

**Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of
Westmeath Junior County Council
Held on Friday 15th December 2006 in the Council
Chambers, Mullingar**

Presiding: Mr. Hugh O Reilly, S.E.O., Corporate Services

Junior Members Present: T. Dowling, N. O'Scannlain, D. Daly, E. Faughnan, R. Fay, C. Forde, M. Egan, M. Brennan, D. Scally, C. McDay, Y. Houlihan, C. Kelly, J. Quinn, D. Kelly, B. McVeigh, B. Ayibiowu, M. Burke, S. Kirwan, R. Arigho, A. Spittle, H. Kearney, C. Jackson & G. Beatty

Officers Present: Mr. Daniel McLoughlin, County Manager
Mr. Edward Hynes, Head of Finance
Mr. Gerry Sheridan, Partnership Facilitator
Ms. Sandra Tuite, Clerical Officer

Senior Members Present: Cllrs. F. McDermott, F. Cooney & D. McCarthy

Hugh O Reilly welcomed the elected members of the Junior County Council and congratulated them on being voted.

Item No. 1 - Adoption of Standing Orders

Hugh O Reilly recommended the formal adoption of standing orders, on the proposal of J/Cllr. Alison Spittle and seconded by J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho it was unanimously agreed by the members to approve the formal adoption of standing orders.

Item No. 2 - Election of Junior Cathaoirleach & Junior Leas Cathaoirleach

J/Cllr. Stephen Kirwan **proposed J/Cllr. Martina Burke** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Helen Kearney

J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu proposed **J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Michael Egan

J/Cllr. Thomas Dowling proposed **J/Cllr. Nollaig O'Scannlain** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Alison Spittle

J/Cllr. Yvonne Houlihan proposed **J/Cllr. Conor Forde** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Martina Burke

J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh proposed **J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Don Scally

J/Cllr. Elaine Faughnan proposed **J/Cllr. Catherine McKay** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Ciara Kelly

J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho proposed **J/Cllr. Alison Spittle** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Thomas Dowling

J/Cllr. Martina Burke proposed **J/Cllr. Stephen Kirwan** for Junior Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Garbháin Beatty

No other nominations were received.

As there were eight proposals before him, Hugh O Reilly asked for a recorded vote to be taken on the election of Junior Cathaoirleach

1st Vote

J/Cllr. Martina Burke received	1 Vote
J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh received	5 Votes
J/Cllr. Nollaig O'Scannlain received	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Conor Forde received	1 Vote
J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu received	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Catherine McKay	4 Votes
J/Cllr. Alison Spittle	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Stephen Kirwan	2 Votes

As Martina Burke and Conor Forde had the least number of votes they were eliminated from the next round of voting.

2nd Vote

J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh received	1 Vote
J/Cllr. Nollaig O'Scannlain received	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu received	4 Votes
J/Cllr. Catherine McKay received	6 Votes
J/Cllr. Alison Spittle received	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Stephen Kirwan received	3 Votes

As Brendan McVeigh, Nollaig O'Scannlain and Alison Spittle had the least number of votes they were eliminated from the next round of voting.

3rd Vote

J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu received	6 Votes
J/Cllr. Catherine McKay received	9 Votes
J/Cllr. Stephen Kirwan received	4 Votes

As Stephen Kirwan had the least number of votes he was eliminated from the next round of voting.

4th Vote

J.Cllr. Boby Ayibiowu received	6 Votes
J/Cllr. Catherine McKay received	13 Votes

J/Cllr. Catherine McKay received the majority of the votes; accordingly Hugh O Reilly declared her Junior Cathaoirleach and invited her to assume the chair. J/Cllr. McKay thanked everyone for voting for her especially her proposer and seconder.

Junior Leas Cathaoirleach

J/Cllr. James Quinn proposed **J/Cllr. Conor Forde** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Martina Burke

J/Cllr. Robert Fay proposed **J/Cllr. Helen Kearney** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho

J/Cllr. Alison Spittle proposed **J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Nollaig O'Scannlain

J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh proposed **J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Helen Kearney

J/Cllr. Yvonne Houlihan proposed **J/Cllr. Ciara Kelly** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Conor Forde

J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu proposed **J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Micheal Egan

J/Cllr. Conor Forde proposed **J/Cllr. James Quinn** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh

J/Cllr. Elaine Faughan proposed **J/Cllr. Michael Egan** for Junior Leas Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu

No other nominations were received.

As there were eight proposals before him, Hugh O Reilly asked for a recorded vote to be taken on the election of Junior Leas Cathaoirleach.

1st Vote

J/Cllr. Conor Forde received	3 Votes
J/Cllr. Helen Kearney received	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho received	8 Votes
J/Cllr. Bobby Ayibiowu received	1 Vote
J/Cllr. Ciara Kelly received	5 Votes
J/Cllr. Brendan McVeigh received	1 Vote
J/Cllr. James Quinn received	1 Vote
J/Cllr. Michael Egan received	0 Vote

As Bobby Ayibiowu, Brendan McVeigh, James Quinn and Michael Egan had the least number of votes they were eliminated from the next round of voting.

2nd Vote

J/Cllr. Conor Forde received	3 Votes
J/Cllr. Helen Kearney received	2 Votes
J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho received	8 Votes
J/Cllr. Ciara Kelly received	8 Votes

As Conor Forde and Helen Kearney had the least number of votes they were eliminated from the next round of voting.

3rd Vote

J/Cllr. Redmond Arigho received	9 Votes
J/Cllr. Ciara Kelly received	11 Votes

J/Cllr. Ciara Kelly received the majority of the votes, accordingly J/Cllr. Catherine McKay declared her Junior Leas Cathaoirleach.

The County Manager addressed the Junior County Council and said he looked forward to working with them and he welcomed their views.

Item No. 3 - Presentation on Road Safety

Martin Heffernan, Regional Executive from the Road Safety Authority gave a presentation to the Junior Members on *Road Safety for Everyone – Working Together to Change Attitude and Behaviour on our Roads.*

Hugh O Reilly thanked Martin for his effective presentation. Gerry Sheridan advised that Westmeath County Council was currently revising their Road Safety Strategy and that he would send a copy of the current strategy to the Junior Members and asked that they return any comments on it to him.

Item No. 4 - Date and Agenda for next meeting

No date was set for the next Junior County Council meeting as it was agreed Gerry Sheridan would liaise with the Junior Cathaoirleach after Christmas to arrange a suitable date for everyone.

Suggestions for next agenda were as follows: -

- Safety at our Lakes
- Sporting Facilities
- Broadband
- Junior County Council electoral areas
- Lifeguard Courses
- Longer opening hours for Moate Library
- Flooding in Athlone

Item No. 5 - AOB.

There was no other business.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Junior Cathaoirleach

Date