

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District hosted in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and held remotely on Monday 27th June 2022 at 11am

Members Present: Councillor Micheál Anglim, Cathaoirleach outgoing
Councillor Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach incoming
Councillor Tony Black
Councillor John Crosse
Councillor Michael FitzGerald
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan
Councillor Roger Kennedy
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Marie Murphy

Officials Present: Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive
Mr. Dave Carroll, A/District Director
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer

Apologies Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District and began by saying that it was a great honour and privilege to have been Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District. He informed the members that he wanted to be fair and he hoped he was. He wanted to thank the Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath and acknowledged the change in officials during his term and stated that it was a pleasure to work with them. He acknowledged that it is a big district and he was proud to officially open the playground in Ardfinnan. Another highlight was to host a civic reception for our BT Young Scientists and the Ladies Football Clubs in the District. He stated that it was important to him to recognise and acknowledge all the work of the Ladies Football Clubs in our communities. He confirmed that it was an honour to be Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District and thanked the Members for placing their trust in him.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District for the 2023 - 2024 term.

Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan thanked Councillor Anglim and congratulated him on his term and commended him for being efficient and a good time keeper and wished him well. She welcomed the Chief Executive

to the meeting and she proposed Councillor Declan Burgess for the position of Cathaoirleach. Councillor Hanna Hourigan stated that she knows Councillor Burgess a long time including his time in Cashel Community School and through Comhairle Na nOg. She added that he is deeply rooted in Cashel including his work with Cashel King Cormacs and Cashel Heritage and Development Group. She noted that he was the youngest elected member in the Country in 2019 and has a great career ahead of him. She welcomed his family and Senator Gareth Ahearne and confirmed he is a safe pair of hands and wished him well. This proposal was seconded by Councillor John Crosse when he stated that it was an honour and a privilege to welcome Senator Gareth Ahearne and the Chief Executive Joe MacGrath.

As there was no other nomination for Cathaoirleach, Councillor Declan Burgess took his position as Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District for the 2023-2024 term. He thanked his proposer and seconder for nominating him as Cathaoirleach. He thanked Joe MacGrath, Dave Carroll, Anselm McGowan, the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Senator Ahearne and his family. He stated that he was truly humbled and privileged to be elected unanimously by his fellow Councillors as Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District. He stated that at 28 years old it's very exciting to be the youngest person to ever hold this position but also the first person from the parish of Cashel since the abolition of the town councils in 2014. Among his priorities he wished to focus on the following projects:

- Progressing the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction
- A capital plan from Irish Water to start investing in our water infrastructure across the District.
- The availability of affordable and social housing
- The Cahir Library & public realm project needs to progress.
- The overall Cashel Town Park development is so important & Interpretative Visitor Centre along with the return of the Bolton Library book collection.
- The building of the proposed 60 bed Community Nursing Unit for Cashel
- To support the efforts in developing an outdoor tourism experience at Tipperary Racecourse.
- The redevelopment of Tipperary Hills outdoor amenity
- Cashel to Cahir Greenway project
- And the Dan Breen House project

Councillor Burgess also wanted to support rural communities, local businesses, tackling the issue of anti-social behaviour and enhance green spaces.

He again thanked his fellow Councillors, his family, friends, supporters and Fine Gael members for all their support and looked forward to the challenge ahead. He thanked everyone for the trust they put in him and he also wanted to congratulate the outgoing Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Councillor Roger Kennedy.

The members congratulated Councillor Burgess on his election and said they looked forward to working with him in the coming year and wished him well.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.

Councillor John Crosse proposed Councillor Marie Murphy for the position and commended her on her knowledge of local government. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Micheál Anglim.

Councillor Marie Murphy was deemed to be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District for the 2023-2024 term.

Councillor Murphy thanked the members for their support on her election and she looked forward to the coming year. The Cathaoirleach and members congratulated Councillor Murphy on her election.

Senator Gareth Ahearne thanked the Cathaoirleach and stated that it was a pleasure to be present to see his election and he wished him well on the year ahead and it will be a definitive year for him. He also congratulated Councillor Marie Murphy and wished her well and acknowledged her commitment and drive.

The Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath wanted to join with colleagues to congratulate Councillor Burgess and Councillor Murphy. He noted that it is a proud day for family and an important day to reflect on the previous year. He wanted to thank Councillor Micheál Anglim and acknowledged that it is a demanding year. He wished Councillor Burgess luck in the year ahead and wanted to thank the District staff.

3. Agree Schedule of monthly meetings of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District

The schedule of Municipal District meetings was agreed as presented, on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed/ D. Burgess Dated/ 24/7/2023
Cathaoirleach

Signed/ Dave Connell Dated/ 24/7/2023
District Administrator

