

Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Irish World Academy, University of Limerick on Friday, 17th June, 2016 at 3:45 p.m.

Present:

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahon, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

Apologies: Cllr. M. McKee

- Mr. Gerard Dollard, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Service.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.
- Mr. Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer.
- Mr. Jason Murphy, Senior Executive Officer.
- Mr. Mark Dunphy, Communications Officer.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. James Breen presided and opened the meeting by thanking Professor Don Barry, University of Limerick President along with his team for kindly hosting the June monthly Council meeting being held in the World Music Academy Building in the University of Limerick Campus. The Cathaoirleach spoke of the huge contribution the University has made to Clare and Clare people. He also referred to the strong ties Clare County Council has with the University and his confidence that these linkages would strengthen further into the future.

Professor Don Barry, University of Limerick President addressed the meeting welcoming the Cathaoirleach, Elected Members and Council Executive to the Campus. He spoke of the importance of the occasion and the vision shared between the Council and the University which has existed for over 40 years. A presentation was then made to the Cathaoirleach and Interim Chief Executive, G. Dollard by Professor Barry.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mark Dunphy to the meeting who had recently taken up the position of Communications Officer with Clare County Council.

Cllr. P. McMahon proposed that the Council approve the attendance of Cllr. P. Daly to represent County Clare at the funeral of Muhammad Ali in Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A. This was seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers and agreed by all present.

Votes of sympathy.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:

- Sheila Downes (Council employee) and family on the death of her father Tom Downes, R.I.P., Kilmihil.
- Gerard Cosgrove (Council employee) and family on the death of his father Tony Cosgrove, R.I.P. Ennis (retired Council employee).
- The O'Connor family, Parteen on the passing of Pat O'Connor, R.I.P.

Item 1: Minutes of Council Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the May Meeting of Clare County Council held on 9th May, 2016 be adopted and signed.”

Item 2: Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the West Clare Municipal District Special Meeting held on the 2nd March, 2016 be noted.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the West Clare Municipal District Meeting held on the 2nd March, 2016 be noted.”

c. Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Shannon Municipal District held on the 4th March, 2016 be noted.”

d. Ar moladh Cllr. A. O'Callaghan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Burke agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on the 9th March, 2016 be noted.”

e. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District held on the 3rd May, 2016 be noted.”

Item 3: Minutes of S.P.C. Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Cultural Services & Arts S.P.C. meeting held on 9th February, 2016 be noted”.

b. Ar moladh Cllr. A. O’Callaghan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Breen agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Environment & Transport S.P.C. meeting held on 29th February, 2016 be noted”.

Item 4: Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meetings.

The members noted the minutes of the meeting held on 29th April, 2016 as presented.

Item 5: Monthly Management Report.

The monthly management report attached to the agenda included key activities in the principal service areas and was noted by the members.

In response to a number of queries raised the Chief Executive, G. Dollard advised that he would ensure that a meeting of the Rural Water Monitoring Committee would be convened in the near future.

G. Dollard further advised that the Council was very conscious of the disruption being caused to businesses in the Market area of Ennis town while improvement works are being undertaken but reported that he was confident works would be completed as scheduled and would make a positive impact on the town and businesses.

He reported that the Council is awaiting guidelines from the Department with regard to the creation of the Climate Change Implementation Plan and separately in relation to the roll of the L.C.D.C. in the Leader Programme and members would be updated when this arrives.

In response to queries raised on Flood Relief and Storm Damage Repair works, Senior Engineer, T. Tiernan reported that consultants has been appointed for New Quay and work was progressing on the Doolin Masterplan. It is hoped that the O.P.W. will meet with the Council in the coming weeks with a view to establishing a solution to coastal flooding at Clohanhinchy, Quilty. Hydrologists have been engaged to examine options at this location and it is expected that they will present reasonable solutions.

The Chief Executive advised that approval was awaited from the Department to the projects proposed under the Limerick Hinterland Study.

Item 6: Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the proposed works on Active Town Travel – Ballybeg, Clonroadmore, Lifford, Dulick, Ballymaley, Balycorey, Cloghleagh, Clonroad Beg, Ennis. P16-8003.

Report dated 13th June, 2016 from Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation was circulated with the agenda together with map and report from Senior Planner. The report outlines details of the proposed development: Ennis – R458 Active Travel Town (Clareabbey to Ballymaley) Works to encourage walking and cycling are proposed on parts of the R458 at 11 junctions on the R458, Club Bridge junction and Kelly’s Corner as follows: 1. Improve the provision of cyclist infrastructure at junctions i.e. traffic signals and roundabouts. 2. Provide on road cycle lanes/advisory cycle lanes where possible, 3. Enhance connectivity for cyclists into and through Ennis Town along the R458, part of the R352 and the R871 taking in access to schools along the route. 4. Enhance safety at junctions for cyclists and other road users. 5. Provide new cycle parking. 6. Provide directional, informational and distance signage along the route. 7. Enhance pedestrian facilities e.g. dropped kerbs at uncontrolled crossings. 8. Connect to R458 route to West Clare Railway Greenway at Mill Road and at Woodquay. 9. Provide an Active Travel Amenity Hub.

Details of the submissions received are outlined in the report.

The report states that it is proposed to proceed with the works subject to the conditions outlined in the report of the Senior Planner.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn

Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed works on Ennis R458 Active Travel Town (Clareabbey to Ballymaley), Ennis, Co. Clare.”

Item 7: Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the proposed works on Active Town Travel – Lifford, Ennis. P16-8004.

Report dated 13th June, 2016 from Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation was circulated with the agenda together with map and report from Senior Planner. The report outlines details of the proposed development: Ennis Active Travel Towns Route 3 connection from the R352 Tulla Road to the R458 Gort Road, via the L-4566 St. Senans Road, L-8575 The Crescent connecting through the existing opening to the L-45524 Ivy Hill and the L-4552, L-4610 Ivy Hill. The proposed development will entail the following: a) Installation of finger post directional signage on the R352, R458, L4566, L8575, L45524, L-4552 and L-4610. b) Installation of Road Markings on the R352, R458, L4566, L8575, L45524, L-4552 and L-4610 c) Widening of the existing opening between the L8575 The Crescent and the L45524 at Ivy Hill. d)

Construction of a widened footpath to connect between the L8575 The Crescent and the L45524 at Ivy Hill. e) Installation of bollards to restrict access between the L8575 The Crescent and the L45524 at Ivy Hill. f) Installation of drop kerbs.

Details of the submissions received are outlined in the report.

The report states that it is proposed to proceed with the works subject to the conditions outlined in the report of the Senior Planner.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Murphy agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed works on Ennis Active Travel Towns Route 3 connection from the R352 Tulla Road to the R458 Gort Road, via the L-4566 St. Senans Road, L-8575 The Crescent connecting through the existing opening to the L-45524 Ivy Hill and the L-4552, L-4610 Ivy Hill, Ennis, Co. Clare.”

Item 8: Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the proposed works on Active Town Travel – Clonroad More, Clonroadbeg, Ennis. P16-8005.

Report dated 13th June, 2016 from Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation was circulated with the agenda together with map and report from Senior Planner. The report outlines details of the proposed development: the introduction of pedestrian and cycle facilities to enhance the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at the Station Road Roundabout at the junction of the R469 with the R871 as part of the Ennis Active Travel Towns Scheme – Route 1. The proposed development will entail the following a) Installation of Zebra Crossing including belisha beacons and all associated works on the Northern Entry Arm (R871 Clon Road) onto the Station Road Roundabout b) Installation of Zebra crossing including belisha beacons and all associated works with Refuge Island on the Eastern Entry arm (R469 Quin Road) onto the Station Road Roundabout, c) Installation of road markings and d) Installation of kerbing to accommodate central refuge. In accordance with the Habitats Directive, Appropriate Assessment Screening has been carried out on this project.

Details of the submissions received are outlined in the report.

The report states that it is proposed to proceed with the works subject to the conditions outlined in the report of the Senior Planner.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed works on Ennis Active Travel Towns Route 1 – the introduction of pedestrian and cycle

facilities to enhance the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at the Station Road Roundabout at the junction of the R469 with the R871, Ennis, Co. Clare.”

Item 9: Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the proposed works on Active Town Travel – Clonroad More, Bunnow, Ennis. P16-8006.

Report dated 13th June, 2016 from Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation was circulated with the agenda together with map and report from Senior Planner. The report outlines details of the proposed development: Ennis Active Travel Towns route 1 scheme incorporates the introduction of on-road cycle lanes and shared use paths from a point on the R469 Quin Road at the entrance to Bruach na hAbhainn Housing to the western edge of the R469 Quin Road Rail Bridge. The proposed development will entail the following: a) Installation of fingerpost directional signage on the R469, b) Installation of Road Markings on the R469, c) Alteration of sections of the existing footpath to accommodate shared use path, d) Installation of new footpaths, e) Alteration of the kerblines at various locations, f) Alteration of kerblines radius at Doora Industrial Estate Entrance, g) Widening of Existing footpath over Doora Bridge, h) Relocation of Lighting Column, i) Introduction of Shared Use Street for Carriageway over Doora Bridge, j) Installation of Zebra Crossing including belisha beacons on the R469 linking Clare County Camogie Grounds to Bruach na hAbhainn/Filling Station, k) Installation of Zebra Crossing on R469 outside Clare Marts and l) Installation of Tactile paving at various locations. In accordance with the Habitats Directive, Appropriate Screening has been carried out on this project.

Details of the submissions received are outlined in the report.

The report states that it is proposed to proceed with the works subject to the conditions outlined in the report of the Senior Planner.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. P. Murphy agus M. Howard agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed works on Ennis Active Travel Towns Route 1 scheme incorporating the introduction of on-road cycle lanes and shared use paths from a point on the R469 Quin Road at the entrance to Bruach na hAbhainn housing estate to the western edge of the R469 Quin Road Rail Bridge, Ennis, Co. Clare.”

Item 10: Annual Financial Statement 2015.

The Annual Financial Statement for 2015 together with a report outlining relevant details were circulated in advance of the agenda. The members considered the report on the Annual Financial Statement and noted same.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, that the following additional expenditure by division in 2015 is approved arising from the additional allocations agreed at the March 2016 meeting:

	<u>€000</u>
Division B	550
Division D	546
Division E	150
Division F	1,250

and that the further additional expenditure for 2015 in the amounts set out below, is also approved:-

	<u>€000</u>
Division A	481
Division B	107
Division C	443
Division D	1,725
Division E	149

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That Transfers to reserves as set out below is hereby approved:

	Total
	<u>€000</u>
Housing & Building	1,431
Transportation and Infrastructure	929
Water Supply & Sewerage	648
Development Incentives & Controls	2,362
Environmental Protection	877
Recreation & Amenity	1,812
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	229
Miscellaneous Services	372
Support Services	1,322

In response to a number of queries raised the Chief Executive, G. Dollard advised the meeting that no costs were being carried by the Council in relation to SICAP and the operation of the Local Enterprise Office.

A request to provide a costing to maintain all public estates in the county was replied to by the Chief Executive, who advised that this would be quite a difficult task.

Item 11: Propose that representatives from ICTU address July monthly meeting.

Correspondence dated 24th September, 2015 from Patricia King, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions was circulated with the agenda. The ICTU are seeking the support of County Councils and Councillors across the country for the principles set out in the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Curtin, seconded by Cllr. J. Flynn and agreed by all members present that a representative from the ICTU would be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council to outline the proposed charter.

Item 12: Proposed amendments to Clare Beach Bye Laws 2008.

Report from Paul Moroney, Senior Engineer was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Beach Bye laws came into operation in 2006, and were subsequently reviewed and the current Beach Bye laws came into effect in May 2008. The byelaws are designed to protect beach eco-systems and to regulate the ever increasing variety of beach uses, to ensure that all beach users can enjoy the beauty and amenity of County Clare's beaches equally.

Beaches at Kilkee and Cappa were excluded from the County Beach Byelaws as they were in the jurisdictions of Kilkee Town Commission and Kilrush Town Council respectively. With the dissolution of the Town Councils in 2014, these beaches have come under the remit of Clare County Council.

Revision of the Clare County Council Beach Byelaws was recommended to the S.P.C. at its meeting in February 2016 to amalgamate and streamline the process and to allow for the inclusion of Kilkee and Cappa beaches. The S.P.C. agreed the proposed revisions and gave approval for the commencement of the public consultation process.

In March 2016 Clare County Council sought by press advertisement written submissions from interested parties towards the proposed amendments to the Clare Beach Byelaws 2008 and Kilkee Beach Byelaws 2010.

Two submissions were received during the stated period.

At its meeting of the 30th May, 2016 the S.P.C. recommended to the members of Clare County Council, that the proposed 2016 Clare Bye Laws be adopted, with the inclusion of Ballyallia Lake in the schedule of beaches and in the schedule of maps.

The document covers, in an effective manner, all areas of beach activity, which are appropriate for regulation through byelaws. They also comprehensively amalgamate the Kilkee Byelaws 2010 into the County Clare Byelaws 2016.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. O'Callaghan agus glacadh leis

“That in accordance with Section 199 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and the Bye Law Regulations 2006, that this Council adopt the County Clare Beach Bye-Laws 2016.”

Item 13: Section 85 Agreement between Kerry County Council and Clare County Council in relation to proposed Bridge Rehabilitation Projects.

Report dated 9th June, 2016 from Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer was circulated with the agenda. The report states that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.) proposes to carry out rehabilitation works by contract on a number of bridges throughout Munster in 2016. Bridges in Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Clare are to be packaged in a single contract – within this a total of 4 bridges in Co. Clare are to be incorporated in the contract.

- Moy River Bridge on the N67
- Lissycasey Bridge East on the N68
- Mountrivers Bridge on the N67
- Cullenagh Bridge on the N85

Under the current proposal, the lead authority is Kerry County Council and to formalise the agreement to allow Kerry County Council to have the works on Clare bridges completed to the required standards, an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993 must be put in place.

A similar approach was taken in relation to a similar type contract in 2014 and at that time Clare County Council entered a Section 85 Agreement with Limerick City and County Council, who were the lead authority.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy

Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“That the approval of Clare County Council be and is hereby given to the making of an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993 with Kerry County Council to carry out the necessary design, construction work and completion of the Bridges Rehabilitation Contract 2016 in respect of the following bridges:

- Moy River Bridge on the N67
- Lissycasey Bridge East on the N68
- Mountrivers Bridge on the N67
- Cullenagh Bridge on the N85.”

In response to queries raised in relation to the weight restrictions in place at Latoon Bridge and the possible threat to close the bridge to H.G.V.'s, Senior Engineer, T. Tiernan advised that the concerns raised would be investigated.

It is expected that the scope of remedial works required at this location will be established very soon and will then commence at this location in the coming months. T. Tiernan clarified that the proposed agreement between Clare and Kerry County Council is for bridges located on national routes only and that Latoon was not included in this.

Item 14: Public Partnership Network.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. C. Curtin agus G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That a report on the progress to date of the establishment and working of the P.P.N. (Public Partnership Network) in County Clare under 2014 Reform of Local Government legislation, be presented to the full Council.”

Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Services replied as follows;

“The Public Participation Network (P.P.N.) structures have been established in County Clare in accordance with the requirements of circular letters CVSP1/2014 and CVSP2/2014 and accompanying guidelines.

During 2015, representatives were elected onto the various committees including the Secretariat (which is the co-ordinating structure for the P.P.N.), the four strategic policy committees of the Council, the Local Community Development Committee and the Joint Policing Committee.

The elections for the Secretariat resulted in a ten member Secretariat. Three members have since resigned due to other commitments. Elections to fill these positions will be organised in due course by the Secretariat.

In January 2016, the P.P.N. appointed a Resource Worker, Ms Sarah Clancy and this position is being hosted by Clare Local Development Company.

The P.P.N. has developed a website and social media sites and has held a number of Secretariat meetings to date. The first County Plenary meeting took place in November of this year and was organised by the Secretariat.

To date 199 groups have registered for membership of the P.P.N.”

In response to a query raised, Chief Executive, G. Dollard advised the meeting that the P.P.N. was not part of the County Council and is a separate entity. A resource worker has now been employed who will be asked to furnish a progress report in due course to the full Council.

Item 15: Joint assembly of Clare, Limerick and Galway Local Authorities.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe

Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. McMahon agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council host a joint assembly of the Clare, Limerick and Galway local authorities (and invite all Oireachtas members from those counties) to discuss issues such as:

- Balanced regional growth in the West of Ireland.
- Arterial transportation links in the West of Ireland.
- Industrial expansion in the West of Ireland.
- Utility provision (broadband) in the West of Ireland.
- Airports in the West of Ireland, etc.”

After a brief discussion on this item, the Cathaoirleach asked for members for a show of hands in support of the proposal as presented. This resulted in majority in agreement and the motion was deemed passed.

Item 16: Clare Energy Forum.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council establish a Clare Energy Forum (with at least one Elected member from each Municipal District, reps from the Clare P.P.N. (Public Participation Network), and officials from both Clare County Planning section & Limerick Clare Energy Agency to progress a Roadmap over the next 12 months in order to assist Clare becoming a Low Carbon County by 2030. Such a Forum is in response to the Taoiseach's message in the Government's White Paper “Ireland's Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Future 2015-2030”, of the urgent need to strike a balance between achieving a low-carbon future and seeking to "empower and engage communities across Ireland" such as in Clare.”

Anne Haugh, Director of Services replied as follows;

“While energy management issues currently fall under the remit of the Environment and Transportation S.P.C., this proposal to establish an Energy Forum with broader representation is one which merits further consideration. The move towards a low carbon future is an essential element of the climate change agenda and will require engagement from all sectors as well as the wider community. A separate proposal from both the Housing and Planning S.P.C. and the Environment and Transportation S.P.C. that a specific Climate Change S.P.C. be established in each local authority has been referred to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government for consideration as part of the consultation process on the development of a National Climate Change Adaptation Framework. Should such a forum be established the energy agenda as a climate change mitigation measure would be a key element of its work. Both concepts are very much inter-related and while a response from the Department is awaited on the earlier proposal it would be useful to refer this current proposal to the Environment and Transportation S.P.C. for further discussion and consideration.”

It was agreed that this proposal would be brought before the Environment and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

Item 17: Changing Places Ireland Campaign.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllrs. M. Howard agus B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“Inclusion Ireland is currently working on a Changing Places Ireland Campaign that aims to introduce fully accessible toilets to public places such as libraries, shopping centre and sporting arenas. We are asking that Clare County Council support this initiative when building new Council amenities such as the new library to be built in Ennis and the upgrade of the toilet facilities around our beaches.”

Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner replied as follows:

“Inclusion Ireland is a national rights-based advocacy organisation that works to promote the rights of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. The Changing Places Ireland campaign aims to introduce fully accessible toilets to public places in Ireland.

‘Changing Places facilities’ are different from normal accessible toilets in that they include a hoist and a height-adjustable changing bench, as well as larger floor and circulation areas. In addition to the specialist equipment needed in a Changing Places toilet, the other standard features of an accessible toilet, such as an emergency alarm and grab rails must also be provided.

As part of Clare County Councils commitment to social inclusion, Universal Design and access for all, Clare County Council will seek to provide such facilities when building new Council amenities. In terms of upgrading of existing facilities, the Council will aim to provide such facilities where feasible.”

Ruth Hurley, Senior Executive Architect replied as follows:

“Please see attached extract from the Council’s Building Performance Requirements as issued to the consultants as part of the tender selection process for the library project design and development to address issues in relation to accessibility.

Note: Extract Building Performance Requirements (Tender for new County Library, Co. Clare).

2.6 ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN

It is the responsibility of all consultants to check current standards, legislation, and requirements for this project and ensure that the areas noted below are addressed to comply with Building Control Act and Regulations but also best practice guidelines which may exceed the requirements of Building Control including reference to the Councils Accessibility Policy. A Disability Access Certificate will be required to demonstrate accessibility. The Design Team will be expected to develop a brief and approach to be agreed with the client project team in relation to the following.

Particular areas but not exclusive to the following:

- Car Parking
- Stairs
- Gradient Restraints
- Resting Places
- Footpaths and Circulation Areas
- Walkways
- Ramps
- Stairways
- Surfaces and Finishes
- Paving and Floor Finishes
- Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
- Doorways and Doors
- Lifts
- Emergency Provisions
- Accessible Toilets
- Furniture Fittings and Equipment

Hearing Augmentation
Lighting
Signage
Tactical Maps

End of Extract.”

Item 18: Library Services.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. O’Brien agus glacadh leis

“That management of Clare Co. Council would consider introducing self service at Miltown Malbay Library on a pilot basis where members of the public would be able to access the facility outside of normal working hours.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

“The introduction of a self service library is a significant undertaking as it involves changes to the systems operated at the branch as well as probable physical changes to the location to deal with access and security aspects. In relation to systems, the normal bar coding that applies to stock items has to be upgraded to radio frequency identification tags (RFID) with related RFID reading machines required to control stock movements.

Recently the Council has commenced the process of preparing, as a pilot project, the De Valera library in Ennis to be capable of providing a self service facility with the intention of providing an out of hours service in due course. Two self-service RFID machines have been installed. The next stage will be to make access changes with the intention that the out of hours service will be operational before the end of 2016. Depending on the success of this pilot, this model, or similar, may be considered for extension to other branch libraries. However, it is important to note that the changes required can involve considerable initial set up cost, as in addition to the self-service machines, it would necessitate RFID tagging of all stock in the branch, the installation of security gates, security cameras, PA system and an access control electronic door with associated software.”

Item 19: Ardnacrusha Hydro Power Station.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Begley agus glacadh leis

“That this Council in conjunction with Clare Tourism and the E.S.B., explore the idea of making Ardnacrusha Hydro Power Station a tourist attraction.”

Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Service replied as follows:

“There is no doubt that the Ardnacrusha Hydro Power Station is of historic significance and of general interest in terms of the provision of electric power on a

large scale through hydro generation. It is also of interest in terms of the focus on climate change targets and the emphasis on clean energy options.

The Council understands that such Visitor Centres exist at a number of sites, particularly in the U.S.A. The benefit of such Centres includes the highlighting to locals and visitors the history of such stations and the manner in which they operate.

However, the Ardnacrusha Station remains in use and falls under the remit of the E.S.B. The establishing of a Visitor Centre facility at this site obviously gives rise to issues in terms of access, layout, health & safety, regulatory matters etc.

The Council will bring the matter to the attention of the E.S.B. and explore if the proposal can be progressed.”

Item 20: Library Services.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That this Council in light of the wide usage of the services provided by the De Valera Central Library, Ennis and the 14 sub-branch libraries throughout the County as revealed by the 2015 statistics for (a) no. of registered readers (b) no. of book issues and the internet in each branch, reaffirms its support for the enhancement and protection of the existing comprehensive book stock, collections, resources and digital content of all the branches under the management of Clare County Council and calls on the Department of the Environment and Local Government to provide a specific book grant for same.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

“There were over 460,000 visits to all branches of the library in the county in 2015, while there were over a half a million items borrowed in the year and over 57,000 internet sessions. Overall membership of the library stood at 17,877 for 2015. (Please see detail by branch below). During the year the libraries in the County held many different events, in many cases to tie in with national and international occasions. There is engagement from all age groups in the library service and the library service continues to work on expanding and improving the range of services provided.

The Council has in recent years maintained its budgeted amount for the purchase of books, CD's and other stock items at €187k per annum. The budget provision is lower than the provision that applied prior to the economic downturn which has had an impact on the average age and condition of the stock held. Consequently, it is important that funding be made available to improve the stock on hand so as to maintain the overall service quality. The library service works with the aim of providing a comprehensive collection of materials throughout the branch library network that is responsive to the needs and interests of the community.

Library Membership

The following table outlines the overall membership of libraries under the headings branch, loans, membership and internet sessions.

Branch	Loans	Membership	Internet Sessions
Ennis	144,596	5,355	19,368
Shannon	53,400	2,049	8,969
Scariff	47,368	1,437	4,826
Ennistymon	46,646	1,297	6,255
Kilrush	44,947	1,271	5,015
Killaloe	31,950	1,123	2,654
Sixmilebridge	31,425	1,213	1,543
Kilkee	29,827	1,578	4,310
Tulla	24,560	606	577
Miltown	22,339	715	2,154
Newmarket	13,418	371	349
Kildysart	10,612	279	431
Corofin	7,629	177	179
Kilmihil	6,074	263	176
Lisdoonvarna	3,769	143	90
Local Studies	---	---	118
HQ store	3,689	---	---
Total	522,249	17,877	57,014

Item 21: Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Breen agus glacadh leis

“(a) What was the proportionate dividend received by Clare County Council of the €10 million I.P.B. Members Commercial Dividend approved at I.P.B.'s 2015 A.G.M.;

(b) What was the proportionate dividend received by Clare County Council of the €15 million I.P.B. Members Commercial Dividend as approved at I.P.B.'s 2016 A.G.M.;

(c) Have these recent dividend funds received been fully provided for in the budget adopted by Clare County Council?

(d) If these funds have not been fully provided for in the budget for 2016, what is the value of the surplus funds that members have to consider for additional allocation in 2016?"

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

"The total dividend declared by I.P.B. in 2016 was the same as 2015, at €15m.

The dividend to Clare was €95k. in 2015 and €78k. in 2016.

The amount budgeted for the dividend in 2016 was €79k. and so the amount received was fully provided for in the budget."

Item 22: Third level courses in County Clare.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating

Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

"To ask Clare County Council to explore the opportunities for collaboration between the Region's Third Level Institutes (namely, U.L., L.I.T. & M.I.C.) and the Limerick Clare Education and Training Board in conjunction with the I.D.A. & Enterprise Ireland, with a view to providing Third Level Courses in County Clare to support the Government's Action Plan for Jobs to deliver 10-15% employment growth in the Region by 2020, targeting sectors including Aviation, Life sciences, Engineering and Tourism."

Gerard Dollard, Chief Executive replied as follows:

"Clare County Council actively participates in the Mid West Regional Skills forum which incorporates members of all the third level institutions in the mid-west, employer representative groups and various state agencies. The primary aim of this body is to align the skills needs of industry and local enterprises with the key providers of third level education and training in the Mid-West Region. This body also facilitates bi-lateral discussions as to the specific needs of each County and what actions can be taken to ensure our local populations have access to the various skill providers in the Region. In particular, we continue to actively engage with third level institutions to explore opportunities for collaboration.

The structures established for the Mid West Region Action Plan for Jobs also facilitates engagement with third level institutions and other agencies involved in job creation.

The Council also through the Local Community Development Committee of which the Education and Training Board is a member will pursue initiatives that meet the enterprise objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan for County Clare."

It was suggested that the representative from the Mid-West Regional Skills Board would be invited to address a future Council meeting with regard to the proposal submitted.

Item 23: Request for Inter-Agency Task Force for drainage.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes

Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“I am asking that Clare Co Council convene an interagency task force similar to that which was present during the recent flooding period, and a detailed plan of action be prepared and put in place for the long term drainage and maintenance of our rivers and streams across the County and also to seek long term funding for a continuous programme of works.”

Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer replied as follows:

“While I would agree in principle with the aspirations set out in the second part of this notice of motion, it may be somewhat premature to establish an interagency task force pending the structured collation of the kind of information which would be of benefit in the deliberations of such a taskforce. In this regard, the following points are relevant:

- The Council has some responsibility for a no. of drainage districts in various parts of the county – most of them towards the central area. The Council hasn’t had the resources available for several years to facilitate meaningful strategic maintenance of these drainage networks and as a result some are not operating as efficiently as they should. An overall assessment of these networks is required – taking account of restrictions caused by gradual cross-section reduction through siltation etc. and negligence of adjacent landowners where obstruction such as fallen trees are allowed to go unattended in spite of the adverse impact of same.
- As a result of the seriously curtailed maintenance regime over the past no. of years, some of the characteristics within drainage districts have changed somewhat. In some cases this has resulted in an exacerbation of flood risk in extreme conditions and in other cases the impact is minimal even in extreme situations – it would be of benefit to identify the extent of both of these scenarios.
- A very large proportion of the drainage systems throughout the county are not the responsibility of Clare County Council or of any other body but are the responsibility of the private landowners within whose curtilage they pass – again it would be useful to have the full extent of such scenarios across the county – with the known problem areas from a flooding point of view highlighted within them.
- It would also be useful to identify fully the extent to which remediation works, flood relief schemes etc. have been implemented in recent years and also the areas where there is ongoing active pursuit of a resolution to particular periodic flooding problems. The presently ongoing CFRAMS strategy should also be reflected in this context.
- Identify any other pertinent issues not covered under the foregoing points based on severe weather experiences of recent years.

I would see benefit in preparing an overall picture of the situation in the county based on the foregoing before proceeding to the next step which would probably benefit from some form of formal or informal interagency approach.”

The Chief Executive replied to questions raised by the members and supported the concept of an informal inter-agency approach.

Item 24: Septic tank improvement grants.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Kelly
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council calls on the Government to make septic tank improvement grants available to all applicants whose septic tank systems fail to meet environmental requirements.”

Item 25: Planning laws and building regulations.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council write to the relevant Minister to change the planning laws and building regulations around disability access in public amenities to include Changes Places Criteria.

1. Height-adjustable adult-sized changing bench,
2. Ceiling hoist track systems,
3. Adequate space for disabled persons and up to two assistants,
4. Centrally located toilet with space for assistants,
5. Privacy screens,
6. Washbasins, preferably height adjustable.”

Item 26: Public procurement.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy
Cuidithe ag Cllrs. I. Lynch agus C. Crowe agus glacadh leis

"That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform, Paschal Donohue, to enact the Public Services and Procurement (Social Value) Bill 2015, imposing a duty on local authorities to take into account community benefit requirements in their public procurement decisions, and how what is proposed to be procured by the local authority might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area."

Item 27: Ambulance Service.

Ar moladh Cllr. I. Lynch
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Health to initiate an independent review of the entire delivery of ambulance with special focus on rural areas to be completed as a matter of urgency. Where the current management of the N.A.S. remains insufficient to ensure adequate cover and to achieve the 8 minute response

target an immediate focus must be given to establish cardiac and medical emergency first responders through all avenues such as existing fire service, voluntary emergency services and community responders.”

It was agreed to forward a copy of this motion to Deputy Michael Harty T.D.

Item 28: Ballycar Railway Track.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. M. Begley agus J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council would call on the O.P.W. to set out its proposals on alleviating the recurring problem at Ballycar railway track and farmers’ lands as a matter of urgency.”

Item 29: Title of Cathaoirleach.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Breen

Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. O’Callaghan agus glacadh leis

“That this Council call on Minister Simon Coveney to change the title of Cathaoirleach to Mayor.”

Cllr. J. Crowe updated the meeting that he has raised this issue with the Minister in his capacity as President of the A.I.L.G.

Item 30: Funding for House Construction and Purchase.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. P. Daly agus J. Breen agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Housing to dramatically increase funding for house construction and purchase to Clare County Council, particularly with 3,100 applicants on the housing list in Co. Clare.”

Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Service replied as follows:

“The Government launched the National Social Housing Strategy in 2015. The three pillars of this strategy involve house acquisition, leasing and construction. Funding is approved by the Department for the delivery of units by Clare County Council under these three pillars. The motion refers to the capital part of the Department funding involving acquisitions and construction specifically.

Acquisitions:

The cumulative of house acquisition /purchases under the Strategy to date is 82 no. dwellings. Contracts have been signed for 62 no. and sales have closed in respect of 56 dwellings. The other properties are progressing through legal process. It is proposed to achieve a figure of 100 no. acquisitions to sale agreed stage by quarter 3 of 2016. Activity in 2016 involved a total of 74 viewings of properties. This activity is ongoing. Agreement has been reached for the purchase of 36 dwellings and are progressing to contract signing. 5 no. contracts have been signed and sales have closed in the case of 13 dwellings. Offers have been made on a further 5 no. dwellings. The Department has issued advance approval for these acquisitions.

Construction:

The Department has issued approval to Clare County Council to proceed to stage 3 for Quilty and Tullyglass house construction.

In Tullyglass, Shannon, this will include the Part VIII application which is expected to be lodged in June 2016. This will be followed by the preparation of tender, which will subject to the outcome of the Part VIII. The Department will have to approve the pre-tender cost check before tender is officially launched. The tender preparation is expected to take 12 weeks from the instruction to proceed to that stage.

Quilty house construction is also progressing to tender development stage which is anticipated will take 3 months. This scheme already has a Part VIII, but a new Part VIII may be required for changes to one unit to accommodate additional bedroom space. The Housing Directorate is seeking advice from the Planning Directorate in this regard.

Clare County Council has an excellent relationship with the Department and has benefitted with strong Department funding of projects proposed for Clare. As always, Clare County Council welcomes any additional funding available and the Housing Services Department will strive to deliver units based on existing funded targets and any new funding approved.”

Item 31: Shannon Group.

Cllr. P.J. Ryan advised the meeting the Cllr. G. Flynn wished for this notice of motion be deferred to the July meeting, this was agreed by all present.

Item 32: Training in the use of Defibrillators.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Burke
Cuidithe ag Cllr. I. Lynch agus glacadh leis

"That Clare County Council call on the H.S.E. to provide training free of charge to volunteers in communities, who are willing to be trained in the use of Defibrillators.”

As this was his last monthly meeting, the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Breen thanked all present for their work and support during his year as Cathaoirleach.

Item 33. Comhfhreagras.

Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda:

1. Correspondence dated 7th June, 2016 from the Department of Health concerning the location of the new children’s hospital.
2. Correspondence dated 8th June, 2016 from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in connection with Local Road Improvements Schemes.
3. Correspondence dated 20th May, 2016 from Shannon Group in relation to their marketing programme.

4. Correspondence dated 6th May, 2016 from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to illegal dumping.
5. Correspondence dated 18th May, 2016 from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to election posters.
6. Correspondence dated 6th May, 2016 from Revenue concerning engagement between Revenue and members of the public in the context of dealing with matters of tax liabilities.
7. Correspondence dated 5th May, 2016 from the I.D.A. Ireland in relation to investments and jobs in the area.
8. Correspondence dated 27th May, 2016 from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality concerning ‘boy racers’.
9. Correspondence dated 31st May, 2016 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding dangerous drivers.
10. Correspondence dated 12th May, 2016 from U.L. Hospitals regarding the installation of a Kidney Dialysis Unit at Mid Western Regional Hospital Ennis.
11. Notice of motion passed by Laois County Council in relation to redundancy proposal at Tesco.
12. Notice of motion adopted by Waterford City and County Council in relation to the Post Office Network.
13. Notice of motion passed by Ballina Municipal District in relation to powers allocated to Municipal Districts.
14. Resolution adopted by Carlow County Council in relation to Tenant Purchase Scheme.
15. Resolution adopted by Leitrim County Council in relation to Brexit vote.
16. Resolution adopted by Offaly County Council in relation to Free Legal Aid System.
17. Resolution adopted by Limerick City & County Council in relation to District Policing Models.
18. Resolution adopted by Donegal County Council in relation to Community Employment Programmes.
19. Resolution adopted by Waterford City & County Councils in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
20. A.I.L.G. training dates for elected members.
21. Conference entitled “Entitlement to Health Services” being held in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 8th – 10th July, 2016.
22. Conference entitled “Domestic Water Saving and Conservation Techniques” being held in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 22nd – 24th July, 2016.
23. Training Seminar entitled “Oireachtas Reform & the Councillor” being held in the Park House Hotel, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford on 24th & 25th June, 2016.

24. Training Seminar for local authorities entitled “Industrial Relations & The Councillor’s Constitutents” being held in White’s Hotel, Wexford on 8th – 10th July, 2016.

Conferences.

Reports on Seminars/Conferences attended.

With regard to seminars/conferences attended, reports completed in accordance with Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 were made available at the meeting.

A.I.L.G. Annual Conference 2016 taking place in Buncrana, Co. Donegal on 5th & 6th May, 2016.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €744.52 including conference fee of €125.

It was agreed that Cllrs. J. Breen and B. Slattery attend this Conference.

A.I.L.G. Training taking place in Plaza Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 20th May, 2016.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €337.02 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllrs. P.J. Ryan, P. Burke, G. Keating and P.J. Kelly attend this Conference.

A.I.L.G. Annual Conference 2016 taking place in Buncrana, Co. Donegal on 5th & 6th May, 2016.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €511.87 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllrs. T. O’Brien and G. Keating attend this Conference.

Conference entitled “Entitlement to Health Services” being held in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 8th – 10th July, 2016.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €562.65 including conference fee of €100.

It was agreed that Cllr. T. O’Brien attend this Conference.

A.I.L.G. Annual Conference 2016 taking place in Dundalk, Co. Louth on 18th June, 2016.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €511.87 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllrs. C. Colleran Molloy, A. Norton, G. Keating and P. McMahon attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Clare County Council held in the
Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on
Monday, 27th June, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahan, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

Apologies: Cllrs. G. Flynn, A. O'Callaghan.

- Mr. Gerard Dollard, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service.
- Mr. Leonard Cleary, Director of Service.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. James Breen presided.

Votes of sympathy and Suspension of Standing Orders

At the outset the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Breen proposed that the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to the late Anthony (Tony) Flynn R.I.P., Ennistymon (brother of Cllr. G. Flynn) and formally of Miltown Malbay. This was agreed by all members present.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:

- The Kitson family, Ennis on the death of Maureen Kitson R.I.P., wife of Willie Kiston (former Clare County Council employee).

In accordance with Standing Order No. 64, the members present agreed to the use of cameras at the meeting. This was to permit members of the media to take photographs during this meeting.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Breen thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, fellow Councillors, media, Chief Executive, Council staff and his own family for all their assistance and support over the previous year during his term of office. He stated that he was very proud and it was a huge honour for him to represent Clare as the first citizen. He reflected on what was a very busy year and highlighted a number of positive projects progressed and supported by the Council which he was delighted to have been associated with including the continued growth of Shannon International Airport and the continued links with the University of Limerick. He spoke about the people and communities both at home and abroad who he met during the year representing the Council, highlighting his visits to the Clare Associations in New York and Chicago, the Lord Mayor's Gathering in London and his recent trip to the Yunnan Province, China to name but a few. The Cathaoirleach concluded his speech by stating that the title of "Mayor" should be re-introduced, outlining that this title is recognised internationally and the title of "Cathaoirleach" can be lost when travelling outside the country. He stated that there has been some progress made on this with the current Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

The outgoing Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Howard thanked her fellow colleagues, Council Executive, media and all staff of the Local Authority for their support and assistance during her

term as Leas Cathaoirleach. She wished to congratulate the outgoing Cathaoirleach on a great year representing the Council and concluded by wishing the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach the very best for the year ahead.

Several members paid tribute to the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach for the manner in which they conducted the business of the Council in a fair, inclusive and impartial manner during their year in office.

The Chief Executive, Gerard Dollard, also joined in the tributes to both for the way they carried out their respective roles during the year.

Item 1: Election of Cathaoirleach of the Council for the coming year.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the post of Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year. At this point in the meeting Cllr. P.J. Kelly proposed Cllr. Bill Chambers for the position of Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council for the year 2016-2017, this proposal was seconded by Cllr. B. Slattery and agreed by all present.

As there were no other nominations Cllr. B. Chambers was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council for the coming year.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. B. Chambers thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach for their contribution over the past year. He spoke of the honour it was to be accepting the role of Cathaoirleach and thanked his wife and family for their ongoing support.

Several elected members present wished Cllr. B. Chambers well in his role as Cathaoirleach and offered their support and help to him in the coming year.

The Chief Executive, Gerard Dollard, wished the new Cathaoirleach well and looked forward to working with him in the coming year. He assured him of the co-operation of all staff during his year in Office.

Item 2: Election of Leas Cathaoirleach of Council for coming year.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. B. Chambers called for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr. M. Howard proposed Cllr. P. Murphy and this was seconded by Cllr. P.J. Kelly and agreed by all present.

As there were no other nominations for the post the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. P. Murphy elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Members and the Chief Executive joined in wishing Cllr. P. Murphy well in his role as Leas Cathaoirleach over the coming 12 months.

Cllr. P. Murphy thanked his fellow members for giving him the honour to hold the role of Leas Cathaoirleach.

Approval for payment of the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach allowances for the forthcoming year was proposed by Cllr. J. Breen and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by the members present.

Item 3: Schedule of Ordinary Meetings for next twelve months.

The Schedule of Meetings was circulated with the agenda and was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. P. Burke and agreed by the members present.

It was stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 11th July, 2016 at 3:45 p.m.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____