

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT:**

Baker, Bree, Casserly, Clarke, Gormley, Healy, Keaney, Kilgannon, Lundy, Maguire, MacManus, Mac Sharry, Mulvey, O'Boyle, O'Grady, Queenan, Scanlon and Taylor.

**OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Ciaran Hayes, Chief Executive (CE)
Mr Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services (DOS)
Ms Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services (DOS)
Ms. Marie Leydon, Head of Finance (HoF)
Mr Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services (A/DOS)
Mr John Moran, Senior Executive Officer (SEO)
Mr John Clancy, Senior Executive Officer (SEO)
Mr Donal Tinney, County Librarian
Mr Seamus O'Toole, Senior Executive Engineer (SEE)
Mr Kevin Colreavy, Administrative Officer (AO)
Ms Marian McGovern, Clerical Officer (CO)

Former Councillor and outgoing Cathaoirleach, Pat McGrath presided.

Mr K. Colreavy(AO), read out the names of the persons duly elected as members of the Local Authority in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001.

**OPENING THE
MEETING:**

Mr. McGrath thanked Members, former Members, the Chief Executive, Director of Services and Staff for their cooperation and support. He also congratulated the newly elected members and wished the new council well into the future.

**1. ELECTION OF
CATHAOIRLEACH:**

**Proposed by Councillor P. Taylor
Seconded by Councillor E. Scanlon**

“To elect Councillor Joe Queenan as Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council.”

At this point it was;

**Proposed by Councillor S. Mac Manus
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy**

“That Sligo County Council agrees that the allocation of Council positions, i.e. Cathaoirleach/Mayor, Chairs of SPC's and membership of other committees and statutory bodies be allocated on a proportional basis as practiced under the d'Hondt system (including in many Irish Councils) in the interest of fairness and equity.”

Following a brief discussion and as there was no other nomination, the meeting AGREED to elect Councillor J. Queenan as Cathaoirleach. Former Cathaoirleach Mr. McGrath presented the Chain of Office to Councillor Queenan and he took the Chair.

Before dealing with Councillor Mac Manus' motion the newly elected Cathaoirleach spoke a few words. He thanked the members for the honour of being Chair of the new Council. He also paid tribute to the members who were not re-elected. He looked forward to working with members and staff during this transition period for Sligo County Council.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

The members congratulated Councillor Queenan on his election to the position and wished him success in his term as Cathaoirleach.

Mr. C. Hayes (CE), on behalf of the management and staff of the Council congratulated the Cathaoirleach on his election. He also congratulated outgoing Cathaoirleach Pat McGrath on the exemplary manner in which he carried out his duties in office. He congratulated members on their election and conveyed good wishes to the newly elected Council in the term of office ahead.

At this point the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Queenan indicated that he intended on dealing with Item 2 before dealing with Councillor Mac Manus's motion.

Mr Hayes (CE) advised the members that Items 1 & 2 on the AGM agenda are statutory items and must be the first and second order of business for the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

"To elect Councillor Tom Mac Sharry as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council."

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy**

"To elect Councillor Sean Mac Manus as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council."

As there were two nominations received, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote.

For Councillor Mac Sharry: Baker, Keaney, Kilgannon, Lundy, Maguire, Mac Sharry, Mulvey, O'Grady, Queenan, Scanlon and Taylor.

For Councillor Mac Manus: Bree, Casserly, Gormley, Healy, Mac Manus and O'Boyle.

Abstain: Clarke.

As the result was 11 for Councillor Mac Sharry, 6 for Councillor Mac Manus and 1 Abstention, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Mac Sharry elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Mac Sharry thanked the Members of the Council for their support and he looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and the other Members over the coming year.

The Cathaoirleach then called for a vote on Councillor Mac Manus's motion regarding the d'Hundt system.

Mr. Hayes advised the members that this issue might be better dealt with under the Standing Orders item further down the agenda. To introduce a new system of voting would entail substantial changes to the existing Standing Orders.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

The members agreed to deal with the motion at this time.

For: Bree, Casserly, Gormley, Healy, Mac Manus and O'Boyle.

Against: Baker, Keaney, Kilgannon, Lundy, Maguire, Mac Sharry, Mulvey, O'Grady, Queenan, Scanlon and Taylor.

Abstain: Clarke.

As the vote was 6 For, 11 Against and 1 Abstention the Cathaoirleach declared the motion **defeated**.

3. APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVT (AILG):

Proposed by Councillor M. Baker
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Rosaleen O'Grady and Seamus Kilgannon to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, S. Mac Manus, M. Casserly, S. O'Boyle.

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Thomas Healy to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

4. APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE COLEMAN HERITAGE CENTRE LTD.:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Paul Taylor and Dara Mulvey to the Board of the Coleman Heritage Centre Ltd.”

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillors S. Mac Manus, M. Casserly, T. Healy, S. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Margaret Gormley to the Board of the Coleman Heritage Centre Ltd.”

5. APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE COUNTY SLIGO HERITAGE FORUM:

Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Seamus Kilgannon to the County Sligo Heritage Forum.”

6. APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO COUNTY SLIGO LEADER PARTNERSHIP COMPANY LTD.:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Jerry Lundy and Martin Baker to the County Sligo Leader Partnership Company Ltd.”

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

The members agreed that the Council's representations on this Board could be shared through the 5 year term.

7. APPOINT MEMBER(S) TO THE CRANMORE REGENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE:

The meeting agreed to defer the nominations to this group until after further discussion.

8. APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD (ETB):

Prior to putting forward nominations the CE, Mr Hayes advised the members that the Department had asked local authorities to defer nominations to the ETB until the order had been signed by the Minister.

Councillor Kilgannon indicated that he had been informed that this order was being signed this morning and with the agreement of the meeting they would like to proceed with nominations to this board. The members agreed to proceed.

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Seamus Kilgannon and Joe Queenan to the Education and Training Board Committee.”

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillors S. Mac Manus, M. Casserly, T. Healy, S. O’Boyle**

AND AGREED

“That Councillor Margaret Gormley be appointed to the Education and Training Board Committee.”

9. APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ENNISCROME LEISURE LTD.:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Joe Queenan and Michael Clarke to the Board of Directors of Enniscrone Leisure Ltd.”

10. FAILTE IRELAND NORTH WEST:

This Item was withdrawn from the agenda as this committee was no longer in operation.

11. APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE HAWK’S WELL THEATRE:

Before proceeding with nominations to this Board it was;

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor S. Mac Manus**

AND AGREED

“That the Council nominate 3 representatives to the Board of the Hawk’s Well theatre.”

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

The members were advised that they would be informed if there was any issue with increasing the number of representatives.

It was then;

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley

Seconded by Councillors S. MacManus, M. Casserly, T. Healy, S. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

“That the Council nominate Councillor Declan Bree to the Board of the Hawk’s Well Theatre.”

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor S. Mac Manus

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Sinéad Maguire and Hubert Keaney to the Board of Directors of the Hawk’s Well theatre.”

12. APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE IRISH CENTRAL BORDER AREA NETWORK:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Paul Taylor and Sinéad Maguire to the Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN).”

13. APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES CO. LTD:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor M. Baker

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Paul Taylor as representative to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Company Ltd.”

14. JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE(JPC):

This Item was deferred while awaiting new guidelines from the Department.

15. TO APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEMBERS ASSOCIATION:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Tom Mac Sharry to the Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA).”

16. LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES:

With the agreement of the meeting this Item was deferred.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE,
SLIGO.

17. **TO APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:** **Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon**
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy
- AND AGREED
- “To appoint Councillors Martin Baker, Sinéad Maguire and Seamus Kilgannon to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.”
- Proposed by Councillor S. Mac Manus**
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree
- AND AGREED
- “To appoint Councillors Seamus O’Boyle to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.”
18. **TO APPOINT FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE MODEL:** With the agreement of the meeting this Item was deferred.
19. **TO APPOINT FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE NORTH WEST AIRPORT COMPANY LTD.:** Councillor Kilgannon asked, with the agreement of the meeting that former councillor Albert Higgins remain as one of their representatives on this Board. The meeting agreed.
- Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon**
Seconded by Councillor Rosaleen O’Grady
- AND AGREED
- “To appoint Councillors Hubert Keaney, Martin Baker and Mr Albert Higgins (former Member) to the Board of the North West Airport Company Ltd.”
- Proposed by Councillor S. Mac Manus**
Seconded by Councillor Rosaleen O’Grady
- AND AGREED
- “To appoint Councillor Marie Casserly to the Board of the North West Airport Company Ltd.”
20. **TO APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE OMAGH-SLIGO CROSS BORDER PARTNERSHIP:** Prior to nominations it was;
- Proposed by Councillor D. Bree**
Seconded by Councillor S. Mac Manus
- AND AGREED
- “That the Council appoint 4 representatives to the Omagh-Sligo Cross Border Partnership.”
- The CE, Mr. Hayes advised the members that they would be informed if there was any issue with increasing the number of representatives.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Michael Clarke and Dara Mulvey to the Omagh-Sligo Cross Border Partnership.”

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree
AND AGREED**

“To appoint Councillor Sean Mac Manus to the Omagh-Sligo Cross Border Partnership.”

**Proposed by Councillor M. Baker
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Hubert Keaney to the Omagh-Sligo Cross Border Partnership.”

21. APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM WEST:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, S. Mac Manus, M. Casserly, T. Healy**

AND AGREED

“That the Council nominate Councillor Seamus O’Boyle to the Regional Health Forum West.”

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Rosaleen O’Grady and Eamon Scanlon to the Regional Health Forum West.”

22. SLIGO ACCESS COMMITTEE:

The CE, Mr Hayes advised that although this committee only previously covered the Borough area there should be an Access Committee for the entire county. With the agreement of the meeting this Item was deferred for further discussion.

23. APPOINT FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE SLIGO HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Seamus Kilgannon, Rosaleen O’Grady and Hubert Keaney to the Sligo Harbour Advisory Committee.”

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, S. Mac Manus, M. Casserly, T. Healy.**

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint Councillor Seamus O’Boyle to the Sligo Harbour Advisory Committee.”

24. APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO SLIGO MUSIC FEST COMPANY:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor R. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Tom Mac Sharry and Sinéad Maguire to the Sligo Music Fest Company (trading as Sligo Live).”

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, S. Mac Manus, M. Casserly, T. Healy.**

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint Councillor Seamus O’Boyle to the Sligo Music Fest Company.”

25. APPOINT FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE SLIGO REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Dara Mulvey, Rosaleen O’Grady and Hubert Keaney to the Board of the Sligo Regional Sports Centre Ltd.”

**Proposed by Councillor R. O’Grady
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Marie Casserly to the Board of the Sligo Regional Sports Centre Ltd.”

26. APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF SLIGO SPORT & RECREATION PARTNERSHIP:

Before proceeding with nominations it was;

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor S. Mac Manus**

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint three representatives to the Board of the Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership.”

Again the CE, Mr. Hayes advised the members that they would be informed if there was any issue with increasing the number of representatives.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, S. Mac Manus, T. Healy, S. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint Councillor Marie Casserly to the Board of the Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership.”

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Paul Taylor and Dara Mulvey to the Board of the Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership.”

27. APPOINT FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF SLIGO TOURISM:

Before proceeding with nominations it was;

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor S. Mac Manus

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint five representatives to Sligo Tourism (formerly Marketing Sligo Forum).”

Again the Members were advised that they would be informed if there was any issue with increasing the number of representatives.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, S. Mac Manus, T. Healy, S. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint Councillor Marie Casserly to Sligo Tourism (formerly Marketing Sligo Forum).”

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Rosaleen O'Grady, Seamus Kilgannon, Michael Clarke and Hubert Keaney to the Board of Sligo Tourism.”

28. STRANDHILL COMMUNITY MARITIME COMPANY LTD:

The members had a discussion regarding the membership to this board and agreed to defer this Item until numbers were clarified.

29. TO APPOINT CHAIRS-DESIGNATE FOR EACH STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE:

Before proceeding with nominations it was;

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor S. Mac Manus

“That there be four SPC's established.”

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

Following a discussion by the members and in response to their queries the CE, Mr. Hayes stated that;

- New directorate structures are being implemented within the County Council and the establishment of the new SPCs are being aligned to match this.
- There are also 2 additional bodies in the setting up of LEOs and LCDC's which will also feed into and represent various interests throughout the County.
- The CE suggested that this Item be deferred until after public consultation and further discussion.

The members agreed to appoint 3 Chairs designate today and and to appoint a fourth at a later date if required.

Therefore it was;

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillors D. Bree, M. Casserly, T. Healy, S. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

“That the Council appoint Councillor Sean Mac Manus as Chair designate of an SPC.”

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Jerry Lundy and Dara Mulvey as Chairs Designate for Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).”

30. APPOINT FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE WESTERN INTER COUNTY RAILWAY COMMITTEE:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. Mac Sharry

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillors Hubert Keaney, Paul Taylor, Jerry Lundy and Seamus Kilgannon to the Board of the Western Inter County Railway Committee”

Proposed by Councillor S. Mac Manus
Seconded by Councillor S. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

“To appoint Councillor Thomas Healy to the Board of the Western Inter County Railway Committee”

31. PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:

With the agreement of the meeting this Item was deferred.

32. STANDING ORDERS:

With the agreement of the meeting this Item was deferred.

33. INDUCTION TRAINING:

The members attention was brought to a requirement, set out in *Circular LG 06/2014 – Newly Elected Local Authorities*, for all members to attend an Induction Training day.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th JUNE 2014 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.

It was confirmed that the date for Sligo Members was Tuesday 17th June, 2014.

- 34. BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY AGM:** The members agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting for the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District on Monday 16th June at 3.00pm. It was agreed to hold this first meeting in County Hall but subsequent meetings would be held in Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry.
- 35. SLIGO AGM:** The members agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting for the Sligo Municipal District on Monday 16th June at 11.00am. It was agreed to hold this first meeting in County Hall but subsequent meetings would be held in City Hall.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Audrey Keyes on the death of Patsy Sherlock.”

END OF MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 7th July, 2014 at 11.00am.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____