

**Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis
held at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis,
Co. Clare, on 15th of June, 2018.**

Present:

Councillors: P. Daly, J. Flynn, C. Colleran Molloy, A. Norton, J. Breen, P. Murphy & T. McNamara.

Officials: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Eamon O’Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Fiona Whelan, Staff Officer & Orla Shanagher, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. M. Howard and Bernadette Haugh, Meetings Administrator.

The outgoing Mayor of Ennis, Cllr. Murphy addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM for Ennis Municipal District. He thanked his fellow Councillors and in particular Cllr. Ann Norton in her role as Deputy Mayor, together with all the staff of the Municipal District of Ennis for their support and guidance during his reign as Mayor of Ennis.

Cllr. Murphy further acknowledged the support he received from Ger Dollard (previous Director of Service), Brian McCarthy in his role as Acting Director of Service and the current Director of Service Carmel Kirby. He thanked Ann Reynolds in her role as Meetings Administrator was acknowledged as was Bernadette Haugh the current Meetings Administrator.

Cllr. Murphy spoke of his highlights from his year as Mayor of Ennis including the All Ireland Fleadh in 2016 and 2017 which was “fantastic for the town”, retention of the Purple Flag, and the Coach Friendly accreditation for the Temple Gate Coach Park. He also acknowledged and thanked the Tidy Towns volunteers on their excellent performance resulting in Ennis being named the cleanest town in Ireland.

Cllr. Murphy acknowledged the support of his wife Siobhan, and two children, Cathal and Johnny over the past year. He again acknowledged his colleagues for entrusting him with the role of Mayor and wished the new incoming Mayor the very best during their term of office.

All members paid tribute to Cllr. Murphy on his very successful twelve months as Mayor of Ennis.

Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, thanked and acknowledged the successful work done by Cllr. Murphy in his role as Mayor of Ennis and in particular thanked him for the role he played in the Latoon Bridge re-construction.

Item No. 1 Election of Mayor of Ennis/Cathaoirleach:

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly, cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Breen agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy is Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months”.

As there were no other nominations for the position of Mayor, following Cllr. Colleran Molloy’s acceptance of the position, Cllr. Murphy declared Cllr. Colleran Molloy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next year. The Mayoral Chain of Office was presented to Cllr. Colleran Molloy by Cllr. Murphy.

Cllr. Colleran Molloy thanked the members of the Municipal District of Ennis & welcomed her husband Tony, members of her family, friends and neighbours who were present in the Public Gallery. She also acknowledged her mother Dolly’s absence due to illness, her late father Jack, her late brother Jarlath (and his late wife, Mary Greene), who she knows would have taken a great deal of pride in seeing her being elected Mayor of Ennis.

Cllr. Colleran Molloy said she was deeply conscious of the honour bestowed on her to represent the elected members of the Municipal District and the local authority and more importantly the people of Ennis, Clarecastle, Kilmaley, Barefield, Kilmona and Quin. She spoke of her family and the path that led her to the Local Elections in 2014 acknowledging her rewarding experience as a Councillor over the past four years and the honour of being elected Mayor of Ennis.

Cllr. Colleran Molloy made reference to the signing of contracts with GVA Consultants for the preparation of an Ennis Spatial and Economic Strategy to 2040, acknowledging that this would provide the blueprint for how this town moves forward, both economically and socially, over the next 20 years. In the context of Ennis, she also referred to the Urban Regeneration Fund (arising out of the Project Ireland 2040) & its potential to rejuvenate key parts of towns & cities. She believes the visionary and ambitious plans for Ennis as set out in the County Development Plan 2012-2023 will result in many exciting projects for the County Town which will ensure Ennis is positioned as a key town in both a regional and national context. Ennis is Ireland’s Friendliest Town, it is Ireland’s Cleanest Town and she believes it is fast becoming one of the best towns in the country in which to do business.

The hosting Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2016 and 2017 showed that Ennis is capable of successfully hosting a large scale event. Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan is on the way next month and the opportunity to develop an annual event that attracts thousands of people to the town must not be passed.

All Members congratulated Cllr. Colleran Molloy on becoming Mayor of Ennis.

Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, congratulated Cllr. Colleran Molloy on her election as Mayor of Ennis and wished her every success for the coming year.

Item No. 2 Election of Deputy Mayor/Leas-Chathaoirleach

Ar moladh Cllr. Ann Norton, cuidithe ag Cllr. Johnny Flynn, agus glacagh leis,


“That Cllr. Paul Murphy is Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months”.

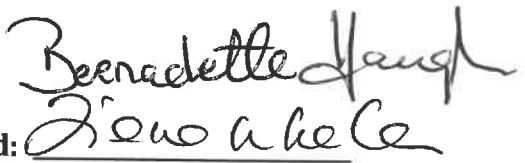
As there were no other nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and following Cllr. Murphy’s acceptance of the position, Cllr. Colleran Molloy declared Cllr. Paul Murphy, Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months.

Cllr. Colleran Molloy and all the members present wished Cllr. Murphy every success for his year as Deputy Mayor of Ennis.

Item No. 3 Approve allowance for Mayor of Ennis

On the proposal of Cllr. Paul Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Ann Norton the allowance of €12,000 for the role of Mayor was approved.

Signed: 
Mayor of Ennis
Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy

Signed: 
Meetings Administrator
Fiona Whelan

Date: 11/9/18