

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT, HELD AT 3.00pm IN THE TOWN HALL, CLONMEL, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 29th JUNE, 2021.

Present: Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, Mayor
Councillor Richie Molloy, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Michael Murphy
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy
Councillor John Fitzgerald

In attendance: Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive
Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services
Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer

At the outset Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Mayor acknowledged all the people who lost their lives to Covid19. She thanked all the frontline staff including the Tipperary County Councils Covid19 Response Team who played a lead role in ensuring there was an interagency approach to the pandemic across the county. She reflected on her year as Mayor and her aspirations prior to the Covid19 Pandemic restrictions but her plans along with the entire country were stopped due to same. She also thanked the Clonmel Borough District staff who offered support to local businesses along with the supports offered from the LEO section.

Prior to the last Covid19 restriction measures she was delighted to witness the completion of the Davis Road Car Park. Also, with the restrictions lifted last month she was delighted to witness the signing of the contract for phase 1 of the Kickham Barracks Development and the opening of the columbarium at St Patricks cemetery.

There are also a lot of other exciting projects ready to commence in Clonmel in the immediate future.

On a personal note the Mayor wished to acknowledge her father, Mr. Tom Ambrose RIP. She was very fortunate to have both her mother and father at the AGM last year when elected as Mayor. Her father Mr. Tom Ambrose was elected as Mayor on three occasions. He passed away on the 5th May, 2021 may he rest in peace.

Members of the Clonmel Borough District, Mr. Joe MacGrath, CE, Ms Sinead Carr, Director of Services and Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator all congratulated Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose on her mayoralty during the exceptionally difficult year of Covid19 and also on a personal level, acknowledged the death of her father Mr. Tom Ambrose RIP, former Mayor.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy spoke and referred to his position in relation to not electing a Mayor of Clonmel Borough District.

Item 1 – Election of Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2021/2022

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald nominated Cllr. Michael Murphy for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Richie Molloy seconded the proposal.

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There were no other nominations for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose then deemed Cllr. Michael Murphy elected as the Mayor of Clonmel Borough District for 2021/2022.

Cllr. Michael Murphy thanked his proposer and seconder and all members for electing him as Mayor as it was a huge honour.

He thanked the staff of the Clonmel Borough District for making the AGM happen at the historic Town Hall Chamber and was very grateful for same. He was delighted that his wife Jacinta and son Alex were able to attend this special occasion. He referred to those who influenced his career to date and in particular his uncle former Mayor of Clonmel, Cllr. Matt Slater who served 3 terms. He also stated that former Mayor of Clonmel, Cllr Sean Nyhan, who also served for 3 terms, was a great mentor to him, to name but a few.

He acknowledged that Covid19 had impacted our everyday lives but as we emerge from this pandemic the once constant is our community spirit. He reassured all of his commitment, respect and impartiality. He said he is looking forward to working with all Members over the coming year and the Council team to realise the shared ambition and vision for the district. There has been real progress in the vision for the District over the last 12 months and we need to continue this over the next year and it is also important to secure the necessary investment and transform our shared ambition into a reality. Projects such as Kickham Barracks Phase 1, Clonmel Sports Hub, Ballingarane, Questum, and Suir Island Development were now progressing. Active travel is also another exciting investment in the District which will be rolled out shortly. It was also hoped to progress the extension of the Blueway towards Marlfield and also the Public Realm works.

He acknowledged the outstanding Tidy Towns Committees that we have throughout the District and we must continue to support so that we have a national tidy towns winner. Housing remains one of the number one issues over the last 12 months and in the year ahead we are going to see lots of progress.

Cllrs. Pat English congratulated Cllr. Murphy. He stated that he was sure the people of the Clonmel Borough District and further afield would be delighted that he has been elected Mayor. He had no doubt he would carry out his duties with distinction and great sense of pride in his role of Mayor.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy congratulated Cllr. Murphy and stated that he looked forward to working with him during the coming year.

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose congratulated Cllr. Michael Murphy. The title of Mayor is a very important one. It is a very proud day for the family and it was lovely that his wife Jacinta and son Alex were present today. She thought of Cllr. Murphy's mother Ms. Kitty Murphy RIP and how proud she would be of him.

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Cllr. Richie Molloy said that he was absolutely delighted that Cllr. Murphy was going to be Mayor. He stated that he would bring great energy and vision to the role. He wished him all the best in his role.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald said that as Proposer of Cllr. Murphy as Mayor it was obvious how highly he thought of Cllr. Murphy for the role. He wanted to formally congratulate him. He also congratulated his family and what an honour it was for all. Cllr. Fitzgerald said that he was already proud of Cllr. Murphy and he would be a Mayor for all the people of the District and wished him all the best in his role.

Mr. Joe MacGrath congratulated Cllr. Murphy on his election. He stated that he had got to know Cllr. Murphy very well over the years and in particular as Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary County Council and he was very proactive in his role. Notably he has overseen and lead many developments in this District. He wished him all the best in his role.

Ms Sinead Carr congratulated Cllr. Murphy. She said it was hard to believe that it has been 12 years since Cllr Murphy was first elected to the local authority which is a good indicator that they must have got on very well together. She stated that she knows how he works and what his priorities are that he has her full support in his new role.

Mr. Jim Dillon said that he knows Cllr. Murphy through the various sections he has worked in the Council. He exudes respect and fairness. He stated that he had the full support of the District Administrator and all the staff of the Clonmel Borough District. He wished him all the best in his role going forward.

Item 2 – Election of Deputy Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2021/2022

Cllr. Michael Murphy, Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose proposed Cllr. John Fitzgerald.
Cllr. Pat English seconded Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose's proposal.

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, to which there were no other proposals. He deemed Cllr. John Fitzgerald to be elected as Deputy Mayor for 2021/2022.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald thanked Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and Cllr. Pat English for their proposal and all members congratulated Cllr. John Fitzgerald in his new role as Deputy Mayor.

Item 3 – Fix Schedule of meetings for 2021/22

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JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022

- 14th July 2021
- 15th September 2021
- 20th October 2021
- 17th November 2021
- 15th December 2021
- 19th January 2022
- 16th February 2022
- 16th March 2022
- 20th April 2022
- 18th May 2022
- 15th June 2022

The schedule was proposed by Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

Signed/_____

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/_____2021

Signed/_____

District Administrator

Date/_____2021