



**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE LIBRARY OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE,  
THURLES ON WEDNESDAY, 24th. JUNE, 2015 AT 10.00 am.**

**Present:** Councillor Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Joe Bourke, Jackie Cahill, David Doran,  
Seamus Hanafin, John Hogan, Willie Kennedy,  
Micheál Lowry and Jim Ryan.

**Also Present:**

Matt Shortt	District Director.
Ruairi Boland B.E.	District Engineer.
John Jones B.E.	Executive Engineer.
Michael Ryan	Meetings Administrator.

**Vote of Sympathy.**

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended sympathy to the relatives of the late Jimmy Doyle who died on Monday.

Members recalled Jimmy's hurling career with Thurles CBS, Thurles Sarsfield and Tipperary and the esteem in which he was held.

The Meetings Administrator, on behalf of the Chief Executive, the District Director and Staff endorsed the expression of sympathy and the tributes. He added that Jimmy was an employee of North Tipperary County Council for many years through his membership of Thurles Fire Brigade.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Doran, seconded by Councillor S. Hanafin and resolved:-

"That this Meeting be adjourned until 10.15 am as a mark of respect for the late Jimmy Doyle who died on Monday."

It was agreed that the Tipperary Flag be flown at half mast until after the funeral on Thursday as a mark of respect.

**Resumption of Meeting.**

The Meeting resumed at 10.15 am.

24th. June, 2015.



### **Address by the Outgoing Cathaoirleach.**

The Outgoing Cathaoirleach in an address:

- indicated that he was very honoured to have been the first Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District.
- outlined the highlights of his year in office which included having the December Monthly Meeting in Damer House, Roscrea.
- reported on the outcome of a Deputation from the County Council to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport seeking increased funding for roads.
- expressed frustration with "bureaucratic bottlenecks" in the new system and also expressed the view that there is a democratic deficit in the new system.
- thanked the Members for their co-operation during the year and acknowledged the support and assistance of the District Director and Staff.

The District Director thanked the Cathaoirleach and Members for their co-operation and assistance during the year. He pointed out that it was the first year of the new system and as the Municipal District includes 6 units of the old system, it will take time to come together.

#### **1. Election of Cathaoirleach.**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith and seconded by Councillor S. Hanafin:

"That Councillor John Hogan be elected Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

Councillor D. Doran expressed disappointment with Councillor Smith proposing Councillor Hogan as they had agreed at last year's Annual Meeting that the D'Hondt method would be used for the election of the Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Doran and seconded by Councillor J. Ryan:

"That Councillor Jim Ryan be elected Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

Councillor Ryan indicated that he was withdrawing his name. He also expressed his disappointment with Councillor Smith's failure to honour the agreement made last year.



There being one nomination, the outgoing Cathaoirleach declared Councillor John Hogan elected Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year.

Councillor Smith congratulated Councillor Hogan on his election and vacated the Chair.

The Members and Officials complimented the Outgoing Cathaoirleach on the manner in which he performed his duties over the last year.

### **Address of Incoming Cathaoirleach.**

Councillor Hogan, on assuming the Chair, thanked his proposer and seconder and the Municipal District for electing him Cathaoirleach. The Cathaoirleach outlined his main priorities for the year ahead as follows:

- Lobby the IDA to create employment opportunities throughout the District - the IDA brought 11 Industrialists to North Tipperary in 1980 but their current focus is entirely on Dublin and the adjoining counties.
- Secure a replacement industry for Lisheen Mine.
- Progress social housing to reduce the significant housing list in the District.
- Advance the Thurles Link Road and Thurles Bypass which are very important for the future of the Town.
- Lobby for increase funding for the maintenance and upkeep of our road network which is currently completely underfunded.
- Provision of a Recycling Centre in Thurles.
- Care of the Environment - designate Tipperary a Bitmus Coal Free County.
- Progress the Liberty Square, Thurles and Roscrea Enhancement Schemes and provide amenities throughout the District.

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

## **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 M. Smith:

"That Councillor Willie Kennedy be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."



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There being no further nomination, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Willie Kennedy elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Kennedy thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members for electing him Leas Cathaoirleach. He stated that he deemed it a great honour to be elected to the County Council and does not have any ambition to be elected to higher office. Councillor Kennedy indicated that he would be available to assist the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District in every way possible during the year.

The Members and Officials congratulated Councillor Kennedy on his election.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 22nd. July, 2015.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 22nd. July, 2015.