



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on 24th June 2022 at 11am.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Gillian Uí Chochláin, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoirí: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chróinín, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Úi Daltún, Ó Muircheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, De Faoite S, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubhair A, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé SP, Ó Murchú 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, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh S, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile

PRESENT

Councillor Gillian Coughlan, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan, Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O' Donovan, Collins D, Murphy PG, Cronin, O' Connell, McGrath, D'Alton, Murtagh, Buckley A, White J, Dalton – O' Sullivan, O' Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O' Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy G, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley

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. Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen

The Mayor thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cathal Rasmussen, for his support during her term. She said Councillor Rasmussen is an outstanding advocate for Cobh and County Cork. The Mayor thanked the Members and said their excellent work in their communities was clear in her visits throughout the County. She said that Members had completed a huge body of work that required many

hours of input in preparing the County Development Plan and wanted to acknowledge this. The Mayor thanked the Executive across all Directorates for their support and complimented their commitment and passion for the County. The Mayor thanked her secretary, Ms Julie Mackessy and said her efficiency and organisation in the role was outstanding. She thanked the Director of Corporate Services and her Team, including the Communications Section, for their support during the Mayor's term and for helping the Mayor to thrive and progress in the role. She thanked the Planning Department team for their work on the County Development Plan. The Mayor thanked her husband, her Mother, her children and wider family circle for their unwavering support during her year as Mayor. She thanked the constituents of Bandon / Kinsale Municipal District for their encouragement and support. The Mayor said the year was a highlight of her political and personal career. She said that the relationship with the Sister Authority of Cook County should be developed further for the benefit of Cork County. She said it was privilege to be Mayor of Cork County and to witness all the good work the Local Authority is achieving.

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

- Members congratulated the Mayor on an outstanding year and said she showed great leadership in responding to Covid 19 pandemic and the Ukrainian refugee crisis.
- Said she had led the Council in paying its respect at the funeral service for their former colleague on the Council, Noel Collins
- Thanked the Mayor for being so accommodating to all Members in the Chamber
- Complimented the Mayor on her work on the County Development Plan and complimented her for bringing it to completion
- The Mayor was complimented for leading all events and meetings with elegance and grace
- Members thanked her for being a Mayor of all the chamber and all the people of the county
- Said the Mayor's work ethic is remarkable and complimented her for travelling to all corners of the County
- Members said they were proud of how she fulfilled the role as Mayor and that she was an excellent female role model
- Acknowledges the importance of family support for the Mayor
- Said that her engagement with a range of communities and other groups was very positive
- Said that the profile of the office of the Mayor of the County of Cork was enhanced
- Members wished the Mayor great success in her future career

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cathal Rasmussen said that the Mayor has enhanced the role of the office of Mayor and she had represented the Council to the highest standard. He thanked all the members for their support during the year and he also thanked the executive for their support to him in his role as deputy mayor.

The Chief Executive thanked the Mayor for the kind words about Council staff. The Chief Executive said the Members' compliments for the Mayor were richly deserved. He complimented the Mayor on an outstanding year. He complimented her for her leadership through the County Development Plan process. He said her fairness and professionalism shone through. He said the Mayor's engagement with the community has increased people's awareness about what the Council does. He said it was a personal honour to work alongside the Mayor.

The Chief Executive complimented Councillor Cathal Rasmussen for his work as Deputy Mayor and for supporting the Mayor in her role.

The Mayor concluded by wishing the incoming Mayor all the best for the year ahead.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

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

Councillor Danny Collins was proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath.

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

The outgoing Mayor declared Councillor Danny Collins elected as Mayor of the County Council.

Mayor Collins then took the Chair. He thanked Councillor Hurley and Councillor McGrath for proposing and seconding him for the role. Mayor Collins said he was raised in Lowertown, Schull and is inspired by his late mother who worked in many voluntary organisations. He said that his father had worked for Drinagh Co-op for many years and never missed work. He said he wants to meet as many voluntary groups as he can and understands groups are still trying to establish themselves after Covid19 pandemic. He said he looks forward to using his time in office to support as many people as he can.

The Mayor said County Cork is not getting its fair share of funding from local government. He said the All Ireland Research Observatory report shows discrepancy in funding for Cork and he wants to blow the dust off this report. The Mayor spoke about the centenary of the Civil War. He said it did untold harm to our country, divided many families, and took the lives of many people. He said Cork County Council will be delighted to take part in the programme of centenary commemoration events.

The Mayor thanked his partner, his family, friends and customers of the Boston Bar for all their support. He thanked the people of the Bantry Electoral Area for electing him to Cork County Council. He acknowledged the recent passing the former Member of Cork County Council, Noel Collins and remembered him as a gentleman. The Mayor then asked for a minute's silence to remember Noel Collins and all stood for one minute in silence.

He congratulated outgoing Mayor Gillian Coughlan and outgoing Deputy Mayor Cathal Rasmussen on a splendid year.

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

The Chief Executive congratulated Councillor Danny Collins on his 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 of the County of Cork is more recognisable now than ever before. He said it is the largest political assembly outside Dublin. He said the office of the Mayor is important to all of the organisation. He and his staff will give every support to the Mayor for 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 Deirdre O'Brien was proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath 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 Mayor declared Councillor Deirdre O'Brien elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

The incoming Deputy Mayor congratulated Mayor Danny Collins and said she looks forward to working together. Deputy Mayor Deirdre O'Brien said she is honoured to represent Cork County Council as Deputy Mayor for the year ahead. She said she will endeavour to carry out the role to the best of her ability. She thanked her family for their support.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Deirdre O'Brien and said they will work well together in the year ahead.

The Chief Executive offered his sincere congratulations to the incoming Deputy Mayor Councillor Deirdre O'Brien.

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

Councillor Declan Hurley proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath.

The Meetings Schedules were approved.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~