

**Minutes of the A.G.M. of Athlone Municipal District which was held in the Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

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**Attendance:**

Outgoing Mayor: Cllr. J. Dolan

Incoming Mayor: Cllr. Aengus O'Rourke

Members: Cllrs. P. Hogan, F. Keena, A. McManus, M. O'Brien and T. Farrell

Officers: Pat Keating, District Manager  
Pat Nally, District Engineer  
Frank Dolan, District Administrator  
Eilish Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer

**Election of Mayor:**

Cllr. Dolan said he had had a busy and challenging year as Mayor.

He outlined that during his time as Mayor he had attended 159 events including civic receptions and 2 visits from ambassadors. His contribution included an enhanced working relationship with the defence forces. Cllr. Dolan was congratulated by all Councillors on his time as Mayor over last 12 months.

The election of the new Mayor was then proceeded with.

It was proposed by Cllr. Keena,  
And seconded by Cllr. Farrell,

“That we hereby nominate Cllr. A. O'Rourke as Mayor for the year 2017-2018”

As there were no further nominations, Cllr. O'Rourke was deemed elected and took the chair. Cllr. O'Rourke accepted the Mayoral Chain and outlined the issues that would be of major importance over the next 12 months including working closely with the business community, flood defences, Church Street Enhancement, Further Enhancement projects, Railway Field Road, Brawny Link Road, City status for Athlone, Cycleway Development and tourism promotion in the town. He stated that he would be calling for a review by the Government and the relevant Minister with regard to the possibility of the reinstatement of Town Councils for urban areas with greater population than 15,000. He also stated he wished to commence a debating initiative for all National Schools in the district.

The Members, Director of Services and District Manager congratulated him and wished him well for the coming year.

**Election of Deputy Mayor:**

Mayor O'Rourke continued the Meeting with the election of the Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Dolan,

And seconded by Cllr. Farrell,

“That we hereby nominate Cllr. F. Keena as Deputy Mayor for the year 2017-2018”

As there were no further nominations, Cllr. Keena was deemed elected as Deputy Mayor.

All the Members congratulated Cllrs. O'Rourke and Keena on their election and wished them well in their roles in the coming year.

Standing Orders were suspended to facilitate the taking of photos.

**Schedule of Ordinary Meetings for 2017/2018:**

The Schedule outlining the dates and times for Ordinary Meetings from July 2017 to June 2018 was circulated.

There was one amendment to schedule circulated. January meeting to be held on on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hogan,

Seconded by Cllr. McManus and resolved,

“We hereby approve of the Schedule of Ordinary Meetings for the year 2017/2018 as circulated with January amendment”

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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MAYOR

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