

**Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis,
held at 4.00pm on Thursday 29th June, 2023,
in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir,
New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare
and on-line.**

Present:

Councillors: P. Daly, C. Colleran-Molloy, P. Murphy, M. Howard, T. O'Callaghan, A. Norton, J. Flynn.

Officials: Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Leonore O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Eamon O'Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Patrick Tiernan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Niamh O'Connor, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator, Lily McInerney, Staff Officer (Minutes).

The outgoing Mayor of Ennis, Cllr. C. Colleran-Molloy welcomed everyone and began by thanking her fellow Elected Members for their support during the year. She summarised her Mayoral year as one during which she aimed to embrace the need to respect and honour the past, whilst acknowledging the needs of future generations and emerging influences. She outlined some of the highlights of the year ;

- supporting Spancillhill Fair which was at risk of discontinuation
- switching on of the Christmas Lights and the St. Patrick's Day parade
- the re-naming of Victoria Bridge to the great Mike McTigue Bridge
- hosting TY Coláiste students with their ground-breaking project on sustainable school travel
- the Mayoral reception in April, which honored pupils in the district who had achieved at the highest level in an activity with their school.

She expressed her gratitude to her Deputy Mayor, Cllr. M. Howard and the Executive for supporting her throughout the year and she thanked her colleagues, particularly for their cooperation and diligence in agreeing the annual distribution of GMA monies to the community.

Members paid individual tributes to the outgoing Mayor, highlighting her personal strengths in addition to her achievements during her tenure.

Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, thanked Cllr. Colleran-Molloy on behalf of the executive and acknowledged her accomplishments during her Mayoral term. She commended Cllr Colleran-Molloy's fantastic year during which healthy debate regularly took place and that the Mayor had worked hard to ensure consensus, always maintaining a keen focus on outcomes that deliver what is best for Ennis. With an increasing emphasis on the new town bus service, the Mayor had achieved a breakthrough in having hosted delegates from the National Transport Authority in Council Chamber. Throughout a varied and challenging year, Cllr Colleran-Molloy had shown dedication and energy and a fastidious awareness of the key focus of our time - the sustainable development of Ennis for all.

Leonore O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, thanked Cllr Colleran-Molloy and Cllr M. Howard on behalf of the staff of Ennis MD. She also acknowledged all Members for their hard work in the past year.

Item No. 1. Election of Mayor

Ar moladh Cllr. T. O'Callaghan, cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Colleran-Molloy, agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. Pat Daly 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. P Daly's acceptance of the position, Cllr. C. Colleran-Molloy declared Cllr. P. Daly Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for 2023/2024.

Newly elected Chair, Cllr. Pat Daly thanked the Elected Members. He acknowledged the passion and commitment of outgoing Mayor Cllr. Colleran-Molloy and also acknowledged his family members in attendance and their support.

Cllr Daly stated that he was honoured to be Mayor of the biggest town in Munster and he referred to the town's recent awards (i) Age Friendly status (ii) Ireland's Friendliest Place (iii) Tidiest Town 2021 and (iv) Tidiest large urban centre 2022,

He referenced projects that he hoped to drive forward in the coming year, namely finding a purposeful use for the Market Building, the potential to re-open O'Connell Street to vehicular traffic Monday to Thursday pending upcoming public realm works, the potential to move the taxi-rank in Parnell Street to a better location and the need for full and open discourse on the plans in *Ennis2040* to achieve the very best future for Ennis town.

Carmel Kirby, Director of Service, congratulated and welcomed Cllr. P. Daly as Mayor, on behalf of the Executive team.

All Members congratulated Cllr. P. Daly on becoming Mayor of Ennis and wishing him every success for the coming year.

Item No. 2. Election of Deputy Mayor

Ar moladh Cllr. T. O'Callaghan cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly, agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. J. Flynn 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. J. Flynn's acceptance of the position, new Chair Cllr. P. Daly declared Cllr. J. Flynn, Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months.

Item No. 3. Approve allowance for Mayor

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

Item No. 4. Consideration of Standing Orders

It was agreed that the current Standing Orders, would remain for 2023.

The Meeting ended at 16:48pm.

Signed: Pat Doherty
Mayor of Ennis

Signed: [Signature]
Meetings Administrator

Date: 5/9/2023

