



**MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THURLES  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY  
COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON  
17th. JUNE, 2019**

**Members Present:** Councillors Noel Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Shane Lee, Micheál Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Peter Ryan, Sean Ryan and Michael Smith.

**Also Present:** Matt Shortt District Director  
Janice Gardiner Acting Meetings Administrator  
Deirdre O' Shea Senior Staff Officer

**Cathaoirleach:**

It was agreed that the Acting Meetings Administrator act as Acting Cathaoirleach pending the election of the Cathaoirleach.

**1. Names of Members elected to the Thurles Municipal District.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator announced the names of the Members of the Thurles Municipal District who were elected at the Local Elections held on Friday, 24th. May, 2019 as follows:-

Noel Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Shane Lee, Micheál Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Peter Ryan, Sean Ryan and Michael Smith.

**2. Election of Cathaoirleach.**

The Acting Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Cathaoirleach for the next year.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ryan and seconded by Councillor N. Coonan:-

"That Councillor M. Smith be elected Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

As there was no other nominations for the position, the Acting Cathaoirleach declared Councillor M. Smith elected Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District.

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Councillor M. Smith, on assuming the Chair, thanked his proposer and seconder and spoke of what an honour and privilege it was to attain the position. He congratulated all of the Members on their successful election to the Council and he praised the work undertaken by John Hogan and Joe Bourke who did not seek re-election. He wished David Doran a speedy recovery. The other Members concurred with his comments and wished him well during his term of office.

The Cathaoirleach outlined his main priorities for the year ahead as follows:-

- The Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme.
- Review of traffic and parking in Thurles.
- Continue to highlight the need for a bypass for Thurles.
- Progress the improvements to the N62 on both approach roads to Templemore town.
- Completion of structural repairs to Templemore Town Hall.
- Safety improvements at Grove Street and Green Street, Roscrea.
- Refurbishment of Market Square, Roscrea.
- Enhancement of villages in the District.
- Delivery of more housing units in the County to address the housing shortage.
- Provision of services in autistic units.

### **3. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach.**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin and seconded by Councillor E. Moran:

"That Councillor Michéal Lowry be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

There being no further nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Michéal Lowry elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Lowry thanked his proposer and seconder for electing him Leas-Cathaoirleach.

The other Members wished him well in the position.



#### **4. Consider and adopt Draft Standing Orders of the Thurles Municipal District.**

Copy of the Draft Standing Orders of the Thurles Municipal District were circulated with the Agenda.

Councillor S. Ryan proposed that the Monthly Meetings commence at 3:30pm which was seconded by Councillor S. Hanafin.

Councillor J. Ryan advised that he would have difficulty with the proposed time change for work reasons.

The Cathaoirleach offered to meet each Member separately on the matter to obtain their views and it was agreed to defer a decision on the proposal until the next Monthly District Meeting.

#### **5. Appointment of Members to:** **a) Thurles Swimming Pool DAC** **b) Roscrea Swimming Pool Limited**

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the nomination of 2 Members for election to the Board of Thurles Swimming Pool DAC.

Councillor S. Ryan : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
Seconded by Councillor P. Ryan

Councillor P. Ryan : Proposed by Councillor N. Coonan  
Seconded by Councillor S. Ryan

There being no further proposals, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillors S. Ryan and P. Ryan nominated for election to the Board of Thurles Swimming Pool DAC.

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the nomination of 2 Members for election to the Board of Roscrea Swimming Pool Limited.

Councillor M. Smith : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
Seconded by Councillor S. Ryan

Councillor N. Coonan : Proposed by Councillor P. Ryan  
Seconded by Councillor S. Ryan



There being no further proposals, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillors M. Smith and N. Coonan nominated for election to the Board of Roscrea Swimming Pool Limited.

**6. Appointment of Members to Drainage Committees (Black River, Clodiagh River, Cromogue River, Farney Bridge/Ballinahow, Roscrea/Templemore).**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for appointment of Members to the Drainage Committees established for the Black, Clodiagh, Cromogue, Farney Bridge/Ballinahow and Roscrea/Templemore River Drainage Areas.

Black River Drainage Area

Councillors M. Lowry : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
P. Ryan, S. Ryan : Seconded by Councillor E. Moran

Clodiagh River Drainage Area

Councillors M. Lowry : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
J. Ryan, M. Smith : Seconded by Councillor E. Moran

Cromogue River Drainage Area

Councillors S. Hanafin : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
J. Ryan, M. Smith : Seconded by Councillor E. Moran

Farney Bridge / Ballinahow River Drainage Area

Councillors S. Hanafin : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
M. Lowry, S. Ryan : Seconded by Councillor E. Moran

Roscrea / Templemore River Drainage Area

Councillors N. Coonan : Proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin  
S. Lee, E. Moran : Seconded by Councillor E. Moran

The Cathaoirleach declared the appointments as set out above.



## **7. Appointment of one Member to the Joint Policing Committee.**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the appointment of one Member of the District to the Joint Policing Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin and seconded by Councillor S. Ryan:-

"That Councillor J. Ryan be nominated for appointment to the Joint Policing Committee."

There being no further nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor J. Ryan the nominee for appointment to the Joint Policing Committee.

## **8. Agree Schedule of Monthly Meetings of Thurles Municipal District.**

A Draft Schedule of Monthly Meetings of Thurles Municipal District was circulated with the Agenda.

It was agreed that in accordance with the Standing Orders, the Monthly Meetings of Thurles Municipal District be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month except August as follows:-

24th. July, 2019  
25th. September, 2019  
23rd. October, 2019  
27th. November, 2019  
December - date to be fixed

## **9. Correspondence.**

### **a) Proposed PSO Bus Service - Roscrea to Nenagh and Roscrea to Portlaoise**

The Acting Meetings Administrator read out correspondence received from the National Transport Authority in regard to their proposals to enter into Public Transport Services Contracts for the provision of new bus routes from Roscrea to Nenagh and Roscrea to Portlaoise. She added that the Members are invited to make written submissions in relation to the proposed contracts by Thursday 27th. June, 2019 and that submissions can be emailed directly to her to compile for the National Transport Authority. It was agreed that copies of the correspondence received would be emailed to the Members.

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## 10. Any Other Business.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Response</u>
Poor condition of the N62 on the approach roads to Templemore town	Funding has been approved to undertake substantial reconstruction works and the design is currently underway. A request has been submitted to TII to carry out temporary works in the interim.
Condition of the N75 from the roundabout at Mill Road to The Anner Hotel, Thurles.	Funding has been approved to undertake improvement works.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tenders will be invited mid July and a timeframe for commencement and completion of works will become clear on assessment of tenders mid September.</li> <li>ii. Works will be undertaken on a phased basis in order to minimise disruption.</li> <li>iii. A meeting was held with Thurles Chamber last Wednesday to update them on the Scheme.</li> </ul>
Cost of Insurance imposed on Voluntary Committees, which is a requirement for draw down of Tidy Towns Grants, is becoming problematic.	The concerns will be forwarded to Environment Section.
Address hedgecutting in the District.	The matter is receiving attention.
Road signage needs attention in some areas.	The complaint will be investigated.
Update in regard to flooding at Priory Demesne, Templemore.	The Council is awaiting a decision from the OPW.



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
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Poor condition of the N62  
near the traffic lights on the  
Birr Road, Roscrea.

Identified on the programme but not at  
approval stage.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE: 24th. July, 2019.**  
CATHAOIRLEACH

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ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

17th. June, 2019.