



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON 15th. JUNE, 2020

Present: Councillor Michael Smith Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Noel Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Shane Lee, Michéal Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Peter Ryan and Sean Ryan.

Also Present:

Joe MacGrath	Chief Executive
Eamonn Lonergan	Acting District Director
Thomas Duffy	District Engineer
Janice Gardiner	A/Meetings Administrator
Susan Scally	Asst. Staff Officer.

Address by the Outgoing Cathaoirleach.

The Outgoing Cathaoirleach in an address:

- Acknowledged the honour associated with being elected Cathaoirleach of the District and thanked the Members for the opportunity afforded to him.
- Welcomed Joe MacGrath Chief Executive to the Meeting.
- Highlighted 2 main projects that are ongoing in the District –
The refurbishment of Templemore Town Hall as a Cultural and Economic Centre with associated Civic Plaza at a cost of €2.1m.
Application under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to create an Innovation Hub in Roscrea which will be funded by Tipperary County Council and Leader.
- Recognised the funding provided by the District to all voluntary groups in the District each year.
- Thanked the Members and particularly, Councillor M. Lowry, Leas Cathaoirleach for their co-operation, assistance and support throughout the year.
- Acknowledged the support and assistance of the District Director, the Acting Meetings Administrator and all the Staff of the Municipal District.

The Members acknowledged the manner in which the outgoing Cathaoirleach undertook his duties and the fair and calm manner in which he Chaired the Meetings.

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The Chief Executive thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Members for the work carried out despite the challenging and unprecedented times we are in. He confirmed that the main focus of the Council is to get back up and running the various services provided. He mentioned all projects taking place across the county especially Templemore Town Hall and Liberty Square Thurles and confirmed that the Council would continue to apply for projects into the future.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

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

"That Councillor Noel Coonan be elected Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

As there was no other nominations for the position, Councillor N. Coonan was deemed to be elected as Cathaoirleach for the ensuing year. Councillor M. Smith congratulated Councillor N. Coonan on his election and he vacated the Chair.

The other Members congratulated Councillor N. Coonan on his election.

Address of Incoming Cathaoirleach.

Councillor N. Coonan, on assuming the Chair, thanked his proposer and seconder and expressed what an honour it was for him to become Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District and advised that being elected Cathaoirleach was one of the greatest honours in politics at local or national level. He complimented Councillor M. Smith on his term in office as Cathaoirleach and outlined his main priorities for the year as follows:

- With the challenges of Covid-19 there is an onus on the Members to continue to support rural Ireland and encourage people to work and live locally and work to provide facilities to ensure this.
- Projects that are ongoing in the three towns in the District.
- To support the major project for the provision of voluntary housing in the centre of Templemore.
- Focus on the rejuvenation of businesses and communities in our area.

The Members and Officials congratulated Councillor N. Coonan on his election and wished him well in the year ahead.

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2. 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 S. Ryan:

"That Councillor J. Ryan be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

There being no further nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor J. Ryan elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor J. Ryan thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members for electing him Leas Cathaoirleach and advised that he was looking forward to working with the Cathaoirleach in the coming year.

The Chief Executive congratulated Councillor N. Coonan on his election, acknowledged the wealth of experience he has and wished him well for the ensuing year. He also congratulated Councillor J. Ryan on his election and thanked Councillor M. Smith for his work and dedication in the past year. He also thanked the Acting District Director, District Engineer and Acting District Administrator for all their work in the past year.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 20th. July, 2020.**
CATHAOIRLEACH

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ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR