

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF  
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018  
AT 11.00 A.M. IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

- Councillor Martin Baker
- Councillor Michael Clarke
- Councillor Margaret Gormley
- Councillor Jerry Lundy (Chair)
- Councillor Joe Queenan
- Councillor Dara Mulvey
- Councillor Paul Taylor

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

- Councillor Keith Henry

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING  
ORDERS:**

At the outset, Councillor Michael Clarke proposed that standing orders be suspended to discuss the recommendation contained in the recent Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 1 Report 2018 to divide County Sligo into 3 no. electoral areas thus reducing the number of Members in the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District to 7 no. (Municipal Districts to remain unchanged). The proposal to suspend the standing orders was seconded by Councillor Margaret Gormley.

The Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the recommendation mainly on the grounds that the large size of the Municipal District area warrants 8 no. Members. Following some discussion, it was then:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley**

AND AGREED

“In light of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 1 Report 2018, to call on the Minister of State at the Dept. of Housing, Planning and Local Government to restore 8 no. Members to the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District as the differences in population per seat are too great and also to include the areas of Dromore West and/or Enniscrone in the name of the Municipal District going forward”.

**OPENING THE MEETING:**

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Jerry Lundy expressed his appreciation to the Members, the Executive, Area Engineers and all Council staff for their help and courtesy during his term in office and thanked Councillor Dara Mulvey for his role as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Lundy went on to state that existing links with Ireland West Airport Knock should be expanded upon for tourism and economic development purposes and referred to the reception which was held for the Mayor of

Birmingham in March 2018 as another link that should be further encouraged in terms of developing tourism.

The Members paid tribute to Councillor Lundy in his role as Cathaoirleach and wished him well in the future.

#### **1. ELECT CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Following a call for a nomination for the position of Cathaoirleach, Councillor Paul Taylor proposed Councillor Joe Queenan which was seconded by Councillor Dara Mulvey. Councillor Margaret Gormley then proposed Councillor Michael Clarke who seconded his own nomination.

As there were 2 no. valid nominations, the matter was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

##### For Councillor Queenan:

Councillor Baker, Councillor Lundy, Councillor Mulvey, Councillor Queenan and Councillor Taylor (5)

##### For Councillor Clarke:

Councillor Clarke and Councillor Gormley (2)

As the result was 5 votes for Councillor Queenan and 2 votes for Councillor Clarke, Councillor Joe Queenan was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach then assumed the position of chair and addressed the meeting thanking his proposer and seconder for the nomination and commiserating with Councillor Clarke.

Councillor Clarke assured the new Cathaoirleach of his full support in the coming year while the Chief Executive, Mr. Ciarán Hayes thanked Councillor Lundy for his contribution as Cathaoirleach and wished Councillor Queenan well in his new role.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a Leas-Cathaoirleach.

#### **2. ELECT LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Baker**

AND AGREED

“To elect Councillor Jerry Lundy as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District”.

Councillor Lundy thanked both Councillor Mulvey and Councillor Baker for their nomination.

Following the election of the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Margaret Gormley proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Conall Calleary, Veterinary Inspector, on the death of his father.

Councillor Gormley also wished Ms. Evelyn Henry well on her retirement from

Sligo County Council.

Members welcomed the recent announcement by Minister Denis Naughten T.D. of circa €75m in funding for libraries nationwide as part of a new Government strategy and investment plan. Members also highlighted the success of the Teach Laighne facility in Tobercurry expressing their view that every effort should be made to bring more services to the facility where possible.

**END OF MEETING:**

The business of the meeting concluded at 11.40 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Meetings Administrator**