## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS** **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2019 Annual Meeting held on 07 June 2019

### **PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bailey, C. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Carey, W. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Casserly, V. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Collins, Y. |  | McManus, D. |
| Costello, T. |  | Moynihan, S. |
| Duff, M. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Duffy, F. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Dunne, L. |  | O’Brion, E |
| Edge, A. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Egan, A. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Fay, S. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | Pereppadan, B. |
| Hayes, A. |  | Priestley, W. |
| Higgins, E. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Holohan, P. |  | Seery-Kearney, M. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Sinclair, L. |
| Kavanagh, P. |  | Tuffy, J. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Ward, M. |
| King, C. |  |  |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  Head of Finance  County Architect | L. Maxwell, T. Walsh, F. Nevin. C. Ward, M. Mulhern.  R. FitzGerald.  E. Conroy. |
| Senior Executive Officers  Financial Management Accountant | C. Hurson, M. Staunton, E. Leech, Neil Hanly,  Mary Kelly |
| Administrative Officers | C. Murphy, N. Noonan. F. Carroll, M. Dowling, M. Kavanagh, L. Madden. |
| Senior Staff Officer  Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT. Support  Sord | A. O’Melia  L. Abbey.  D. Murphy,  R. Saiz  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor Mark Ward, presided.

Apologies were received from F. Timmons

### **H1/0619 LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019** - **RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED**

### Ms. Cristina Hurson, Meetings Administrator read out the names of the Members elected at the Local Elections held on 24th May 2019.

### The Mayor, Councillor M. Ward, congratulated the Members on their success.

### Councillors F. Duffy, E. O’Brien, P. Kearns, C. King, K. Mahon, G. O’Connell, M. Duff and B. Lawlor, expressed the congratulations to all the new Members and commiserations to Members that had not been re-elected. They thank the management and staff for all their help during the election period.

### Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive thanked Ms. L. Maxwell, director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and her team for all their hard work. He welcomed the returning Members and the new Members. He then presented The Mayor, Councillor M. Ward with a small token of memories of all his work.

### The Mayor, Councillor M. Ward, thanked the Management and staff for all their help throughout the year. He made a presentation to Karen Gainsford and Emily Healy for all her help and paid tribute to his colleagues past and present.

[H1 Return of Persons Elected](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=63564)

### **H2/0619 ELECTION OF MAYOR / AN MÉARA**

**Nominations:**

**Councillor V. Casserly** was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien.

**Councillor S. Fay** was proposed by Councillor K. Mahon and seconded by Councillor M. Johansson.

**Councillor W. Carey** was proposed by Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor D. Richardson.

A **Roll Call** vote was taken and the results were as follows:

**For Councillor V. Casserly: 28 (TWENTY EIGHT)**

**Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr. Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, F. Duffy, A. Edge, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, E. Higgins, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, B. Pereppadan, W. Priestley, M. Seery-Kearney, L. Sinclair, J. Tuffy**

**For Councillor S. Fay: 3 (THREE)**

**Cllr. S. Fay, Cllr. M. Johansson, Cllr. K. Mahon**

**For Councillor W. Carey: 8 (EIGHT)**

**Cllr. C. Bailey, Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. P. Holohan, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. E. O’Broin, Cllr. D. Richardson, Cllr. M. Ward**

**CASSERLY: 28 (TWENTY EIGHT)**

**CAREY: 8 (EIGHT)**

**FAY: 3 (THREE)**

As Councillor S. Fay received the fewest votes she was eliminated.

A second roll call vote was then taken

**For Councillor V. Casserly: 28 (TWENTY EIGHT)**

**Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr. Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, F. Duffy, A. Edge, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, E. Higgins, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, B. Pereppadan, W. Priestley, M. Seery-Kearney, L. Sinclair, J. Tuffy**

**For Councillor W. Carey: 8 (EIGHT)**

**Cllr. C. Bailey, Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. P. Holohan, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. E. O’Broin, Cllr. D. Richardson, Cllr. M. Ward**

**Abstentions: 3 (THREE)**

**Cllr. S. Fay, Cllr. M. Johansson, Cllr. K. Mahon**

**CASSERLY: 28 (TWENTY EIGHT)**

**CAREY: 8 (EIGHT)**

**ABSTAIN: 3 (THREE)**

As the votes for Councillor V. Casserly exceeded the majority of members present she was elected Mayor of South Dublin County Council.

**Councillor Vicki Casserly** was elected Mayor for 2019/2020

The outgoing Mayor Councillor Mark Ward presented the new Mayor Councillor Vicki Casserly with the Chain of Office, and the Mayor then took the chair.

The new Mayor then addressed the Members:

**MAYOR’S SPEECH:**

Good afternoon councillors, colleagues, deputies, dear friends and family, I am honoured and humbled to be elected Mayor of our great county today. As a local resident, a local mum, a local wife, a local sister, a local daughter and a local carer, my roots go deep in our community. Long before I entered politics, I was passionate about making this area more inclusive, more accessible, more sustainable, and all in all, a better place to live for local people. I look forward to using the platform of Mayor to continue this work with energy and dedication. I’d like to thank my proposer Cllr Emer Higgins and my seconder Cllr Ed O’Brien and all who placed their confidence and trust in me with their vote. I’d also like to pay tribute to outgoing Mayor, Cllr Mark Ward who had a very busy year between Mayoral duties and running for re-election. I believe I can make a real difference as Mayor, because I know this community inside out. This county has so many strengths, and so many wonderful communities, but we must not lose sight of the fact that many areas of community life require more investment and support. During my coming year as Mayor, my vision is to make real progress on the journey to making our county fully accessible and fully inclusive for all residents. To achieve this by working with various departments within South Dublin County Council and external groups to raise awareness and put the right strategies in place. This can be achieved through enhanced Community Development, improved Housing, as well as events, facilities and active engagement. I am here thanks to the support of my colleagues in Fine Gael (Brian and Emer), Fianna Fáil (Ed and Charlie), The Green Party (Francis and Liam), Cllr Ronan McMahon and Cllr Alan Hayes who signed up for a shared vision and collectively worked on these values over the past 10 days. This was to demonstrate our common ground from a policy perspective, but also in terms of the unity in values we all wish to bring to the chambers. These values and our Shared Vision include: - Community

* Opportunity
* Wellbeing
* Environment
* Inclusion

We envisage that our Council can create sustainable, well-serviced communities and support events and groups that build community spirit. Our vision for our Council is to offer more opportunities to each of our citizens. The opportunity to live here, be it in private, affordable or social housing, the opportunity to learn and develop, opportunities for entrepreneurs and our artists. Our health is our wealth and Well-being matters to each and every citizen in our County. We want to help our citizens to nourish their emotional, mental and physical well-being in our public places. Our Council is extremely progressive when it comes to environmental issues. And so is the electorate. I’m delighted to be working with the four Green Party Councillors in an alliance that will protect and enhance our natural environment and invest in our Tree Management Programme. Inclusion is my passion. And it’s a shared priority within our grouping, each of us in FF, FG, GP, and Alan and Ronan want to see South Dublin become a place of greater diversity, equality and inclusion. A place where staff and Councillors are treated with respect and where every citizen is treated equally. We want our Council to lead the way with best-in-class inclusion initiatives to ensure that children and people with disabilities can play a full role in our community. Inclusion is important to all of us, and in the spirit of inclusion, I would like to warmly welcome all newly elected councillors to our chamber. Today is a big day for each of you too. I will work hard to ensure our chamber is fully inclusive and my pledge to you is to be a fair chair, creating a forum where all views are debated and treated respectfully. Let me conclude by once again thanking you all from the bottom of my heart. It is one of the greatest honours of my life to stand before you as Mayor of South Dublin today. Those who know me best would describe me as an advocate, so my promise to you today is to be an advocate for all the people of South Dublin! I have lived in this area all my life. I have worked in this area all my life. This is where I am raising my family. I am FROM this area and as Mayor I will be firmly and fearlessly FOR this area. I look forward to working closely with you all for the betterment of our communities.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh, agus Átha Cliatha Theas Abú!

Thank you.

### **H3/0619 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR / LEAS MHÉARA**

The Mayor Councillor Vicki Casserly then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

### The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor C. King congratulated the new Mayor Councillor V. Casserly and thanked the outgoing Mayor Councillor M. Ward along with the management and staff for all their help during his time as Deputy Mayor

### Nominations:

**Councillor T. Gilligan** was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor F. Duffy.

**Councillor L. Dunne** was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor M. Ward.

**Councillor M. Johansson** was proposed by Councillor S. Fay and seconded by Councillor K. Mahon.

A **Roll Call** vote was taken and the results were as follows:

**FOR Councillor T. Gilligan: 26 (TWENTY SIX**)

**Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr. Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, F. Duffy, A. Edge, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, E. Higgins, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, E. O’Brien, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, B. Pereppadan, W. Priestley, M. Seery-Kearney, L. Sinclair, J. Tuffy**

**FOR Councillor L. Dunne: 6 (SIX)**

**Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. P. Holohan, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. D. Richardson, Cllr. M. Ward**

**FOR Councillor M. Johansson: 7 (SEVEN)**

**Cllr. C. Bailey, S. Fay, Cllr. P. Gogarty, Cllr. M. Johansson, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. E. O’Broin, Cllr. G. O’Connell**

As Councillor L. Dunne received the fewest votes she was eliminated.

A second roll call vote was then taken

**FOR Councillor T. Gilligan: 27 (TWENTY SEVEN**)

**Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr. Y. Collins, Cllr. T. Costello, Cllr. M. Duff, Cllr. F. Duffy, Cllr. A. Edge, Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr. T. Gilligan, Cllr. P. Gogarty, Cllr. A. Hayes, Cllr. E. Higgins, Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cllr. P. Kearns, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. R. McMahon, Cllr. D. McManus, Cllr. S. Moynihan, Cllr. E. Murphy, Cllr. E. O’Brien, Cllr. C. O’Connor, Cllr. D. O’Donovan, Cllr. L. O’Toole, Cllr. B. Pereppadan, Cllr. W. Priestley, Cllr. M. Seery-Kearney, Cllr. L. Sinclair, Cllr. J. Tuffy**

**FOR Councillor M. Johansson: 6 (SIX)**

**Cllr. C. Bailey, S. Fay, Cllr. M. Johansson, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. E. O’Broin, Cllr. G. O’Connell**

**Abstentions: 6 (SIX)**

**Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. P. Holohan, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. D. Richardson, Cllr. M. Ward**

As the votes for Councillor T. Gilligan exceeded the majority of members present he was elected Deputy Mayor of South Dublin County Council.

**Councillor Trevor Gilligan** was elected Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019

The outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor Cathal King then presented the new Deputy Mayor Councillor Trevor Gilligan with the Chain of Office.

The new Deputy Mayor then addressed the Members.

The following Councillors paid tribute to the new Deputy Mayor: Cllr. P. Kavanagh and Cllr. P. Gogarty

### **H4/0619 ELECTION OF SPC CHAIRS DESIGNATE**

The appointment of 6 members to be Chairpersons of the 6 no. Strategic Policy Committees to be formed in accordance with the S.P.C. Scheme are made in accordance with Circular letter LG07/2014 attached.

Following the local elections, it is necessary for each county and city council to establish new SPCs in line with the revised guidelines published by the Department in June 2014 entitled: *Corporate Policy Groups and Strategic Policy Committees: Guidelines for establishment and operation*. (attached).

The statutory basis for SPCs is set out in section 48 of the [Local Government Act 2001 (the 2001 Act).](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/print.html) Furthermore, section 48(1A) of the 2001 Act, as inserted by section 41(a) of the [Local Government Reform Act 2014](http://www.oireachtas.ie/documents/bills28/acts/2014/a114.pdf), requires that at least one of the SPCs that is established shall be to consider matters which relate to the functions of the local authority in relation to economic development and enterprise support. Accordingly, each local authority shall form an SPC entitled the “**SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise**”. This is the home in SPC scheme for the economic development and enterprise support functions. The functions of this SPC are to include the preparation of the economic elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), the implementation and review of the economic elements of the LECP and the oversight by the elected members of the operation of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO).

The following appointments were made to the strategic Policy Committees:

**Councillor Mick Duff** was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor Ed O’Brien and elected as Chairperson to the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC

**Councillor Cathal King** was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and elected as Chairperson to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

**Councillor Brian Lawlor** was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and elected as Chairperson to the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

**Councillor Charlie O’Connor** was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and elected as Chairperson to the Housing SPC

**Councillor Francis Duffy** was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and elected as Chairperson to the Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC

**Councillor Emer Higgins** was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and elected as Chairperson to the Social & Community SPC.

[H4 (ii) Circ. LG07 - 2014 Est of SPCs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=63573)  
[H4 (iii) Guidance re Establishment of SPCs incl. Stakeholders](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=63574)

### **H5/0619 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS**

The Mayor Councillor Vicki Casserly called for nominations for Election of Chair of the Area Committees.

**Clondalkin Area Committee**

**Councillor Peter Kavanagh** was proposed as the Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee by Councillor Ed O’Brien and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan.

As there were no other nominations for the position **Councillor Peter Kavanagh** was unanimously elected as Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

**Lucan - Palmerstown - Fonthill Area Committee**

**Councillor Shane Moynihan** was proposed as the Chair of the Lucan - Palmerstown - Fonthill Area Committee by Councillor Ed O’Brien and seconded by Councillor E. Higgins.

As there were no other nominations for the position **Councillor Shane Moynihan** was unanimously elected as Chair of the Lucan - Palmerstown - Fonthill Area Committee.

**Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**

**Councillor Mary Seery Kearney** was proposed as the Chair of the Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee by Councillor Ed O’Brien and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor.

As there were no other nominations for the position **Councillor Mary Seery Kearney** was unanimously elected as Chair of the Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee.

**Tallaght Area Committee**

**Councillor Charlie O’Connor** was proposed as the Tallaght Chair of the Area Committee by Councillor Ed O’Brien and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor.

As there were no other nominations for the position **Councillor Charlie O’Connor** was unanimously elected as Chair of Tallaght Area Committee.

### **H6/0619 APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AND OTHER BODIES**

### The Mayor Councillor Vicki Casserly called for nominations for Appointments to Statutory and other bodies:

### Councillors E. O’Brien, Y. Collins, P. Kavanagh and P. Kearns were proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor and seconded by Councillor E. Higgins and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB (Education and training Board)

### **Councillors B. Lawlor, E. Higgins and D. O’Donovan** were proposed by Councillor F. Duffy and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Association pf Irish Local Government.

### **Councillors F. Duffy, W. Priestley and C. King** were proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Eastern & Midlands Regional Authority

### **Councillors T. Costello, K. Egan, C. King, D. McManus, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan and M. Ward** were proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor E. Higgins and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Regional Health Forum

**Councillor B. Lawlor** was proposed by E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor F. Duffy and **AGREED** by the Members that he be appointed to the Local Authority Members Association

**Councillor R. McMahon** was proposed by E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor F. Duffy and **AGREED** by the Members that he be appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

### **H7/0619 INDUCTION TRAINING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

The following report which had been circulated was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance & Change Management and **CONSIDERED:**

**REPLY:**

The first briefing session for local induction training is also scheduled to take place on Monday 10th June from 3 to 7pm in the Council Chamber. It is strongly recommended that all elected members whether new or re-elected, attend this training as a number of recent measures such as GDPR and the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015**.** Additional briefing sessions will be arranged and all councillors will be notified in due course.

Details of AILG training seminar on general policy matters are attached in this item which will set out the context in which local government operates. These seminars also offer a valuable networking opportunity for members. It is proposed that South Dublin County Council nominates all elected members of South Dublin County Council to attend this seminar on 11th July in Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath.

The Motion was **AGREED** by all the Members.

Meeting Finished @ 5:17pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_