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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON 21st JUNE, 2021

Present:

Councillor Noel Coonan, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Michael Smith, 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
Sharon Scully	Meetings Administrator
Orla McDonnell	A/Senior Staff Officer.

Address by the Outgoing Cathaoirleach.

The Outgoing Cathaoirleach in his address:

- Welcomed Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive to the Meeting.
- Thanked all the Members, in particular Councillor Jim Ryan, Leas Cathaoirleach, for their support and co-operation throughout the year.
- Acknowledged the privilege associated with being elected Cathaoirleach of the District.
- Thanked the District Administrator, Engineering Staff, Outdoor Staff and Secretarial Staff for their assistance and efficiency and the Acting District Director for his advice and direction throughout the year.
- Acknowledged the difficult and strange year due to Covid-19 and the front-line staff who dealt with the pandemic, the general community for their patience and resilience and the young people who showed maturity and adapted as necessary.
- Remembered all the families in the District who suffered due to Covid and lost loved ones and how, in difficult times, it brought a togetherness of people, especially to the elderly.
- Acknowledged the major projects undertaken in the three towns, in the villages and the wider economy.
- Acknowledged his gladness to have been directly involved in the improvement of Templemore Drainage Scheme, seeking additional funding from the Minister.



- Recognised the need to ensure that towns like Roscrea, which is on the periphery of the Southern Regional Assembly, continue to develop and are dependent on additional resources and this needs to be manifested in the County Development Plan.

The Members acknowledged the manner in which the outgoing Cathaoirleach undertook his duties and excelled in his role as Cathaoirleach.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

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

"That Councillor Seamus Hanafin be elected Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

As there were no other nominations for the position, Councillor S. Hanafin was deemed to be elected as Cathaoirleach for the ensuing year.

Councillor N. Coonan congratulated Councillor S. Hanafin on his election and he vacated the Chair.

The other Members congratulated Councillor S. Hanafin on his election.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith and seconded by Councillor N. Coonan:

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

There being no further nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor E. Moran elected Leas Cathaoirleach.



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

Address of Incoming Cathaoirleach.

The Incoming Cathaoirleach in his address:

- Expressed his sincere thanks to Councillor N. Coonan and thanked his proposer and seconder.
- Acknowledged the honour of being elected Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District. Acknowledged how it had been a difficult year, under difficult circumstances due to Covid-19.
- Thanked the Acting District Director, District Administrator and District Engineer in establishing the Project Pipeline mentioning some of the capital projects under the pipeline, namely; Liberty Square, Littleton Labyrinth and the River Suir Walking Path.
- Stated that Covid-19 will not end in September even if we are all vaccinated, as supply and demand to businesses will continue to struggle for the next couple of years. He acknowledged the role of support from Government and Local Authorities and urged them to keep the support going for the moment.
- Spoke of the Municipal District's need to be ambitious in order to deliver.

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

The Chief Executive congratulated Councillor S. Hanafin on his election and wished him well in the coming year. He stated that it is an exciting time in Thurles, Templemore and Roscrea at the moment and also in rural areas such as Lisheen, Monaincha and Littleton.

He also thanked the Acting District Director, District Engineer and District Administrator for all their work in the past year, and stated that the Project Pipeline is an impressive list of works.

He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor N. Coonan, and Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. Ryan for their commitment during a difficult year and he welcomed Councillor E. Moran as leas Cathaoirleach.

The Acting District Director, on behalf of the Administrative Staff of the MD, thanked Councillor Coonan for his role as Cathaoirleach, acknowledging his support for the Project Pipeline, which he described as an ambitious plan that will attempt to cover the entire region of the District.



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He welcomed Councillor Hanafin, ambitious and always eager to deliver and Councillor Moran who has great passion for his area. The District Director stated that he looks forward to working with the Members over the following year in what will be a joint up effort by all.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:  **DATE: 19th July, 2021.**
CATHAOIRLEACH

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MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR