

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, CLONMEL
AT 2.00pm ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2018**

Present

Cllr. P Bugler, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs. Ambrose, S, Anglim, M. Bonfield, F. Bourke, K. Bourke, J. Browne, M. Bugler, P, Carey, C. Carroll, J. Crosse, J. Darcy, G, Doran, D. Dunne, D. English, P. Fahey, J. FitzGerald, M. Goldsboro, I. Hannigan, J. Hogan, J. Hourigan, Mary Hanna. Kennedy, R. Leahy, D. Lonergan, M. Lowry, M. Molloy, R. McGrath, H. McLoughlin, L. Moloney, A. Moran, E. Murphy, M. Murphy, Ml. O'Meara, J. O'Meara, M. Ryan, J. Ryan, M Ryan, S. Smith, M. Wood, T.

Apologies

Cllr. S Morris.

Also Present

Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, M. Shortt, C. Curley, M O'Connor, K. Cashen, DOS, M. O'Neill, S.E.O, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

**Address by
outgoing
Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to the honour at being elected 4th Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, to serve the people of this county as their first citizen.

Reminiscing on her year, she stated that the Council plays a huge role in the development and success of the County and while 2017 brought many challenges, it had been a very active, productive and successful year for Tipperary County Council. On being elected, her main focus was on increasing investment opportunities in Tipperary and extending the growth in Tipperary Tourism, so on reflection, it was encouraging to see the increased activity in the areas of Inward investment, Tourism and Heritage Projects during 2017.

She stated that the Council continued to organise and support major festivals and events in 2017 in addition to working in partnership with other organisations to showcase the county. Annual Festivals such as Cashel Arts Festival, Dromineer Literary Festival, Terryglass Arts Festival and Clonmel Junction Festival continue to thrive. A personal highlight was the National Famine Commemoration which took place at the Famine Warehouse in Ballingarry on 30th September 2017.

As Cathaoirleach she continued to support the many voluntary and community based groups and organisations in the county who do such tremendous and valuable work. The success of Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee in winning the overall National Tidy Town award for 2017, the best of a record 870 towns and villages throughout the country, at the Supervalu National Tidy Towns competition held in the Helix, Dublin in September and indeed the other towns within the county who achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze medals reflects the Trojan work being carried out at community level in every town and village in the county and compliments the work of the Council in seeking to make Tipperary a better place for all its citizens. As Cathaoirleach she was delighted to represent the Council at the Pride of Place awards ceremony in Donegal in November 2017 with Carrick-on-Suir Creative

representing Tipperary County Council under the Creative Place category.

The Library Service also plays an important role in contributing to recreation and amenity with 12 branch libraries throughout the county and a new school mobile library van launched in 2017. She was delighted to launch the Tipperary County Council Library Service Development Plan 2017-2022 outlining the vision for the Library Service in Tipperary over the next 5 years.

Other Personal highlights attended during the year included;

- Tipperary Culture night incorporating 26 free events ranging from art exhibitions and workshops to films, music, poetry and song, walking tours, lectures and community projects;
- MPSI Award Ceremony at Dublin Castle where Tipperary County Museum were awarded the highest standard in the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland;
- The launch of our 'Postcard' inspired exhibition – "A message in Time" detailing the history of Ireland's postal service;
- Attending the Annual Pakman Awards (Excellence in Waste Management and Recycling) for the presentation of the Bring centre of the year finalist to Tipperary County Council;
- Attending the City and County Managers Association Annual Dinner held in Hotel Minella, Clonmel on the occasion of our Chief Executive Mr Joe MacGrath presiding as Chairman of the CCMA and the Council of the LGMA during 2017;

During her term Cllr. Bugler had the pleasure of meeting with a number of important dignitaries namely,

- The French Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Stephane Crouzet to celebrate Bastille Day;
- The Finnish Ambassador to Ireland, Ms. Janna Teckenberg on the occasion of the 100 year Independence of Finland;
- The British Ambassador to Ireland, Mr Robin Barnett in relation to Irish / UK trade in the construction industry;
- The Chinese Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Yue Xianoyong in relation to developing twinning links between Tipperary and a Chinese Province;

Cllr. Bugler thanked the Chief Executive, Mr Joe MacGrath and his staff for the dedicated work that they do. The level of services which Tipperary County Council provides to the people of Tipperary would not be possible without the continued commitment of staff in every Directorate & District Office of the Council. Their continued flexibility, teamwork and public service ethos have ensured that the priorities and needs of the many communities around the county are constantly being attended to.

Finally, Cllr. Bugler thanked her fellow Councillors for providing the leadership that enabled our communities to enjoy the quality of life that they aspire to and deserve. She thanked the Leas-Chathaoirleach Cllr. Roger Kennedy for his consistent support during her term of office.

The Party Whips and Cllr. Michel Lowry on behalf of the Independent Group paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach on her outstanding performance and her dedication and commitment to the role of Cathaoirleach. It was noted that Cllr. Bugler conducted meetings in a fair and efficient manner and with a firm hand. As Cathaoirleach she represented the County with distinction at home and abroad and impressed on all she met the importance of County Tipperary and all it had to offer.

The Chief Executive, Mr. Joe MacGrath, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Management and Staff congratulated the Cathaoirleach on an outstanding and successful year, noting that Cllr. Bugler was an incredibly hard worker. At the commencement of her term, she had outlined her priorities and had made progress on each of them. She had a particular focus on Tourism and promoted her hometown of Ballina at every available opportunity.

Mr. MacGrath thanked her for the manner in which she represented the County and hoped she had fond memories of her year in the office of Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council.

Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach then sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by **Cllr.R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. M.Hanna Hourigan** that **Cllr Mattie Ryan** be elected Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the year 2018-2019. .

Cllr. Ryan's proposer and seconder referred to the qualities of Cllr. Ryan who had a long history of public service representing his community and in particular the rural community.

It was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**, seconded by **Cllr. D. Doran**, that Cllr. Jim Ryan be elected Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the year 2018-2019.

Cllr. Ryan's proposer and seconder referred to Cllr Ryan's vast experience as a public representative who worked tirelessly for the people he represented.

There were no further nominations.

There being 2 nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, the Meetings Administrator took a roll call as follows:-

	Comhairleoir	Cllr. M. Ryan	Cllr. J. Ryan	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1.	Ambrose, Siobhan	√			
2.	Anglim, Micheál	√			
3.	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
4.	Bourke, Joe	√			
5.	Bourke, Kieran	√			
6.	Browne, Martin		√		
7.	Bugler, Phyll	√			
8.	Carey, Catherine		√		
9.	Carroll, John	√			
10.	Crosse, John	√			
11.	Darcy, Ger	√			
12.	Doran, David		√		
13.	Dunne, David		√		

14.	English, Pat		√		
15.	Fahey, John	√			
16.	FitzGerald, Michael	√			
17.	Goldsboro, Imelda			√	
18.	Hanafin, Seamus	√			
19.	Hannigan, Joe				√
20.	Hogan, John	√			
21.	Hourigan, Mary Hanna	√			
22.	Kennedy, Roger	√			
23.	Leahy, Denis		√		
24.	Lonergan, Martin		√		
25.	Lowry, Michael		√		
26.	McGrath, Hughie	√			
27.	McLoughlin, Louise	√			
28.	Molloy, Richie		√		
29.	Moloney, Andy		√		
30.	Moran, Eddie		√		
31.	Morris, Seamus			√	
32.	Murphy, Marie	√			
33.	Murphy, Michael	√			
34.	O'Meara, Josephine	√			
35.	O'Meara, Michael		√		
36.	Ryan, Jim		√		
37.	Ryan (Coole), Mattie	√			
38.	Ryan, Sean	√			
39.	Smith, Michael	√			
40.	Wood, Tom		√		
	TOTALS	23	14	2	1

23 members voted in favour of Cllr. M. Ryan, 14 members voted in favour of Cllr. J. Ryan, 2 members were absent and 1 member abstained.

Cllr. M. Ryan was deemed elected.

**Address of
Incoming
Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. M. Ryan thanked his proposer and seconder and the members that elected him into the position of Cathaoirleach. It was a great honour and privilege to hold the office of first Citizen of Tipperary in the final year of the Council's term for 2018/2019 and to be the fifth Cathaoirleach.

During his term of office he hoped to promote the county with a particular emphasis on Jobs and Rural Tourism. Cllr. Ryan hoped to see ongoing investment in the areas of housing, local roads and sewerage schemes in local villages. 2019 represented challenges for everyone in terms of Brexit and the National Planning Framework and it was important that Tipperary was well placed to avail of any opportunities that would arise from National or European Funding Streams. It was also important that this County liaised closely with the Regional Assembly to ensure that Tipperary availed of grants available.

The position of Cathaoirleach afforded the opportunity to represent the County at various events both locally and nationally throughout the next 12 months and Cllr. Ryan looked forward to meeting the various community and voluntary groups throughout the county who do Trojan work in their local communities. He undertook to promote the importance of shopping local in order to support and grow our retail and indigenous sector, which was critical to the local economy.

The Local Electoral Area Boundary recommendations represented another challenge for Councillors when they go to the electorate in 2019 for re-election and Cllr. Ryan wished each Councillor every success in that regard.

Cllr. Ryan looked forward to working with the Management, Staff and Members of the Council in ensuring that the Premier County continued to grow and develop thus offering greater opportunities for all of its Citizens.

Cllr. J. Ryan thanked his proposer and seconder and congratulated Cllr. M. Ryan on his election.

The Party Whips and Cllr. M. Lowry on behalf of the Independents congratulated Cllr. M. Ryan on his election as Cathaoirleach and pledged their support for the term of his appointment.

Mr. Joe MacGrath on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff joined in congratulating Cllr. M. Ryan on his election as 5th Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council and looked forward to working with him to make progress on his aims for his term of office.

He wished him an enjoyable and productive year ahead.

Election of Leas Chartaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Ryan sought nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** that **Cllr. Michael Murphy** be elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the term 2018/2019.

It was proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran** and seconded by **Cllr. D. Dunne** that **Cllr. M Browne** be elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the term 2018/2019.

There being 2 nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach, the Meetings Administrator took a roll call as follows:-

	Comhairleoir	Cllr. M. Murphy	Cllr. M. Browne	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1.	Ambrose, Siobhan	√			
2.	Anglim, Micheál	√			
3.	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
4.	Bourke, Joe	√			
5.	Bourke, Kieran	√			
6.	Browne, Martin		√		
7.	Bugler, Phyll	√			
8.	Carey, Catherine		√		
9.	Carroll, John	√			
10.	Crosse, John	√			
11.	Darcy, Ger	√			
12.	Doran, David		√		
13.	Dunne, David		√		
14.	English, Pat		√		
15.	Fahey, John	√			
16.	FitzGerald, Michael	√			
17.	Goldsboro, Imelda			√	
18.	Hanafin, Seamus	√			
19.	Hannigan, Joe				√
20.	Hogan, John	√			
21.	Hourigan, Mary Hanna	√			
22.	Kennedy, Roger	√			
23.	Leahy, Denis		√		
24.	Lonergan, Martin	√			
25.	Lowry, Michael	√			
26.	McGrath, Hughie	√			
27.	McLoughlin, Louise	√			
28.	Molloy, Richie	√			
29.	Moloney, Andy	√			
30.	Moran, Eddie	√			
31.	Morris, Seamus			√	
32.	Murphy, Marie	√			
33.	Murphy, Michael	√			
34.	O'Meara, Josephine	√			
35.	O'Meara, Michael	√			
36.	Ryan, Jim		√		
37.	Ryan (Coole), Mattie	√			
38.	Ryan, Sean	√			
39.	Smith, Michael	√			
40.	Wood, Tom		√		
	TOTALS	29	8	2	1

29 members voted in favour of Cllr. Michael Murphy, 8 members voted in favour of Cllr. M. Browne, 2 members were absent and 1 abstained.

Cllr. Michael Murphy thanked his proposer and seconder and commiserated with Cllr. M. Browne. He looked forward to working with and supporting Cllr. M. Ryan as Cathaoirleach in the year ahead.

The Party Whips and Independent Representatives congratulated the new Leas-Chathaoirleach and assured him of their support over the coming year.

The Chief Executive congratulated the outgoing Leas Chathaoirleach Cllr. R. Kennedy and the incoming Leas Chathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Murphy. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirligh/Mayor of each District and congratulated the incoming Cathaoirligh/Mayor.

Conclusion

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed/_____
 Cathaoirleach.

Date/_____

Signed/_____
 Meetings Administrator.

Date/_____