**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting of Granard Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Longford on Monday, 24 June 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Garry Murtagh

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Paraic Brady, David Cassidy,

Garry Murtagh, Turlough McGovern and Padraig McNamara

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Mr. Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive.

 Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services.

 Ms. Linda Higgins, Administrative Officer

 Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Engineer

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Claire McNabola

**ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH.**

It was proposed by Councillor Paraic Brady and seconded by Councillor Padraig McNamara that Councillor Garry Murtagh be elected Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District

**As there was no other nomination**, **Councillor Garry Murtagh was, thereby, elected Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District until the Annual Meeting in 2025.**

The Chain of Office was formally conferred on Councillor Garry Murtagh by the Chief Executive.

**ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH:**

It was proposed by Councillor Garry Murtagh and seconded by Councillor David Cassidy that Councillor Paraic Brady be elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

**As there was no other nomination**, **Councillor Paraic Brady was, thereby, elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District until the Annual Meeting in 2025.**

Councillor Murtagh thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District for the coming twelve months and congratulated Councillor Brady on being elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

In his acceptance speech, Councillor Murtagh outlined his priorities for the year, welcomed the newly elected and returning councillors and send best wishes to outgoing councillors PJ Reilly and Colin Dalton. He also complemented Mary Gouldsbury, Returning Officer for the Local Elections on the professional way the count was organised and completed.

Councillors Murtagh and Brady said they looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach, councillors and executive in delivering projects for the Granard Municipal District.

Chief Executive, Paddy Mahon, congratulated the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and said he and his team looked forward to working with them.

**NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES – REFERRED FROM LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

Noted – Agreed at the Annual Meeting of Longford County Council held on 21 June 2024

**STANDING ORDERS OF GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the Meetings of Granard Municipal District be held in Granard Community Library on the fourth Monday of every second month, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

The MD Standing Orders will be updated to reflect the Council Standing Orders which were adopted at the AGM on 21 June 2024. They will reflect the date and time of the meetings agreed at today's AGM. Provision will be made, in the Standing Orders, for meetings to be held as follows –

* Granard Library.
* Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae or a suitable external venue, in the Municipal District, used to accommodate meetings of the Municipal District.
* One or more Council buildings or rooms, linked remotely.
* An electronic, digital or virtual location, web address or a conference call telephone number.
* A combination of the above to provide for physical and/or remote attendance by Elected Members.

The updated Standing Orders will be presented at the July Municipal District meeting for formal adoption.

Director of Services, Barbara Heslin informed the meeting that Breege Cronin would be joining the team to support the Municipal District. The Members joined Barbara in thanking Linda Higgins for all her help and support to them since joining the Granard Municipal District team.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

 **Claire McNabola,**

 **Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 22 July 2024.**

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

 **Cathaoirleach**