



MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF TEMPLEMORE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE LIBRARY OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON THURSDAY, 12th. JUNE, 2014.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Matt Shortt	District Director.
Ruairi Boland B.E.	District Engineer.
Michael Ryan	District Administrator.

Cathaoirleach.

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

1. Names of Members elect to the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District.

The Meetings Administrator announced the names of the Members of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District which were elected at the Local Elections held on Friday 23rd. May, 2014 as follows:

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

2. Election of Cathaoirleach.

The Acting Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Cathaoirleach for the next year and the following proposals were made:

Councillor John Hogan : Proposed by Councillor Seamus Hanafin.
Seconded by Councillor Jackie Cahill.

Councillor Jim Ryan proposed that the d'Hondt System be adopted by the Templemore Thurles Municipal District for the election of the Cathaoirleach for the term of the Council. He suggested that it is a fair and equitable system as, under it, the five members who received the highest votes would be elected Cathaoirleach in sequence.



Councillors David Doran, Micheál Lowry and Willie Kennedy endorsed Councillor Ryan's proposal re the use of the d'Hondt System.

Councillor Michael Smith : Proposed by Councillor Micheál Lowry.
Seconded by Councillor David Doran.

There being no further proposal, a poll was conducted which resulted as follows:

For Councillor John Hogan : Councillors Joe Bourke, Jackie Cahill,
Seamus Hanafin & John Hogan (4).

For Councillor Michael Smith : Councillors David Doran, Willie Kennedy,
Micheál Lowry, Jim Ryan & Michael Smith (5).

The Acting Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Michael Smith elected Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District.

Councillor Smith, on assuming the Chair, thanked his proposer and seconder and indicated that it was the first time he has been elected a Cathaoirleach since his election to the County Council.

Members congratulated Councillor Smith on his election.

Councillor J. Hogan criticised Councillor Smith on his failure to vote for him as agreed prior to the meeting. Councillors Hanafin and Cahill also expressed disappointment with Councillor Smith's actions.

The Cathaoirleach pointed out that he had been elected in a democratic manner and he suggested that all members should work together for the area.

Members suggested, in the course of their contributions, that the following issues will need to be addressed at Municipal District level:

- Improvement of the road network in the district and the development of tourism with particular emphasis on the Thurles connection with the GAA.
- Recognition of the importance of the rural villages and of the work done by voluntary committees.
- Funding as new areas have come into the District.
- Rural Roads.
- Traffic congestion in Thurles.
- Allocation of the Property Tax.
- Ensuring that Training in Garda Training College, Templemore will recommence as planned.
- Attraction of a replacement industry for Lisheen Mines.
- Emigration.



The District Director, Engineer and Administrator congratulated Councillor Smith on his election as Cathaoirleach.

3. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the election of Leas-Cathaoirleach and the following were made:

Councillor Jackie Cahill : Proposed by Councillor Jim Ryan.
Seconded by Councillor David Doran.

There being one proposal, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Jackie Cahill elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District.

Councillor Cahill thanked his proposer, seconder and members for electing him Leas-Cathaoirleach.

4. Consider & Adopt Draft Standing Orders of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District.

Copy of the Draft Standing Orders of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District were circulated.

It was noted that:

- The Members can agree an alternative date for the December Monthly Meeting as it is currently scheduled for Wednesday 24th. December, 2014 i.e. Christmas Eve.
- The Monthly Meetings are scheduled to take place on the 4th. Wednesday of each month except August.

It was agreed that the Monthly Meetings commence at 10.00 a.m.

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

"That the Draft Standing Orders of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District as amended be and are hereby adopted".



5. (a) Nomination of Two Members for election to the Board of Thurles Swimming Pool Limited.

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the nomination of 2 Members for election to the Board Thurles Swimming Pool Limited and the following proposals were made:

- Councillor Seamus Hanafin : Proposed by Councillor Jackie Cahill.
Seconded by Councillor Joe Bourke.
- Councillor David Doran : Proposed by Councillor Jim Ryan.
Seconded by Councillor Micheál Lowry.
- Councillors Jackie Cahill : Proposed by Councillor John Hogan.
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Hanafin.

It was agreed that each Member would indicate a preference for two of the three candidates.

A poll was taken which resulted as follows:

- For Councillor Cahill : Councillors Joe Bourke, Jackie Cahill,
David Doran, Seamus Hanafin & John
Hogan (5).
- For Councillor Doran : Councillors David Doran, Willie Kennedy,
Micheál Lowry, Jim Ryan & Michael Smith
(5).
- For Councillor Hanafin : Councillors Joe Bourke, Jackie Cahill,
Seamus Hanafin, John Hogan, Willie
Kennedy, Micheál Lowry, Jim Ryan &
Michael Smith (8).

There being an equality of votes for Councillor Cahill and Councillor Doran, the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael Smith, exercised his casting vote in favour of Councillor Doran.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillors David Doran and Seamus Hanafin nominated for election to the Board of Thurles Swimming Pool Limited.



5 (b) Nomination of Two Members for election to the Board of Roscrea Swimming Pool Limited.

The Cathaoirleach invited proposals for the nomination of 2 Members for election to the Board Roscrea Swimming Pool Limited and the following proposals were made:

- Councillor John Hogan : Proposed by Councillor Jackie Cahill.
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Hanafin.
- Councillor Michael Smith : Proposed by Councillor Micheál Lowry.
Seconded by Councillor Jim Ryan.
- Councillors Joe Bourke : Proposed by Councillor Seamus Hanafin.
Seconded by Councillor Jackie Cahill.

Councillor Joe Bourke indicated that he wished to withdraw his name and this was accepted by his proposer and seconder and the Meeting.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillors M. Smith and J. Hogan nominated for election to the Board of Roscrea Swimming Pool Limited.

6. Agree Schedule of Monthly Meetings of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District.

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

- 23rd. July, 2014.
- 24th. September, 2014.
- 22nd. October, 2014.
- 26th. November, 2014.
- 24th. December, 2014 (an alternative date to be agreed at the November Meeting).
- 28th. January, 2015.
- 25th. February, 2015.
- 25th. March, 2015.
- 22nd. April, 2015.
- 27th. May, 2015.
- 24th. June, 2015.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 24th. September, 2014.

SIGNED: _____
MEETING ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 24th. September, 2014.