

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CLONMEL
BOROUGH DISTRICT, HELD IN THE TOWH HALL AT 4PM, FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2023

Present: Cllr. Pat English, Mayor
Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Deputy Mayor
Cllr. Michael Murphy
Cllr. John Fitzgerald
Cllr. Richie Molloy

In attendance: Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive
Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator
Ms. Mary Irwin, A/Staff Officer

At the outset Cllr. Pat English, Mayor welcomed everyone to the historical Chamber of the Town Hall. He reflected on the outgoing year and thanked Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Deputy Mayor and his colleagues for their support. He thanked the team at Tipperary County Council and, in particular, Sinead Carr Town Manager, Carol Creighton District Administrator, and the staff of Clonmel Borough District for all their expertise, support and knowledge. He thanked the media for the great accuracy in which they reported on the monthly meetings. He also thanked Seamus Healy and his colleagues in the W.U.A.G. Party who helped elect him onto the Council and for their support and encouragement.

The Mayor stated that he was proud of the projects which had been completed during the year. The opening of the Kickham Barracks Plaza and the news on the College Campus and Garda Barracks was a great bonus for the town of Clonmel. The opening of the Sports Hub at the TUS Campus which will serve the town for many generations was also welcomed news. He noted that there are also a lot of other exciting projects that have commenced and are ready to be progressed such as the upgrading of the Suir Blueway, the progression of Suir Island, the opening of the Camper Van Site shortly which will attract tourists to the town, and the news on the sale of the Clonmel Arms Hotel. The Mayor also mentioned the recent commitment by the NTA on the upgrading of the new bus routes in the town, the expansion of the CCTV Scheme, the recent 400 new jobs announced at Boston Scientific and the €5.7m Investment by Penney's in the newly refurbished store. He also stated that it is great to see the investment by the Council in the increasing housing supply.

He stated that there is a big tradition of voluntary groups in the town who work towards the improvement of Clonmel and he was delighted during his mayoralty to recognise the work carried out by these groups by hosting a number of Mayoral Receptions. He also had the honour of hosting a Civic Reception for the Franciscan Friars on their departure from Clonmel and for the Credit Union to mark their 60th anniversary stating the reception for the Franciscan Friars was a personal highlight. He referred to the special meetings held for the late Carrie Acheson and Billy Sheer RIP who both passed away during his year as Mayor stating that it was an honour to host special meetings in their memory.

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He thanked his Wife, Carol and his family for all their support during his year as Mayor.

The Mayor concluded by stating that it was an honour and a privilege to serve his hometown as Mayor of Clonmel.

Members of the Clonmel Borough District, Mr. Joe MacGrath, CE, Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services and Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator all congratulated Cllr. English on a successful year as Mayor. The Mayors' commitment, positivity, fairness and professionalism that he brought to the role and the honour in which he held this role was acknowledged by all.

Item 1 - Election of Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2023/2024

Cllr. Pat English sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose nominated Cllr. Richie Molloy for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Michael Murphy seconded the proposal.

There were no other nominations for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Pat English then deemed Cllr. Richie Molloy elected as the Mayor of Clonmel Borough District for 2023/2024.

Cllr. Richie Molloy thanked Cllr. Ambrose and Cllr. Murphy and all members for electing him as Mayor stating that it was a huge privilege and honour.

He remembered his late parents, Simon and Bridie and recalled that his mother, Bridie was present in the chamber when he was 1st elected Mayor in 2007. He stated that Clonmel was fortunate to have high employment in the town with companies such as Boston Scientific, Bulmers, Abbott Vascular and Merck Sharp & Dahme. He is very proud of the fact that Tipperary County Council supports and encourages the smaller businesses in the town and stated that he will also concentrate on this during his year as Mayor as the small businesses were the lifeblood of every town. He acknowledged the opening of the Kickham Barracks Plaza and the Sports Hub which are great assets to the town and looked forward to the Projects underway such as the Pathfinder Project - Clonmel Urban Realm and Suir Island Bridge which will be a link between Suir Island, the town centre and Denis Burke Park. He looked forward to the introduction of the new faster EV Charging Points. He acknowledged the many festival groups in the town which encourage people into the town. He looked forward to the further upgrading of the Blueway and to the introduction of the 12 spaces dedicated in Suir Island for Camper Vans which will further encourage people into the town. He stated that he will also utilise his term as Mayor to promote Family Carers Ireland to remind people of the work carried out by Family Carers in the home and to seek more practical support from the HSE for Carers in the home.

He looks forward to working together as a team to promote the town of Clonmel positively and to serve the people of Clonmel.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose congratulated Cllr. Richie Molloy, his wife, Sangeeta and family on his new role stating that is a very proud moment in his career. She recalled the time when they both entered into the Council in 2004 and how he served as Mayor in 2007 and 2009 stating that he had a great interest in all things Clonmel. She looked forward to working with him in the year ahead.

Councillor Murphy congratulated Cllr. Molloy on his election. He stated that it was going to be an exciting year ahead especially with all the projects currently being undertaken by the District notwithstanding the challenges that also exist. He extended his good wishes and congratulations to Cllr. Molloy's wife, Sangeeta and family on a very proud day.

Cllr. Pat English congratulated Cllr. Molloy on his own behalf and on behalf of the members of the W.U.A.G. on his election as Mayor. He extended his good wishes to his Wife, Sangeeta and family and offered Cllr. Molloy his full support during the next 12 months.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald congratulated Councillor Molloy on his election as Mayor for the 3rd occasion. He stated that Councillor Molloy is modest and inclusive and assured him of his absolute support for the year. He wished his wife, Sangeeta and family his congratulations.

Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services took the opportunity to congratulate Cllr. Molloy stating that they have been working together for almost 20 years. She acknowledged that Cllr. Molloy holds the position in very high regard. She assured Councillor Molloy that both herself and the Clonmel Borough District team will give him every support in his role.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive joined with the Members and Sinead Carr in congratulating Cllr. Molloy on being elected 1st Citizen and Mayor of Clonmel. He stated that being elected Mayor for the 3rd time is a huge honour and a very proud day for himself and his family. He stated that Cllr. Molloy would have the full support of the District and County Council staff in his role. He acknowledged Cllr. Molloy's optimism for the year ahead and wished him all the best in a very demanding role.

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator also joined in congratulating Cllr. Molloy and wishing him the best of luck in the year ahead. She also thanked the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Pat English, for his support and professionalism during the year.

Item 2 - Election of Deputy Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2023/2024

Cllr. Richie Molloy, Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald proposed Cllr. Michael Murphy.

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Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose seconded Cllr. John Fitzgerald's proposal.

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, to which there were no other proposals. He deemed Cllr. Michael Murphy to be elected as Deputy Mayor for 2023/2024.

Cllr. Michael Murphy thanked Cllr. John Fitzgerald and Cllr. Michael Murphy for their proposal and all members congratulated Cllr. Michael Murphy in his new role as Deputy Mayor.

Item 3 - Fix Schedule of Meetings for 2023/2024.

July 2023 - June 2024

- 12th July, 2023
- 20th September, 2023
- 18th October, 2023
- 15th November, 2023
- 13th December, 2023
- 17th January, 2024
- 2ⁱst February, 2024
- 20th March, 2024
- 17th April, 2024
- 15th May, 2024
- 19th June, 2024

This item was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

Signed:



Mayor of Clonmel Borough District.

Dated:

12/7/23

Signed:



District Administrator.

Dated:

12/7/23.
