

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMERAGH DISTRICT HELD IN CIVIC
OFFICES, DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD ON
15TH JUNE, 2022 at 1PM in CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

Present:

Cllr. John O’Leary (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Liam Brazil
Cllr. Declan Clune
Cllr. Liam Brazil
Cllr. Ger Barron

Officials in attendance:

Mr. Ivan Grimes, Director of Service Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. Aisling O’Sullivan, Senior Executive Planner
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

1. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John O’Leary welcomed all to the meeting, noting it was a great pleasure and honour to be Cathaoirleach for the past year. He noted that it was a busy year highlighting projects such as the continuation of Greenway into the city centre and commencement of works in Mount Congreve which will be a game changer for the County. Within the Comeragh district welcomed the future development of Mayfield House in Portlaw, upgrading of walking trails in Crough Wood, opening of the Port na Machan housing development in Kilmacthomas, progress in the roads programme and active travel funding and the return of the Comeragh Wild festival. He noted the challenge of illegal dumping in the county and the associated costs with cleaning it up, acknowledging the continued work of local groups who continue to do clean ups. Highlighting the need to ensure our rural communities are kept vibrant and need to work in supporting them. Acknowledged the works of the council officials and outdoor workers and thanked all who worked with him throughout the year. He thanked all members of the Comeragh district for their work and support during the year.

Cllr. Clune outlined that it was a pleasure to work with Cathaoirleach, showed tolerance, good humour, fair at all meetings.

Cllr. Barron noted that the Cathaoirleach showed fairness and tolerance and dealt with online meetings well and noted that as a district worked together very well.

Cllr. Power congratulated Cathaoirleach on his year which started with difficulties due to Covid and handled it very well.

Cllr. Brazil complimented Cathaoirleach, tough year with Covid, he had a passion for the meetings and a lot of positive works for the district achieved.

All Councillors complimented and congratulated the Cathaoirleach on dealing with a year with online meetings and for his fairness in meetings.

I.Grimes, DoS echoed comments of the members, noting it was a challenging year yet successful year for the district with Cathaoirleach being fair to the members and staff. Commended all members collectively regarding the housing development in Kilmacthomas which was testimony to them all working together.

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the Comeragh District for 2022/2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr. Clune
“That Cllr. Brazil be elected Cathaoirleach of the Comeragh District.”

There being no further nominations for the position, the Cathaoirleach then declared the nominations closed and Cllr. Brazil was duly elected Cathaoirleach.

The members congratulated Cllr. Brazil on his election as Cathaoirleach of the Comeragh District.

Cllr. Brazil took over the chairing of the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder. He welcomed the opportunity to take up the position as the new Cathaoirleach, noting that no one person can do this roll on their own and credited his wife Marie in support of his work and encouragement. He noted that it has been a difficult 2 years to carry out work and looks forward to brighter future, noting that the job as a public representative has become very demanding. Great work has been done in Comeragh district by councillors and executive and all staff. Noted challenge to hold tourists in mid County Waterford, issue of illegal dumping continues to be a problem, people need to appreciate where they live and what it has to offer, everyone needs to be responsible for their own rubbish, need to push use of CCTV which he hopes to prioritise, delighted with the passing of the new Development Plan and support to rural communities to build and remain in their communities. Outlined that need to push availability of lands to provide for more housing in our small towns and villages. Thanked all for faith and belief to undertake roll of Cathaoirleach, thanked media for their support and executive for their support. Will keep mental health on the agenda for the year ahead.

All the district members congratulated Cllr. Brazil on his appointment as Cathaoirleach.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach for the Comeragh District for 2022/2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. O’Leary and seconded by Cllr. Barron
 “that Cllr. Power be elected Leas Cathaoirleach”

There being no further nominations for the position the Cathaoirleach declared nominations closed and Cllr. Power was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

3. AOB

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
 Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____