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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2025 Annual Meeting held on Friday 27 June 2025

### **PRESENT**

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| Adelaide, D. | Mannion, R. |
| Barnes, S. | McCrave, L. |
| Brady, C. | McMahon, R. |
| Carey, W. | McManus, D. |
| Casserly, V. | Murphy, E. |
| Collins, Y. | Ó Broin, E. |
| Cosgrave, P. | O’Hara, S. |
| de Courcy, L. | O’Toole, L. |
| Donnelly, D. | Pereppadan, Baby |
| Duff, M. | Pereppadan, Britto |
| Dunne, L. | Richardson, D. |
| Edge, A. | Sheehy, J. |
| Farrell, H. | Sinnott, J. |
| Fennell, N. | Smyth, A. |
| Gilligan, T. | Spear, J. |
| Hayes, A. | Timmons, F. |
| Johansson, M. | Tuffy, J. |
| Kearns, P | Whelan, N. |
| Lawlor, B. |  |

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | C. Ward. |
| Directors | L. Maxwell, R. Fitzgerald. |
| Head of IT | T. Kavanagh |
| County Architect | C. Harte |
| A/Senior Executive Officer | B. Shannon |
| Administrative Officer | M. Reilly |
| Communications Manager | D. Healy |
| Senior Staff Officer | K. McLoughlin |
| Staff Officer | D. Murphy |
| Assistant Staff Officer | A. Holohan |

The Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan, presided

Apologies were received from Councillors P. Holohan, K. Keane and G. Moore.

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The Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Hybrid Meetings.

**TRIBUTES TO OUTGOING MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan addressed the members, thanking them for their support throughout his time as Mayor.

Councillors E. Murphy, P. Kearns, A. Edge, L. Dunne, J. Sinnott, F. Timmons, S. Barnes and Britto Pereppadan paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan

The Members also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. Hayes, for his hard work throughout the year.

The Chief Executive, Mr. C. Ward, thanked the Mayor for his service and commended his hard work over the year, he also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. Hayes, for his service.

The Chief Executive, Mr. C. Ward presented the Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan, with photographic record of his year as Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan once again thanked the Members, Management, and staff for all their help throughout the year.

### **H1/0625 ELECTION OF MAYOR/AN MÉARA**

In accordance with the provisions of [**Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0036.html) a local authority shall elect a Mayor from amongst its members at every annual meeting.

The method of the election of Mayor by members of South Dublin County Council shall be in accordance with the provisions of [**Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0037.html#partv-chapii-sec37).

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan, called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

**Nominations:**

**Councillor P. Kearns** was proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy and seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

**Councillor D. Adelaide** was proposed by Councillor J. Spear and seconded by Councillor M. Johansson.

Councillors J. Sinnott and P. Cosgrave supported the nomination of Councillor P. Kearns.

A **Roll Call** vote was taken the results of which are as follows:

**FOR Councillor P. Kearns: 31 (THIRTY-ONE)**

Councillors S. Barnes, C. Brady, W. Carey, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, P. Cosgrave, M.Duff, L. Dunne, A. Edge, H. Farrell, N. Fennell, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, R. Mannion, L. McCrave, D. McManus, E. Murphy, E. Ó Broin, S. O’Hara, L. O’Toole, Baby Pereppadan, Britto Pereppadan, D. Richardson, J. Sheehy, J. Sinnott, A. Smyth, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy and N. Whelan.

**FOR Councillor D. Adelaide: 3 (THREE)**

Councillors D. Adelaide, M. Johansson and J. Spear.

**ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO)**

Councillors L. de Courcy and R. McMahon**.**

As a result of the Roll Call vote **Councillor P. Kearns** was elected Mayor for 2025/2026.

The outgoing Mayor Councillor Baby Pereppadan presented the new Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, with the Chain of Office, and the Mayor then took the chair.

The new Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, then addressed the Members:

*Good afternoon family, friends and colleagues.*

*I am deeply grateful to my fellow councillors for the honour they have bestowed upon me here today in electing me as Mayor of this great County.*

*I am also fully conscious of the responsibility attached to the role and I want to assure you all that I will work tirelessly to ensure that your faith in me is warranted*

*It is my intention to execute my role as Mayor with fairness, compassion and integrity, to do less would be to dishonour the great Mayors that have gone before me and the council staff that work everyday day to make our communities and this county a great place to live, work and thrive.*

*I consider myself a very lucky person. I was born into the best family a girl could wish for with two great parents, Josie and Laddie, and I know that they, along with my wonderful sister Joan and my sister-in law Jean are looking down on me today and wondering -“How did that happen”?*

*Fortunately, I still have:*

*- My sister Anne and her husband Callaghan who unfortunately can’t be here today.*

*- My sister Elaine and her husband Des*

*- My brother Oliver, his daughter Regina and her wonderful family.*

*- And my brother Johnny and his wife Jane. All of whom are here to support me today as they have throughout my entire life. I thank them for being here to share this incredibly proud moment with me.*

*I am fortunate enough to say that my luck didn’t stop there. I also married into another family. My father-in -law Sonny and my mother-in-law Jen were the kindest, most welcoming people you could meet, and we miss them every day. Liam and Eamon, my brothers in law have been an integral part of my life since 1976 and their spouses Louise and Eileen have always been a great support in word and deed. And I can’t leave out Mena their sister in all but name.*

*In truth it was in Pauls house that I was first introduced to politics in a meaningful way. Let’s just say Sonny was a great devils advocate at the dinner table and it led to some very lively debates. It was a great seat of learning to an, as yet unknowing, aspiring politician.*

*Although they didn’t know each other before Paul and I met, our families were similar in a lot of ways. Both shared the same values. They were accepting, kind, and had an always open-door policy to their homes. Religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity were never issues. It was simply the persons quality of character. All were equal in their eyes and treated as such. I am glad to say that both my family and Paul’s family continue to share those values today and it is my intention to conduct my Mayorship with those values as my guide.*

*I have, as is usual, left the best wine till last. My husband without whom I know I would not be in this chair today. Whenever I say “I can’t” he says, yes you can and his belief in me empowers me to believe in myself.*

*Together, we raised two amazing sons in Karl and Conor. Sometimes I look at them and am blown away by what terrific young men they have turned out to be. And they have proven to have great tase in partners with Karina and Ellie. They get that from their father.*

*Last but not least, I want to extend my gratitude to the person in my life who I can always turn to when I’m not in quite as an appreciative frame of mind regarding the wonderful people I just mentioned. Whenever I’ve needed to vent without judgement and have an ear to burn and a head to nod no matter how riled I may get, Veronica has been there, for 60 years and counting. Thank you for always having my back.*

*To the people of South County Dublin. I am here to listen, to advocate and to represent you. Let us move forward together with hope, courage and a belief in the power of love over hate and truth over lies.*

*Thank you.*

Councillors L. Dunne, F. Timmons, E. Murphy, V. Casserly, A. Edge paid tribute to the incoming Mayor.

Chief Executive, Mr. C. Ward congratulated the Mayor and wished her well in the year ahead.

### **H2/0625 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR/LEAS MHÉARA**

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The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

**Councillor T. Gilligan** was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor Y. Collins

**Councillor J. Spear** was proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide and seconded by Councillor M. Johansson.

A **Roll Call** vote was taken, the results of which are as follows:

**FOR Councillor T. Gilligan: 23 (TWENTY-THREE)**

Councillors S. Barnes, C. Brady, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, P. Cosgrave, M. Duff, A. Edge, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. McManus, E. Murphy, S. O’Hara, L. O’Toole, Baby Pereppadan, Britto Pereppadan, J. Sheehy, A. Smyth, F. Timmons and J. Tuffy.

**FOR Councillor J. Spear: 4 (FOUR)**

Councillors D. Adelaide, M. Johansson, E. Ó Broin and J. Spear.

**ABSTAIN: 8 (EIGHT)**

Councillors W. Carey, L. de Courcy, L. Dunne, N. Fennell, R. Mannion, D. Richardson, J. Sinnott and N. Whelan.

As a result of the roll call vote **Councillor T. Gillian** was elected Deputy Mayor for 2025/2026.

The outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor A. Hayes then presented the new Deputy Mayor Councillor T. Gilligan with the Chain of Office.

**H3a/06253 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS** -**CLONDALKIN AREA, NEWCASTLE, RATHCOOLE, SAGGART AND BRITTAS COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, called for nominations for Election of Chair of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee.

**Councillor F. Timmons** was proposed by Councillor M. Duff and was seconded by Councillor E. Murphy.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor F. Timmons** was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee.

**H3b/0625 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS – LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, called for nominations for Election of Chair of the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin Area Committee.

**Councillor C. Brady** was proposed by Councillor M. Duff and was seconded by Councillor E. Murphy.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor C. Brady** was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin Area Committee.

**H3c/0625 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS** – **RATHFARNHAM, TEMPLEOGUE, FIRHOUSE BOHERNABREENA AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, called for nominations for Election of Chair of the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse Bohernabreena Area Committee.

**Councillor A. Edge** was proposed by Councillor M. Duff and was seconded by Councillor E. Murphy.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor A. Edge** was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse Bohernabreena Area Committee

**H3d/0625 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS – TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, called for nominations for Election of Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

**Councillor L. Dunne** was proposed by Councillor M. Duff seconded by Councillor E. Murphy.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor L. Dunne** was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

***Meeting ended at 16:42***

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

Mayor

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