSH		✓	

Total number of Votes 13 votes in favour of Councillor Paschal McEvoy and 6 votes in favour of Councillor Aidan Mullins. Councillor Paschal McEvoy 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 McEvoy on this very proud and historical occasion for Councillor McEvoy and his family.

101. ELECTION OF LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly and seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald:

“That Councillor Padraig Fleming 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 Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year”

A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

COUNCILLOR		FOR COUNCILLOR BRENNAN	FOR COUNCILLOR FLEMING	ABSTAIN
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	✓		
P.J.	KELLY		✓	
Aidan	MULLINS	✓		
Marie	TUOHY	✓		
Barry	WALSH		✓	

Total number of Votes 13 votes in favour of Councillor Padraig Fleming and 6 votes in favour of Councillor Ben Brennan. Councillor Padraig Fleming having been elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues who supported him.

102. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

It was noted that the draft schedule of Laois County Council meetings for July 2023 to June 2024 be circulated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

