



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Cork County Council held on Floor 16 of the County Hall and by Microsoft Teams on 25th June 2021 at 12.30 pm.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Máire Léanacháin – Uí Foghlú, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé, Sean Pól, Ó Murcha, G, Críod, Ní Mhuineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó hAodha, Padraig, Ó Murchú, Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé T, Léanacháin - Uí Foghlú Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní hEachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh S, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich, Ó hAodha, Pól, Uí Chochláin G, Ó' Colmáin, Ó Murchú, Caoimhín, Ó Suilleabháin, Sean, Uí Shuilleabháin, Máire, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Uí Mhurchú Cáit, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Ó Muircheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, O'Conchubair L, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubair A, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Dawson, De Róiste

PRESENT

Councillor Mary Linehan-Foley, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Hegarty, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul, Coughlan G, Colman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O'Donovan, Collins D, Murphy P.G, Murphy Katie, O'Connell, McGrath, D'Alton, Murtagh, Buckley, O'Connor L, Dalton – O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Flynn, O'Brien, Dawson, Roche,

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

STANDING ORDER NO. 62

It was agreed to suspend standing order 62 during the meeting to allow a photographer take photographs.

Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley

Seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn

The Mayor thanked her family. She said her year as Mayor was a steep learning curve. She said the year had been the fastest and most extraordinary of her life. She complemented the team she worked with during the year. She thanked the Deputy Mayor and East Cork Municipal District members, Party Leaders, Chief Executive and staff. She was proud to be a part of Cork County Council's Community Forum. It was privilege to be the third female Mayor in the Council and the first for Youghal. She found the year challenging but also a very fulfilling one. She got to launch the Draft County Development Plan which sets out great possibilities for the future. This is a time of transformative

change. She thanked the people of Youghal and the Members who proposed and seconded her for the role.

She concluded by wishing the Incoming Mayor all the best for the year ahead.

Party Leaders and Members offered the following kind words and congratulations to the outgoing Mayor:

- Thanked the Mayor for creating a momentum for the county despite the pandemic.
- Complemented the Mayor on how she handled chairing meetings, in such a difficult year.
- Complemented her performance in carrying out business in person and online.
- Credited the way she never complained or missed out on an engagement despite restrictions.
- Wished her and her family all the best.
- Complemented her strong positive leadership.
- Credited the way she made herself available for Members.
- Members acknowledged support of the Deputy Mayor who promoted diversity, equality and climate change in his own style.

The Chief Executive paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, congratulating her on an outstanding term in office and for her leadership in what was a difficult and challenging year. He commented on the significant change in the way the Council does business. He commended the Council Members under the Mayor's leadership on how they dealt with the change. He commented on the great work the Mayor did with organisations and agencies and her input into the Community Forum. He praised the way she raised the profile of the Office of the Mayor.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Gillian Coughlan was proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath, seconded by Councillor Declan Hurley.

There was no requirement for a vote to be taken as no other candidate contested the election of the Mayor.

The Senior Executive Officer declared Councillor Gillian Coughlan elected as Mayor of the County Council.

Mayor Coughlan then took the Chair and thanked her family for their support over the years. She also thanked the Elected Members for the cross party nomination and support on her election as Mayor and said she looked forward to the year ahead. She said her initial priority would be to support the people and businesses of Cork as the county emerges from the pandemic.

She paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor Councillor Mary Linehan Foley for all of her hard work during what had been a challenging year in office. She said she delivered on every front.

Mayor Coughlan said her priorities would be the provision of affordable housing schemes, climate adaptation and mitigation and heritage work in the county. She looked forward to helping oversee the continued regeneration of towns and villages. She also hopes to strengthen links with Cork City Council.

The Party Leaders and Elected Members offered their individual congratulations to the newly elected Mayor and wished her every success for the year ahead.

The Chief Executive congratulated Councillor Gillian Coughlan on her election as Mayor. He said it was the highest honour that the citizens of Cork county could bestow on a Member of the Council. The profile of the Mayor is more recognisable than before the pandemic. It is largest political assembly outside Dublin. He and his staff will continue to give every support. He stated that the main challenges facing the Council in the coming year are the Budget and the County Development Plan. There will be many difficult policy issues facing the Council in the coming year.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Cathal Rasmussen was proposed by Councillor James Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Declan Hurley.

There was no requirement for a vote to be taken as no other candidate contested the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The Senior Executive Officer declared Councillor Cathal Rasmussen elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

The Incoming Deputy Mayor thanked Councillor James Kennedy and Councillor Declan Hurley, who proposed and seconded him for the position of Deputy Mayor. He also thanked the Elected Members for their kind words and congratulated the Mayor on her election and paid tribute to the Outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a successful year in office.

The Incoming Mayor congratulated Councillor Cathal Rasmussen and said she looked forward to working together in the year ahead.

The Chief Executive offered his sincere congratulations to the Incoming Deputy Mayor Councillor Cathal Rasmussen.

3. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR FULL COUNCIL & STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES FROM JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022.

Councillor Mary Linehan Foley proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath.

The Meetings Schedules were approved.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~