



Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt
Southern Regional Assembly

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

14th July 2023, 12:00pm

Assembly House, Waterford and via MS Teams

Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cathaoirleach.

Present: Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Cllr. Robert Beasley, Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Michael O'Shea and Cllr. Terry Shannon.

Remote Attendance via MS Teams: Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Michael Collins, Cllr. Frankie Daly, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Conor D McGuinness, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Sean O'Connor and Cllr. John Sheahan.

Apologies: None.

Officials Present: David Kelly, Kevin Lynch, Karen Coughlan, Marie Harnett, Breda Curran, Samantha Richardson, Catherine Connaughton, Maria Murphy, Omer Sunguroglu, Anna Higgins and Claire Breen.

Officials Remote Attendance via MS Teams: Brigh Ryan, Vincent Dunphy, Michael Buckley, Sarah Davoren, Áine Whelan, Rebecca Walsh, Elayne McDonnell and Róisín Slattery.

A record of attendance was taken by means of roll call.

David Kelly welcomed the Members to the Annual meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly and gave an overview of how the meeting would proceed.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting Held on 8th July 2022

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th July 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Pip Breen and seconded by Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Oliver Walsh, reflected on the achievements and challenges during his term and thanked Members and staff for their work and assistance throughout the year.

Members congratulated Cllr. Walsh on his term and thanked him the way he fulfilled the role.

2. Election of Cathaoirleach of the Assembly

Members were invited to propose nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Assembly to hold office until July 2024.

Cllr. Terry Shannon was proposed by Cllr. Joe Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan. As there were no further nominations Cllr. Terry Shannon was elected Cathaoirleach of the Southern Regional Assembly for the 2023-2024 term.

Cllr. Shannon expressed his appreciation for the nomination and said it was an honour to represent his county and region as Cathaoirleach. He welcomed Members participating remotely via Microsoft Teams.

3. Election of the Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach welcomed proposals for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald nominated Cllr. Noel Coonan for Leas-Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Michael Murphy seconded this nomination. As there were no further nominations Cllr. Noel Coonan was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Southern Regional Assembly for the 2023-2024 term.

Cllr. Noonan thanked the proposer and seconder for his nomination. He stated he was looking forward to working with everyone and the incoming Cathaoirleach in his capacity as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

4. Nominations to Association of Irish Regions

Members were invited to propose nominations to the Association of Irish Regions. The Cathaoirleach, Leas-Cathaoirleach and outgoing Cathaoirleach are automatically nominated and Cllr. Michael Murphy proposed to retain the same two representatives from the smaller political groupings as previous years (Cllr. Michael O'Meara and Cllr. Thomas Phelan). This was seconded by Cllr. Tom Cronin.

5. Any other business

David Kelly thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach for their work over the past year. He congratulated the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach. This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Date: 12 July 2024