

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Shannon Municipal District**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 3.00pm**  
**Offices of the Municipal District, Town Hall, Shannon, Co. Clare**

**Present:** Councillors Mike McKee (Cathaoirleach), Gerard Flynn, John Crowe, Pat McMahon, PJ Ryan, Cathal Crowe.

Liam Conneally, Director of Service, Siobhán O'Reilly, Meetings Administrator, Patricia O'Neill, Staff Officer.

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**1. Election of Cathaoirleach for the next 12 Months.**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mike McKee opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the AGM of the Shannon Municipal District. Cllr. McKee thanked his fellow Councillors, the staff of the Shannon Municipal District and Clare County Council, for their support and commitment over the last 12 months during his tenure as Cathaoirleach. He also thanked the media for their coverage. He stated that he enjoyed the role and was honoured to have served as Cathaoirleach of the Shannon Municipal District.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach was thanked by all the members for his work for the district over the past twelve months.

Nominations for Cathaoirleach were invited. On the proposal of Cllr PJ Ryan, seconded by Cllr Cathal Crowe, Cllr Gerard Flynn was unanimously elected as Cathaoirleach. Cllr Flynn then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting, having been handed the chain of office by Cllr Mike McKee.

Cllr. Gerard Flynn, thanked the Councillors for electing him to the position and spoke of the great honour it is for him to represent the Shannon Municipal District as Cathaoirleach. He also thanked the officials of Clare County Council and acknowledged the good working relationship that exists between councillors and officials in serving the people of the Shannon Municipal District. Cllr. Flynn stated that he is looking forward to serving the extended area in light of the recent Government announcement on boundary changes proposed for 2019. He also added that the year ahead will be a constructive year and that with the support and assistance from the Director Liam Conneally he will be seeking to ensure that adequate resources are made available to the Shannon Municipal District.

Finally, Cllr. Gerard Flynn acknowledged the support of his family in enabling him to fulfil his role as Elected Member and Cathaoirleach.

**2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the next 12 Months.**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the election of Leas Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr John Crowe, seconded by Cllr PJ Ryan, Cllr Pat McMahon was unanimously elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

The incoming Leas Cathaoirleach was welcomed by all the members, who wished him well during his tenure.

Cllr. Cathal Crowe proposed to extend a vote of sympathy to the family of Joe Quinn (RIP), Knockroe, Meelick, Co. Clare and also wished Joe's son Seamus a speedy recovery. This was supported by all the Members.

Liam Conneally, Director of Services addressed the meeting and paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mike McKee making particular reference to the efficient and effective manner in which he conducted the meetings of the Shannon Municipal District during his tenure. He also congratulated and wished the incoming Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerard Flynn the very best in the year ahead and stated that he looked forward to nurturing the strong working relationship that exists between the, elected members, officials and business communities in developing and promoting the Shannon Municipal District. In relation to funding Liam added that the Council will be seeking funding under the Urban Regeneration plan and will be briefing and co-operating with Elected Members on areas and projects which may benefit from funding under this plan. Also, any unspent money from previous years will be spent on areas prioritised by the Elected Members.

Cllr. Gerard Flynn stated that he had recently visited communities within the county that had undertaken projects under the Rural Directorate and stated that he would like to see similar works/projects in the Shannon Municipal District.

A discussion also took place on the whether the title “Cathaoirleach” or “Mayor” should be used in the Shannon Municipal District. It was agreed by the Members that as set down in the Local Government Act 2014 *“in the case of each municipal district, the municipal district members shall elect a Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach in accordance with Part 5 of the Principal Act”*.

### **3. Approval to payment of allowances to the Cathaoirleach.**

The payment of the allowances to the Cathaoirleach for the term was proposed by Cllr Cathal Crowe seconded by Cllr PJ Ryan and agreed.

### **4. Schedule of Meetings for the next 12 Months.**

The schedule of meetings (attached) was agreed by all the members.

It was proposed by Cllr. P.J. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Cathal Crowe to hold a civic recognition ceremony for Ms. Naomi Carroll, Cratloe who was recently honoured with a Gold Gaisce Award. This ceremony will be held in Áras Contae an Chláir and will also coincide with the July meeting. A discussion took place on the date available for this event and it was agreed that Cllr. P.J. Ryan will liaise with the relevant parties and will confirm date to the Meetings Administrator.

The Members also took the opportunity to wish the Clare Senior Hurling Team the best of luck in the Munster Hurling Final.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr Gerard Flynn  
Cathaoirleach

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meetings Administrator

Date: **July 2018**

The Members of Shannon Municipal District meet on the third Tuesday, of every second month. Meetings are held in the Town Hall Shannon at 9.45 a.m. unless otherwise stated. The Schedule of Meeting dates for 2018 to 2019 are as follows:

- Date for July Meeting to be confirmed
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019