

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT, HELD AT 3.30pm. IN THE
TOWN HALL, CLONMEL, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH JUNE, 2019.**

Present: Councillor Garret Ahearn
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Michael Murphy
Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
Councillor Richie Molloy
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy

In attendance: Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator
Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer

Also in attendance: Ms Carol Creighton, Senior Staff Officer
Ms Brid O'Dwyer, Assistant Staff Officer

As this was an Annual Meeting in an election year, per Standing Orders, Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator assumed the Chair until the first item on the agenda, election of the Mayor, had been concluded. There were no counter proposals from the members to this.

Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator welcomed the 6 members of the Clonmel Borough District. The names of the members following the recent local election were called out as follows: -

Cllr. Michael Murphy, Fine Gael
Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Fianna Fail
Cllr. Pat English, Workers and Unemployed Action Group
Cllr. Garret Ahearn, Fine Gael
Cllr. Richie Molloy, Non-Party
Cllr. Niall P. Dennehy, Non-Party

At this point Cllr. Niall P. Dennedy sought to put forward a notice of motion. This was not accepted by the Chair. As per Standing Orders the first order of business at the Annual Meeting in an election year is the election of the Mayor, and the next business, the election of the Deputy-Mayor. And in the case of the Annual Meeting in an election year per Standing Orders, the business to be transacted after the election of the Mayor and the Deputy-Mayor, is consideration of the election, appointment or nomination of members of bodies elected, appointed or nominated by the Borough District Members together with setting the dates for meetings of the Borough District.

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Item 1 – Election of Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2019/2020

Mr Michael Moroney, District Administrator sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr. Michael Murphy proposed Cllr. Garret Ahearn for the position of Mayor.

Cllr. Michael Murphy stated that after working alongside Cllr. Garret Ahearn and his family he believes that Cllr Ahearn has the necessary skills to be an excellent Mayor of Clonmel Borough District. He also noted that being new to his role would bring a fresh approach that was very welcomed.

Cllr Siobhan Ambrose seconded the proposal.

Mr Michael Moroney, District Administrator asked if there were any other nominations for the Mayor of Clonmel Borough District, in which case there was none. It was therefore deemed that Cllr Garret Ahearn was to be elected as Mayor of Clonmel Borough District for 2019/2020.

Mayor Garret Ahearn made a speech and an acknowledgment to his new role as elected Mayor. He confirmed that it was an honour and thanked the proposer and seconder of the proposal. Cllr Ahearn acknowledged his wife and father who were present at the meeting and thanked them for their support. He stated that as Clonmel Borough District had reduced in size since 1st June 2019 he saw this change as a way to focus and concentrate on Clonmel and hoped that it would be a positive move going forward. Cllr Ahearn welcomed Mr Michael Moroney in his new role as District Administrator. He acknowledged that there would be challenges that will come with their role as members of the Council but by working hard and closely together on all the new and existing developments, that he can see a very positive future for Clonmel Borough District. He congratulated Cllr Richie Molloy in his term as Mayor over the last 12 months and the busy and active year that he had.

Cllr Michael Murphy sent congratulations to Cllr Ahearn and his wife and family. He acknowledged that he would make an excellent Mayor and that he was very optimistic in his approach. He noted his well presented speech and the challenges and opportunities that he had spoken about. He also acknowledged Cllr Richie Molloy having had a very successful year and sent congratulations to him.

Cllr Pat English congratulated the new Mayor in assuming this historic role in the Clonmel Borough District. He stated that it was a very proud moment for Cllr Ahearn and his family. He also stated that he

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knew Cllr Ahearn's mother Theresa (RIP) and father Liam. He also expressed congratulations to Cllr Richie Molloy and that he was a hard act for Cllr Ahearn to follow.

Cllr Richie Molloy congratulated Cllr Ahearn and his family and said that he knew his mother and father as politicians but also he knew his mother as a teacher. He expressed his delight for Cllr Ahearn and that it was a great honour that he was now holding in Clonmel Borough District. He said that you would be amazed at the activities in the district that you will be involved in during the term of Mayor. Cllr Molloy also thanked the members and administration staff for their help and support over the last year during his term as Mayor. He confirmed to Cllr Ahearn that he would lend support and help if he needed it in his new role.

Cllr Niall P. Dennehy congratulated Cllr Ahearn on his new role as Mayor of Clonmel Borough District. He stated that he had served with his late mother Theresa Ahearn in the past. He stated that the powers of the members had diminished in the town and it is not the same as it was in the former Clonmel Borough Council. He stated that there was a hard job ahead of all members and that he was looking forward to working with Cllr Ahearn into the future. He stated that there were many changes in the town over the years. Cllr Dennehy also congratulated Cllr Richie Molloy on his term as Mayor.

Cllr Siobhan Ambrose expressed her good wishes to Cllr Ahearn. She said that Cllr Ahearn would be very positive and active in his role and that we now need to send the message out there that Clonmel is alive and open for business. She told Cllr Ahearn that she was looking forward to working with him in his very busy year ahead. She also congratulated Cllr Richie Molloy on his role as Mayor over the last year and also congratulated his wife in the role she played, she told Cllr Molloy they had both served the town well.

Ms Sinead Carr, Director of Services congratulated Cllr Ahearn from all the staff of the Clonmel Borough District. She told Cllr Ahearn that the door is always open and she would lend her full support as would the District Administrator. She told all members that she would meet them separately over the coming weeks. If they find any issues arising come to herself; Mr Michael Moroney, District Administrator or Mr Eoin Powell, District Engineer. She complemented the huge amount of works and project over the last 5 years and the involvement of the members.

Cllr Garret Ahearn thanked all members and Sinead Carr, Director of Service for their good wishes.

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Item 2 – Election of Deputy Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2019/2020

Cllr Garret Ahearn, Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Richie Molloy proposed Councillor Pat English.

Councillor Michael Murphy seconded Councillor Richie Molloy's proposal.

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, to which there were no other proposals. He deemed Cllr Pat English to be elected as Deputy Mayor for 2019/2020.

Cllr Pat English thanked Cllr Richie Molloy and Cllr MI Murphy for their proposal and all members congratulated Cllr Pat English in his new role as Deputy Mayor.

Item 3 – Consider and Adopt Draft Standing Orders of Clonmel Borough District

Mr Michael Moroney, District Administrator highlighted the need to amend the three sections highlighted on the circulated draft standing orders as follows:

1. Standing Order 4 - Where a special meeting of the Borough District Members is convened, in the event of a death then it shall only apply to the following persons:
 - Former Clonmel Borough Council/ Corporation Mayor or member
 - Former Clonmel Borough District Mayor
 - Freeman of Clonmel
2. Standing Order 3 - The quorum for Clonmel Borough District is 3
3. Standing Order 72 - No recommendation to confirm a Civic honour as provided for in Section 74 of the Local Government Act 2001 shall be brought before the Council unless it has first been considered and recommended by the Standing Orders Committee of the District and the Council's Corporate Policy Group. It shall then be decided upon by the Borough District members at their next meeting.

The draft Standing Order were adopted on the proposal by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose, and seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy.

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Item 4 – Recommending Members to Council to be appointed to the following Committeee

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

Cllr Richie Molloy was nominated

Proposed by Cllr Michael Murphy

Seconded by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose

Joint Policing Committee:

Cllr Siobhan Ambrose & Cllr Richie Molloy were nominated

Proposed by Cllr Michael Murphy

Seconded by Cllr Pat English

Members noted that Cllr Pat English had already been nominated to the JPC at the Council plenary meeting.

Item 5 – Fix Schedule of meetings for 2019/2020:-

JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020

1. 17th July 2019
2. 18th September 2019
3. 16th October 2019
4. 20th November 2019
5. 18th December 2019
6. 15th January 2020
7. 19th February 2020
8. 18th March 2020
9. 15th April 2020
10. 20th May 2020
11. 17th June 2020

Signed/ _____
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ _____ 2019

Signed/ _____
District Administrator

Date/ _____ 2019