

# Roscommon County Council AGM



## Fiery exchanges as insults fly

Monday's AGM of Roscommon County Council saw something of a coup by Fine Gael, the HAC, Sinn Fein and Cllr. Luke Flanagan wrestled power from the outgoing Coalition, inflicting some embarrassment on Fianna Fail in the process. Not surprisingly, the fall-out of a dramatic behind-the-scenes deal led to angry exchanges in the Council chamber. Here's a flavour of them....



Laurence Fallon

"You shouldn't be talking. You backed the wrong horse in the Fine Gael heave" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Eugene Murphy to Fine Gael Cllr. Laurence Fallon

"Don't worry. Ye will be back with us next year" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Paddy Kilduff addresses the Independents

"I was not prepared to break my word for 30 pieces of silver" – Independent Cllr. Tom Crosby

"I don't like the underhand way that the HAC went about their business" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Paddy Kilduff

"Deputy Denis Naughten is behind all this. It's all to do with the popularity of Labour" – Labour Party Cllr. John Kelly

"The Fine Gael members are silent. Is it that they don't want to support Cllr. Flanagan or what?" – Fianna Fail Cllr. John Cummins

"Minister Finneran is a born-again environmentalist" – Independent Cllr. and newly-elected Mayor, Luke 'Ming' Flanagan

"In 2002 in the count centre in Longford, Mae Sexton asked me why someone like me would be running for politics and I answered by saying it was to get people like her out" – Cllr. Luke 'Ming' Flanagan

"Watch your back Cllr. Flanagan because there could be a heave against you before the year is out. Remember that the heave against Enda Kenny started in County Roscommon and failed miserably" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Rachel Doherty

"The HAC are showing their true colours now, voting with Fine Gael" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Paddy Kilduff

"The bloody cheek of ye. Who do ye think ye are, demanding letters from the minister or anyone else? It's a joke the way ye are carrying on" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Paddy Kilduff addresses HAC Cllrs. Paula McNamara and Valerie Byrne

"I reject totally any notion or accusation that we did anything underhand" – HAC Cllr. Paula McNamara

"When Greg Kelly needed 50 votes to get elected in the general election, the HAC ensured that the votes swam back across the Shannon and back to Longford. We all remember that" – Fianna Fail Cllr. Paddy Kilduff

"Fine Gael don't want me in the chair, Sinn Fein don't want me in the chair, Ming doesn't want me in the chair. It's all because the Labour Party are now so popular" – Labour Cllr. John Kelly

"We did nothing underhand. All we are interested in is saving Roscommon County Hospital" – HAC Cllr. Valerie Byrne

"Would someone close the windows..... the people will hear all this roaring and shouting down in The Square" – Fine Gael Cllr. Domnick Connolly



Eugene Murphy



Denis Naughten



John Cummins



Rachel Doherty



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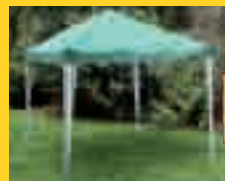
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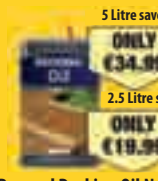
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