

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRALEE ON FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CHEAD CRUINNITHE BLIANTUIIL DE COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN AOINE 19 MEITHEAMH, 2009.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

<b>R. Beasley</b>	<b>J. Brassil</b>	<b>T. Buckley</b>
<b>M. Cahill</b>	<b>P. Connor-Scarteen</b>	<b>B. Cronin</b>
<b>P.J. Donovan</b>	<b>T. Ferris</b>	<b>J. Finucane</b>
<b>S. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>T. Fleming</b>	<b>B. Griffin</b>
<b>N. Foley</b>	<b>M. Gleeson</b>	<b>D. Healy-Rae</b>
<b>M. Healy-Rae</b>	<b>P. Leahy</b>	<b>P. McCarthy</b>
<b>A. McEllistrim</b>	<b>M. Maloney</b>	<b>T. O'Brien</b>
<b>B. O'Connell</b>	<b>P. O'Donoghue</b>	<b>M. O'Shea</b>
<b>L. Purtill</b>	<b>J. Sheahan</b>	<b>A.J. Spring</b>

**IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR**

<b>Mr. T. Curran, County Manager</b>	<b>Mr. J.D. Flynn, Director of Corp. Servs.</b>
<b>Mr. J. O'Connor, Head of Finance</b>	<b>Mr. M. McMahon, Director of Planning</b>
<b>Mr. O. Ring, Director of Water Serv.</b>	<b>Mr. M. Boyce, A/Dir. of Environment</b>
<b>Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Roads</b>	<b>Mr. J. Breen, Dir. of Housing</b>
<b>Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO, Corp. Servs.</b>	<b>Mr. P. Corkery, Press &amp; Comm. Off.</b>
<b>Ms. B. Reidy, SSO Corporate Affairs</b>	<b>Ms. S. Broderick, SO Corporate Affairs</b>
<b>Ms. D. Griffin, SO, Corporate Affairs</b>	<b>Ms. M. Galvin, CO Corporate Affairs</b>
<b>Ms. O. O'Shea, C.O. Corporate Affairs</b>	

The meeting commenced at 11.40am.

Mayor T. Fleming took the Chair.

At the outset Mayor T. Fleming apologised for being late but said this was due to a mix up in his diary. He apologised for the inconvenience caused to all in attendance. He welcomed everyone present to the meeting and congratulated all the members that were re-elected and the new members on their election. He then called on Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO to read the list of persons elected in the recent Local Elections.

**Return of Persons elected to Kerry County Council**

Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO read the Return of Persons elected to the membership of Kerry County Council as a result of the Local Elections held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as follows:-

**Tralee Local Electoral Area**

Arthur J. Spring (The Labour Party)  
Toireasa Ferris (Sinn Féin)  
Terry O'Brien (The Labour Party)  
Anne McEllistrim (Fianna Fáil)  
Pat McCarthy (Fine Gael)  
Jim Finucane (Fine Gael)  
Norma Foley (Fianna Fáil)

**Killarney Local Electoral Area**

Danny Healy-Rae (Non-Party)  
Tom Fleming (Fianna Fáil)  
Michael Gleeson (South Kerry Independent Alliance)  
Brendan Cronin  
Marie Moloney (The Labour Party)  
John Sheahan (Fine Gael)  
Bobby O'Connell (Fine Gael)

**Listowel Local Electoral Area**

Robert Beasley (Sinn Féin)  
Tim Buckley (Fine Gael)  
Liam Purtill (Fine Gael)  
Pat Leahy (The Labour Party)  
John Brassil (Fianna Fáil)

**Killorglin Local Electoral Area**

Michael Healy-Rae (Non-Party)  
Michael Cahill (Fianna Fáil)  
Patrick Connor-Scarteen (Fine Gael)  
P.J. Donovan (Fine Gael)  
Paul O'Donoghue (Fianna Fáil)

**An Daingean**

Michael D. O'Shea (Fianna Fáil)  
Seamus Cosai Fitzgerald (Fine Gael)  
Brendan Griffin (Fine Gael)

Mr. O'Brien congratulated all former members on their re-election and the five new members on their election to Kerry County Council. He reminded members of the need to sign the attendance book at each meeting and that lunch was booked in Ballygarry House Hotel for 1.30pm for the Mayor, Councillors and the Press. Mr. O'Brien requested members to go to the front of the building when the meeting concluded where a group photograph would be taken of the new Council.

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Mayor T. Fleming congratulated all councillors elected in the recent Local Elections and in particular the new members and he wished them well for the coming five years. He said he was confident that all members would work for the betterment of the county. He wished former councillors Michael Connor-Scarteen, Breandán MacGearailt and Colin Miller, who did not seek re-election every success in the future. The Mayor also paid tribute to former Councillors Ted Fitzgerald, Dan Kiely and Johnny O'Connor who lost their seats in the recent election and said that they were very conscientious in their work for their electoral areas and for the county. He welcomed Deputies Jimmy Deenihan, Tom Sheahan, Senator Paul Coughlan and former Councillor John Blennerhassett to the meeting. Mayor Fleming said that management is an important part of the local government structure and he thanked the County Manager, Mr. Tom Curran and his team who were very helpful to him over the past 12 months. He also thanked all the staff of the Council who carry out their work in an excellent manner and who work very well with elected members

The Mayor said there were significant developments over the past 12 months including the commencement of the Castleisland By-Pass. He paid tribute to all involved in delivering this project. This is a very important piece of infrastructure as it is the gateway to the county. He also welcomed the progress made on the restoration of the Cork Swansea Ferry and said that it is very welcome news for the South West. This service is presently being marketed intensively and will be in operation next year. The members of Kerry County Council played their part in having this service restored. There was also a lot of progress in the provision of water and sewerage schemes in the county and also in the roads infrastructure. He acknowledged the shortfall in funding for all capital projects but emphasised the need to seek better value for money. A joint meeting of Kerry County Council and the County Development Board was held in February to discuss the economic situation in the county at which time it was agreed that everyone must work together. He commended the County Manager who is trying to ensure that the infrastructure is in place with a view to attracting more jobs to the county. It is important to ensure that existing firms are given assistance to ensure their survival in these very difficult economic times.

Cllr. M. Gleeson congratulated Mayor Fleming on his term in office and said that he dealt fairly with all members. He congratulated the Mayor on his efforts to secure the return of the Cork Swansea Ferry and said that as the recently elected Mayor of Killarney he was well aware of the importance of tourism to the county. In Killarney there are roads which are clearly the responsibility of Kerry County Council including Muckross Road and Rock Road and he asked that funding would be made available for improvements to these roads.

Cllr. M. Cahill complimented the Mayor on his term in office and said he carried out his duties in a most professional manner.

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Cllr. R. Beasley thanked Mayor Fleming for his year in office and said he was very fair and reasonable. He welcomed the proposed return of the Cork Swansea Ferry in 2010 and said it will be a bonus for the South West and in particular to guesthouses. He said he listened to the Kerry Group official speak at the joint meeting of Kerry County Council and the County Development Board and he was extremely disappointed on his return home to hear that 30 seasonal workers in Kerry Group were laid off for three weeks. He felt that people are taking advantage of the current economic situation. Farmers have seen very hard times in particular with the drop in the price of milk. He referred to the provision of services and said it is essential that services for the ill and elderly are maintained. In 2004 the then Mayor, Cllr. Ned O'Sullivan, asked for a moratorium on Section 140 motions and while he was not proposing to re-introduce them he asked the Council to review the situation in relation to one off rural housing in rural areas.

Cllr. T. O'Brien thanked Mayor Fleming for his fairness to all members during his year as Mayor and said that he represented the Council and county well abroad and he was a good ambassador for the county.

Cllr. B. Cronin complimented the Mayor on his term in office and said he always facilitated members. He complimented the Mayor and his wife on the excellent night held in Scartaglin in December. Cllr. Cronin said the Mayor governed in a very difficult year but he ensured that the Budget was approved. He congratulated all members who were re-elected and he welcomed the new members to the Council.

On behalf of the Fine Gael Party Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked Mayor Fleming for his term in office and said that he was fair and a gentleman.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae thanked Mayor Fleming for his fairness and said he was approachable and it was a pleasure working with him. He welcomed the new members and he commiserated with the members who were not re-elected. He wished former councillors Breandan MacGearailt and Colin Miller who did not seek re-election every success in the future. He added that there were two issues that must be addressed and these are (i) the granting of planning permission for one off rural houses as this would help to create employment and (ii) the filling of pot holes.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim complimented Mayor Fleming on his excellent year in office and said he was very fair and accommodating of all members. She added that Mayor Fleming was a great ambassador for the county.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae complimented Mayor Fleming and the Deputy Mayor on their excellent year in office. He congratulated the members who were re-elected and welcomed the new members to the Council and wished them every success for the next 5 years. He commiserated with the former members who were not re-elected. He welcomed Cllr. P.J. Donovan back to the Council and said he looked forward to working with him. He complimented Michael Connor Scarteen on the great work he did for his electoral area as a member of the Council. He thanked the County Manager

and the Management Team for their excellent work and said that members must work with Management to deliver services to the people of the county.

Cllr. N. Foley said she wanted to be associated with the words of commendation to the Mayor on his excellent year in office. He had a tremendous work ethic and his hallmark was his good humour, generosity and tolerance. He served with distinction and was a credit to his family.

### **Vote of Sympathy**

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of John Murphy from (Address withheld for data protection purposes). He said that Mr. Murphy gave great employment to Kerry people who went to London in bad times.

### **09.06.19.01 Election of Mayor**

Cllr. A. McEllistrim said it was a great honour for her to PROPOSE Cllr. Michael Cahill for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Cahill has served as an elected representative for 20 years and in the recent Local Elections he increased his first preferences by 50% and this is an indication of his hard work for his constituents.

Cllr. P. O'Donoghue SECONDED this proposal.

Cllr. L. Purtill stated that it gave him great pleasure to propose Cllr. Bobby O'Connell for the position of Mayor of Kerry. Cllr. O'Connell was first elected to Kerry County Council in 1991, having lost the last seat in 1985. Since 1991 Cllr. O'Connell's electoral area has been changed on three occasions but he has still managed to be re-elected. Over the past 18 years Cllr. O'Connell has been a very effective member of Kerry County Council and is recognised for his constructive contributions and direct approach. He had the courage to take difficult positions on some issues which were not always popular in the Chamber and in the media. He also served the people of Kerry effectively on the old Southern Health Board before it was merged into the HSE. Cllr. O'Connell is a very proud Castleisland man. He has represented the town in gaelic football, soccer and rugby and is a nationally known coursing figure. His immense popularity in Castleisland is reflected in the high vote he has consistently achieved in the ballot box. His position as a Councillor is reflected in the numerous improvements to the town over the years. He has been one of the driving forces behind developments such as the By-Pass, the Area Services Centre and the Community Day Care Centre. He has served as a full time public representative by day and has managed to run his business by night. Cllr. Putill said he was certain Cllr. O'Connell would make an excellent Mayor of Kerry. He will provide the Chamber with the leadership to face up to the many challenges which members face together. In conclusion he PROPOSED Cllr. Bobby O'Connell as the next Mayor of Kerry.

Cllr. J. Sheahan SECONDED this proposal.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

**For Cllr. M. Cahill**

Cllrs. Brassil, Cahill, Foley, McEllistrim, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Fleming **(7)**

**For Cllr. B. O'Connell**

Cllrs. Buckley, P. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Donovan, Finucane, Fitzgerald, Gleeson, Griffin, D. Healy-Rae, M. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, Moloney, O'Brien, O'Connell, Purtill, Sheahan, Spring **(18)**

**Not Voting**

Cllrs. Beasley and Ferris **(2)**

Mr. G. O'Brien declared as Cllr. Bobby O'Connell has received an overall majority he was elected Mayor of Kerry.

Cllr. Fleming said it gave him great pleasure to hand over the Chain of Office to the new Mayor of Kerry.

Cllr. O'Connell then took the Chair.

Mayor O'Connell said it was a special honour for him to be elected Mayor of Kerry. He is the first Fine Gael Councillor to be granted this privilege since Danny Kissane in 1989 and the first Castleisland man since the late Mick Long in 1976.

He thanked his proposer Cllr. Liam Purtill and seconder Cllr. John Sheahan, the Fine Gael Councillors for nominating him as their candidate for Mayor, the Labour Party members, Cllrs. Arthur Spring, Terry O'Brien, Pat Leahy and Marie Moloney, the Independent Councillors Mick Gleeson, Brendan Cronin, Danny Healy-Rae and Michael Healy-Rae for supporting his nomination. To those who did not support his nomination he assured them that he would treat them in the same manner as those who supported his nomination. He said he would be impartial in the Chamber and give everyone fair play. Kerry is facing major challenges with over 15,000 people on the live register, the lack of Broadband penetration in many parts of the County, the reduction in funding for our road network, including national primary and secondary, regional and local roads, the very slow progress on the provision of sewerage schemes for many of our towns and villages, the provision of health services at Kerry General Hospital, and the problem of getting planning permission in rural parts of Kerry. These are just some of the many challenges facing our County and he would be doing his best, in co-operation with the County Manager, Tom Curran, his officials and the members to address these issues.

Regarding the jobs crisis in Kerry, he would be reconvening in September the forum involving the State agencies entrusted with job creation that took place in Killarney last February. Mayor O'Connell said that he also intended working with Marie Lynch, Manager Kerry Technology Park and Deputy Jimmy Deenihan in the organisation of a conference in Kerry of prominent

Kerry people living outside the County and abroad, to discuss ways that they could be of assistance to the economic and cultural life of Kerry. He was aware that Deputy Deenihan has been proposing such a conference for some time and this is an opportune time to get many of our successful expats involved in the future development of Kerry. He added that he would also be organising meetings with the NRA, the Minister for Transport on roads and the Minister for the Environment on sewerage treatment provision in the immediate future. As health services are a major concern for Kerry people, he intended to convene a special Council meeting on Health Services in Kerry. He would be issuing a special invitation to Professor John Higgins of the HSE to address the Council on the recent report on re-configuration and its affect on the services at Kerry General Hospital. Professor Higgins has stated that services will not be affected and in fact enhanced, but it is important that he confirms this directly to this Chamber. He would be inviting Paul Garnett, Manager of the Bon Secour Hospital and Margie Lynch, Manager of Kerry General Hospital to this meeting. He said it was important that this Chamber, which represents the entire County, would play a proactive role in the provision of a top class health service for the people of Kerry.

Mayor O'Connell informed the meeting that the problem of planning in rural areas for one off houses will have to be addressed, otherwise local people will not be able to build on their own land and live in their own community. This is happening at the moment. This will have major implications for the continuation of our rural population in many parts of the County. Our rural population is an essential part of our unique landscape. Without people our rural communities will simply die. Surely it should be possible to overcome the problem of percolation with modern Bio-Cycle technology. He said he would be addressing this problem immediately and he looked forward to the input of the officials and members. Planners must set out to help applicants to get planning permission rather than finding ways to refuse them.

Mayor O'Connell said these are his main priorities for his term in office. With the help and co-operation of members and management he hoped to achieve these objectives for the betterment of all of the people of this great County. In conclusion he welcomed his many friends to the meeting especially my wife Paula who, though coming from a different political background, has been a great support to him in his political life since they met.

Cllr. M. Cahill said that he attended the Annual Meeting in 1989 when Danny Kissane was elected Chairman of the Council. Danny and his late father were tremendous friends and he was delighted to see him at the meeting. He congratulated Mayor O'Connell and his wife Paula on his election to the position of Mayor. He said that he was sure that Mayor O'Connell would be fair. This will be the most difficult Council ever and the Council will have to consider issues such as rates and also revisit levies. The Council must try to get the county moving again and the granting of permission for some one off rural houses would help employment in these areas. In conclusion he thanked his proposer and seconder and wished Mayor O'Connell every success for his term in office.

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Cllr. J. Brassil congratulated Mayor O'Connell, his wife, family and friends on his election as Mayor and said that it was a very proud moment for them. Cllr. O'Connell lead the Fine Gael group in the Council with distinction. He assured Mayor O'Connell of the support of the Fianna Fáil group in the smooth working of the Council over the coming 12 months.

Cllr. T. Buckley congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and also his wife and family on this great honour. Despite a change in his electoral area Mayor O'Connell was successful in being re-elected to the Council. He added that this is also a great day for Fine Gael as it is 20 years since Fine Gael last held the Chair and 42 years since Fine Gael last had 10 councillors. He wished Mayor O'Connell every success for the coming 12 months.

Cllr. M. Gleeson congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election as Mayor of Kerry and said he always found him to be a fair councillor. He was never personal and he was very fair and helpful to him in the run up to the Local Elections. There are incredibly difficult times ahead in which to steer the county through turbulent waters. He said that he would be willing to do anything he could to help.

Cllr. T. O'Brien congratulated Mayor O'Connell and his wife Paula on his election and said it was a fantastic day for him and he deserved it. He assured the Mayor of his full support in the difficult times ahead.

Cllr. B. Cronin congratulated Mayor O'Connell, his wife Paula and his supporters on his election. It is a great honour for Mayor O'Connell and he was glad to support him. He agreed with the priorities set out by the Mayor and assured him of his full support in seeking to achieve his goals. He added that he would also be seeking the Mayors support on a number of issues.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae congratulated Mayor O'Connell and his wife Paula on his election and wished him every success in the coming year. He said he had the utmost of confidence in him to lead the county during his term as Mayor and he looked forward to working with him.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election as Mayor and said she had every confidence that he would do a good job. It is a great honour for him, his wife Paula, his family and for the Castleisland area.

Cllr. T. Ferris congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and said he had a difficult year ahead. The next 12 months will be particularly difficult and members must ensure they do what is best for the county.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae wished Mayor O'Connell every success for the coming year. He said his election as Mayor is a great honour for the town of Castleisland.

Cllr. J. Sheahan congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and also congratulated his wife Paula and his community. He wished him every success for the coming year.



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Cllr. P. McCarthy congratulated Mayor O'Connell and his wife Paula on his election and said it was a great day for Mayor O'Connell and indeed for the Fine Gael party. It is important that all members work together and he wished the Mayor success for the coming year.

Cllr. N. Foley congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election as Mayor and said this is a great honour. The coming year will be very difficult but she was confident that Mayor O'Connell would rise to the occasion.

Cllr. P. Leahy congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and said it is a great honour for him, his wife, his family and the town of Castleisland.

Cllr. R. Beasley congratulated Mayor O'Connell and said he has known Cllr. O'Connell for the past 5 years and he is sharp and to the point and not a time waster. He wished him success for his term in office.

Cllr. B. Griffin extended his sincere congratulations to Mayor O'Connell and he wished him the best for his term as Mayor.

Mayor O'Connell welcomed the last Fine Gael Chairman of Kerry County Council, Danny Kissane, to the meeting.

Cllr. J. Finucane said it was an honour to be in the Council and to support Mayor O'Connell in his election as Mayor of Kerry. He assured the Mayor of his support for the priorities he outlined to the meeting. Members must be innovative in the way they approach their business and the onus is on members to serve their communities.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and said it is a great honour for him, his wife and his family.

Cllr. P.J. Donovan congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and said it is a great honour. He looked forward to working with the Mayor with a view to securing permission in rural areas as this is one of his main concerns.

Cllr. M. Moloney wished the Mayor every success in the coming year and assured him of her support.

Cllr. A. Spring concurred with the sentiments expressed by previous speakers.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald congratulated the Mayor, his wife and his family on his election. As the current economic situation is particularly bad it will be a difficult year ahead.

Cllr. L. Purtill congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election and wished him the best for the coming year. He said Mayor O'Connell was always an outstanding councillor and he was confident he would be an excellent Mayor.

Mr. T. Curran, County Manager, congratulated Mayor O'Connell on his election as Mayor of Kerry and he thanked the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Fleming for his co-operation. He welcomed the five new members, Cllrs. Marie Moloney, P.J. Donovan, Arthur John Spring, Brendan Griffin and Jim Finucane to the Council and said he looked forward to working with them. He commiserated with the three councillors who lost their seats in the recent election. He said that members priorities are also managements priorities. He added that he looked forward to working with all members. He congratulated the Mayor's wife Paula on his election and he welcomed the Mayor's brother Philip and his sister Nancy to the meeting. He hoped, despite the difficult situation, that the Mayor would enjoy his year as Kerry's first citizen. In conclusion Mr. Curran said he looked forward to attending functions with the Mayor during the year.

**09.06.19.02 Election of Deputy Mayor**

Mayor B. O'Connell then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. N. Foley PROPOSED that Cllr. J. Brassil be appointed Deputy Mayor of Kerry. Cllr. Brassil has served on the Council since 1999 and he is continuing the proud tradition of his father Noel. John is Chair of Shannon Development and has shown tremendous leadership qualities.

Cllr. M. Cahill SECONDED this proposal.

Cllr. T. O'Brien PROPOSED that Cllr. A.J. Spring be appointed Deputy Mayor of Kerry. Arthur is an energetic, enthusiastic young councillor and he would be very suited to this position.

Cllr. P. Leahy SECONDED this proposal.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. J. Brassil**

Cllrs. Brassil, Cahill, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, M. Healy-Rae, McEllistrim, O'Donoghue, O'Shea **(9)**

**For Cllr. A.J. Spring**

Cllrs. Buckley, P. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Donovan, Finucane, Fitzgerald, Gleeson, Griffin, Leahy, McCarthy, Moloney, O'Brien, Purtill, Sheahan, Spring, O'Connell **(16)**

**Not Voting**

Cllrs. Beasley, Ferris **(2)**

The Mayor declared Cllr. A.J. Spring to be elected Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. J. Brassil thanked his proposer, seconder and Cllrs. M. Healy-Rae and D. Healy-Rae for their support. He wished Cllr. Spring every success as Deputy Mayor and in his term in the Council. Cllr. Spring is following in a great tradition and he looked forward to working with him.

Cllr. A.J. Spring thanked those that supported his nomination and said he looked forward to working with all members.

#### **09.06.19.03 Appointment to Committees**

Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO, informed the meeting that group voting, as provided for in Paragraph 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 will apply to the appointment of committees. He requested members to take their time in making nominations to allow all proposals to be recorded accurately. The number of members required for a group will depend on the number of members in the Chamber when nominations are being made. He added that there were 25 members present in the Chambers at that time.

#### **Audit Committee**

Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO informed the meeting that two members could be nominated to the Audit Committee and thirteen councillors would be required to form a group.

As there was no group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. L. Purtill and A.J. Spring be nominated to the Audit Committee.

Cllr. T. O'Brien SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

#### **Chairs designate of Strategic Policy Committees**

Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO informed the meeting that the Council could nominate five Chairs designate of Strategic Policy Committees and any group of five councillors may nominate a member. He advised members that the guidance and direction received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in relation to the appointment of Chairs designate of Strategic Policy Committees, is that Chairs should serve for a minimum of three years and ideally for the full term of the Council. The Chairs designate would not be assigned to particular Strategic Policy Committees at that meeting. The five Chairs designate and the Mayor will consider the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme in the near future and they will then decide who will Chair the individual Strategic Policy Committees.

Cllr. J. Brassil stated that in accordance with the group procedure Cllr. M. Cahill was nominated as a Chair designate of a Strategic Policy Committee for the first three years with Cllr. D. Healy-Rae succeeding him for the remaining two years by the following group of members - Cllrs. P. O'Donoghue, A. McEllistrim, N. Foley, T. Fleming and M. Cahill.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that the following members be nominated Chairs designate of the remaining four Strategic Policy Committees:-

- Cllr. P. McCarthy for a period of 5 years
- Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen for a period of 5 years
- Cllr. A.J. Spring for the first 3 years with Cllr. M. Moloney succeeding him for the remaining 2 years
- Cllr. B. Cronin for the first 3 years with Cllr. M. Gleeson succeeding him for the remaining 2 years.

Cllr. P. McCarthy SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Mr. G.O'Brien informed members that the Chair of the County Development Board would be nominated from the membership of the Corporate Policy Group which comprises the 5 Chairs designate of the Strategic Policy Committees and the Mayor. The Chair of the County Development Board will be agreed at the first meeting of the Corporate Policy Group which will be held prior to the July Council meeting.

#### **Kerry County Rural Water Committee**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council may nominate six members to this Committee. Any group of five councillors may nominate a member to this Committee.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. M. O'Shea be nominated as a member of the Kerry County Rural Water Committee by the following group of members:- Cllrs. M. O'Shea, N. Foley, A. McEllistim, P. O'Donoghue and T. Fleming.

Cllr. P. O'Donoghue SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

As there was no other group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. J. Sheahan, B. Griffin, A.J. Spring, M. Moloney and P. Connor-Scarteen be nominated to fill the remaining positions on this Committee.

Cllr. T. O'Brien SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

#### **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed members that the Council may nominate five members to this Committee and any group of five councillors may nominate a member to this Committee.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. T. Fleming be nominated as a member of this Committee by the following group of members:- Cllrs. T. Fleming, P. O'Donoghue, J. Brassil, N. Foley, A. McEllistim.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

As there was no other group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. B. Griffin, J. Finucane, A.J. Spring and P. Leahy be nominated to the remaining positions on the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Cllr. T. Buckley SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

#### **09.06.19.04 Appointment of Representatives**

##### **Association of County and City Councils**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate three representatives to the Association of County and City Councils and any group of nine members can nominate a representative.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. P. O'Donoghue be nominated for a three year term with Cllr. O'Shea being nominated for the remaining two years by the following group of members:- Cllrs. J. Brassil, M. Cahill, T. Fleming, N. Foley, A. McEllistrim, P. O'Donoghue, M. O'Shea, D. Healy-Rae and M. Healy-Rae.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

As there was no other group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. P.J. Donovan and J. Sheahan be nominated to the remaining positions on the Association of County and City Councils.

Cllr. T. Buckley SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

##### **IRD Duhallow**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate two representatives to IRD Duhallow and any group of thirteen members can nominate a representative.

As there was no group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. J. Sheahan and M. Moloney be nominated to the Board of IRD Duhallow.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

##### **Kerry County Enterprise Board Ltd.**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate four members to Kerry County Enterprise Board Ltd. and any group of seven members can nominate a representative.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. N. Foley be nominated for the first two and a half years to Kerry County Enterprise Board Ltd. with Cllr. A. McEllistrim being nominated for the remaining two and a half years by the following group of members:- Cllrs. J. Brassil, M. Cahill, T. Fleming, N. Foley, A. McEllistrim, P. O'Donoghue, M. O'Shea.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. B. Griffin, A.J. Spring and T. O'Brien be nominated to the remaining positions on Kerry County Enterprise Board Ltd.

Cllr. P. Leahy SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Kerry Education Service**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate nine members to Kerry Education Service and any group of three members may nominate a representative.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. J. Brassil be nominated to Kerry Education Service by the following group of members:- Cllrs. J. Brassil, M. Healy-Rae and D. Healy-Rae.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. A. McEllistrim be nominated to Kerry Education Service by the following group of members:- Cllrs. A. McEllistrim, M. Cahill and P. O'Donoghue.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. N. Foley be nominated to Kerry Education Service by the following group of members:- Cllrs. N. Foley, M. O'Shea and T. Fleming.

Cllr. P. O'Donoghue SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that the following members be nominated to the remaining positions on Kerry Education Service:- Cllrs. T. Buckley, B. Griffin, J. Finucane, P.J. Donovan, T. O'Brien and M. Moloney.

Cllr. T. O'Brien SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Killarney National Park Liaison Committee**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate one member to the Killarney National Park Liaison Committee and this will be by majority.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllr. J. Sheahan be nominated to the Killarney National Park Liaison Committee.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Local Authority Members Association**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate one member to the Local Authority Members Association and this will be by majority.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllr. P. Leahy be nominated to the Local Authority Members Association.

Cllr. A.J. Spring SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teoranta**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate one member to Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teoranta and this will be by majority.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllr. S. Fitzgerald be nominated to Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teoranta.

Cllr. P. McCarthy SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**North and East Kerry Leader Partnership Company**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate three members to North and East Kerry Leader Partnership Company and any group of nine members can nominate a representative. Mr. O'Brien advised members that North and East Kerry Leader Partnership Company requested, if possible, that the three members would represent the Tralee and Listowel Electoral Areas and also the area around Sliabh Luachra.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. T. Fleming be nominated to the North and East Kerry Leader Partnership Company by the following group of members:- Cllrs. J. Brassil, M. Cahill, T. Fleming, N. Foley, A. McEllistrim, P. O'Donoghue, M. O'Shea, D. Healy-Rae and M. Healy-Rae.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. T. Buckley and A.J. Spring be nominated to the remaining positions on the North and East Kerry Leader Partnership Company.

Cllr. P. McCarthy SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Regional Health Forum – South**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate five members to the Regional Health Forum – South and any group of five members can nominate a representative.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. M. Healy-Rae be nominated for the first two years with Cllr. T. Fleming being nominated for the remaining three years by the following group of members:- Cllr. T. Fleming, D. Healy-Rae, M. Healy-Rae, P. O'Donoghue and J. Brassil.

Cllr. P. O'Donoghue **SECONDED** this proposal and it was agreed.

As there was no other group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane **PROPOSED** that the following members would be nominated to fill the remaining positions on the Regional Health Forum – South:- Cllrs. B. Griffin, B. O'Connell and M. Moloney for a period of five years and Cllr. T. O'Brien being nominated for the first three years to be followed by Cllr. B. Cronin for the remaining 2 years.

Cllr. B. Cronin **SECONDED** this proposal and it was agreed.

### **South West Regional Authority**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate seven members to the South West Regional Authority and of these seven members two will be nominated to the South and Eastern Regional Assembly. Any group of four members can nominate a representative.

Cllr. J. Brassil **PROPOSED** that Cllr. J. Brassil be nominated to the South West Regional Authority by the following group of members:- Cllrs. J. Brassil, D. Healy-Rae, M. Healy-Rae and P. O'Donoghue.

Cllr. M. O'Shea **SECONDED** this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Brassil **PROPOSED** that Cllr. M. O'Shea be nominated for the first three years with Cllr. T. Fleming being nominated for the remaining two years by the following group of members:- Cllrs. M. O'Shea, T. Fleming, A. McEllistrim and M. Cahill.

Cllr. M. O'Shea **SECONDED** this proposal and it was agreed.

As there was no other group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane **PROPOSED** that Cllr. L. Purtill, B. O'Connell, S. Fitzgerald, P. Leahy and A.J. Spring be nominated to fill the remaining positions on the South West Regional Authority.

Cllr. P. Leahy **SECONDED** this proposal and it was agreed.

### **South and Eastern Regional Assembly**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate two of the seven members nominated to the South West Regional Authority to the South and Eastern Regional Assembly. Any group of thirteen members can nominate a representative.

As there was no group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane **PROPOSED** that Cllr. L. Purtill and B. O'Connell be nominated to the South and Eastern Regional Assembly.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen **SECONDED** this proposal and it was agreed.



**South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd.**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate three members to South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd. and any group of nine members may nominate a representative.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that Cllr. M. Cahill be nominated to South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd by the following group of members:- Cllrs. J. Brassil, M. Cahill, T. Fleming, N. Foley, A. McEllistrim, P. O'Donoghue, M. O'Shea, D. Healy-Rae and M. Healy-Rae.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. J. Sheahan and M. Moloney be nominated to fill the remaining positions on South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd.

Cllr. M. Moloney SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Southern Regional Drugs Task Force**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate one member to the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force and this will be by majority.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllr. P. Leahy be nominated to the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force.

Cllr. T. O'Brien SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Tralee Bay Oyster Fishery Society Ltd.**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate one member to Tralee Bay Oyster Fishery Society Ltd. and this will be by majority.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllr. T. O'Brien be nominated to Tralee Bay Oyster Fishery Society Ltd.

Cllr. A.J. Spring SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate two members to Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners. In the past the Council nominated one elected and one non-elected member to this Board but having consulted with the Department of Transport he was informed that the two nominees should be elected members. Any group of thirteen members can nominate a representative.

As there was no group proposal Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllrs. J. Finucane and P. McCarthy be nominated to Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners.

Cllr. A.J. Spring SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Tralee Regional Sports and Leisure Company Ltd.**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Council is entitled to nominate one member to Tralee Regional Sports and Leisure Company Ltd. and this will be by majority.

Cllr. J. Finucane PROPOSED that Cllr. T. O'Brien be nominated to Tralee Regional Sports and Leisure Company Ltd.

Cllr. A.J. Spring SECONDED this proposal and it was agreed.

**Kerry Airport plc**

Mr. G. O'Brien advised members that a vacancy has occurred on the Board of Kerry Airport due to the resignation of Cllr. B. Cronin and the filling of this vacancy will be included on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting when correspondence is received from the Board of Kerry Airport.

Cllr. B. Cronin informed the meeting that he was resigning from the Board of Kerry Airport due to work commitments and he had formally tendered his resignation to the Secretary of the Company. The AGM of Kerry Airport will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and he will not be seeking re-election. He thanked the Secretary of Kerry Airport together with the Chairperson for their assistance and co-operation while he was on the Board.

**09.06.19.05 Schedule of Ordinary Meetings**

Mr. G. O'Brien informed the meeting that members must agree a schedule of ordinary meetings and it is suggested that the existing arrangement whereby meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, with the exception of the month of August, would continue.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, SECONDED by Cllr. P. McCarthy it was agreed that the ordinary meetings of Kerry County Council would be held on the third Monday of each month with the exception of the month of August.

Mr. G. O'Brien thanked the members for their co-operation in making nominations and said there were votes of sympathy recorded in the Votes of Sympathy book which he wished to read into the record of the meeting.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae extended a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late John Murphy (Address withheld for data protection purposes).

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Dan Doona, (Address withheld for data protection purposes).

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae extended a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Dan Sullivan (Address withheld for data protection purposes).

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Cllr. B. Cronin extended a vote of sympathy to the parents and family of the late Jimmy Falvey, (Address withheld for data protection purposes).

Cllr. T. Buckley extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Daniel Mulvihill.

Cllr. T. Buckley extended a vote of sympathy to the family of Joe and Anne O'Connell (Address withheld for data protection purposes).

Cllr. J. Brassil supported this vote of sympathy.

Cllr. M. O'Shea extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Nora Ashe, (Address withheld for data protection purposes).

Mr. G. O'Brien informed members that lunch would be provided in Ballygarra House Hotel and he asked members to meet on the front lawn for a group photograph.

The meeting concluded at 1.30pm.

**Gerard O'Brien**  
**A/SEO Corporate Affairs**

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**Mayor of Kerry**