



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 16TH JUNE 2022

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris and Ger Darcy
Also Present	Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.
Item 1. Election of Cathaoirleach	<p>Cllr O' Meara stated that it was a great privilege for him to be Cathoirleach for the past year. It was enjoyable and challenging during a difficult time. He thanked the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Darcy and the Chief Executive and staff of Tipperary County Council. He believes that while holding meetings by Zoom was useful when it was necessary it is very difficult to do better than a face to face meeting.</p> <p>There were many highlights for the year and one was the fact that Nenagh town has gone from strength to strength. The development of the Centre of Excellence at Martyr's Road and the Rialto project will further enhance the reputation of Nenagh and he complimented the executive on driving the projects. The traffic management plan for the town is also an important project and the ground work has been laid with engagement with the public. Cllr. O'Meara thanked Mr. B. Murphy and the Roads staff for the work done on the roads and acknowledged that where possible extra funding was sourced. Active Travel was important in providing schemes for cycleways and walkways and a very successful project was completed to Riverstown School. The new County Development Plan has been drafted and it will be a very important document for the future to ensure communities are kept sustainable.</p> <p>Community and Economic Development and the LEO's have an important role in giving advice and funding to small businesses. The various grant funding schemes for community groups are so important. The individual grants may not be for a very large value but are invaluable to the groups. Housing is being debated nationally but the issues are always dealt with by staff in a kind and courteous manner. He complimented the housing staff for the new housing estate in Borrisokane which he said was a great addition to the teown.</p> <p>The opening of the Tourist Office adds to the historical and cultural quarter and is important for locals and visitors to the area. The change in the area for Ireland's Hidden Heartlands was essential</p>



	<p>to help in the promotion of tourism in the north of the District and will help promote the opportunities for packages from Portumna and Birr to Ballina. He referred to huge projects underway such as the Newport Town Park and the Ballina Bridge.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara thanked the media for their reporting of the issues in a balanced and impartial manner. He acknowledged the important service provided by the local media.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr. O'Meara thanked the executive, Mr. M. O'Connor and Ms. R. Joyce. All the projects don't happen by chance and the experience the executive has in sourcing funding and developing projects is vital for the District. He said that Nenagh is strategically well placed with its proximity to Limerick. He thanked all the members for their co-operation during the year and wished the new Cathaoirleach the best of luck for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Each of the members then congratulated Cllr. O'Meara on his year and thanked him for his work. They commended his leadership, competence, innovation and ability to work with everyone. Director of Services Marcus O Connor and District Administrator Rosemary Joyce also joined in the congratulations to Cllr. O'Meara.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Séamus Morris, seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan and unanimously agreed that Cllr Hughie McGrath be elected as Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD for 2022/2023.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for the nomination and stated it was a privilege for him and his family. He still sees himself as a town councillor and is very proud when he looks at the list of the previous Cathaoirleachs displayed in the Chamber. Cllr. McGrath acknowledged that the members of the district really work as a unit for the better of the District. There are no political games and it has been that way since the start. He also acknowledged the great relationship with the executive.</p> <p>All the members wished Cllr. H. McGrath the best of luck for the year ahead. Mr. Marcus O'Connor and Ms. Rosemary Joyce joined in the good wishes to Cllr. H. McGrath.</p>
Item 2. Election of Leas- Chathaoirleach	<p>Cllr. S. Morris proposed and Cllr. H. McGrath seconded Cllr. P. Bugler as Leas Chathaoirleach. This was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler thanked the members for the nomination.</p>



This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify: -

Signed: 
Cllr. H. McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 21.07.2022

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 21.07.2022

