

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

COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2021 BY ZOOM

Present

Cllr. Ger Barron	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. John O'Leary
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. David Daniels	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Declan Doocey	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Susan Gallagher	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan (Mayor)	Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. James Tobin

Officials in Attendance

Mr. M. Quinn, Deputy Chief Executive
 Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
 Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
 Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Roads, Water & Environment
 Mr. B. Pollard, Head of Finance
 Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
 Mr. D. Mitchell, Corporate
 Mr. Conan Power, Communications

The Meetings Administrator carried out a roll call to confirm meeting attendance.

1. Toghchán an Mhéara – Election of Mayor

Cllr Geoghegan, the outgoing Mayor spoke of his unique year in office during the pandemic and in particular the reduced number of physical official events and visits including those of ministers which were in many cases replaced with virtual engagements on Zoom. He commended the frontline workers for their work during the pandemic.

The highlights of the year included the establishment of the First Citizens forum for the Southeast which he initiated and the sporting achievements of the Waterford Senior Hurlers and Henry de Bromhead in horse racing. He thanked community groups, trade unions, media and voluntary groups and the people of Waterford for their support while he was in office. He also extended his gratitude to the CEO, management and workforce of the council and Cllr. Mulligan for his support as Deputy Mayor together with all his fellow councillors. Finally, he expressed his thank to his wife, Natanya, his son Ronan,

daughter Caragh and his parents Pat and Annette for their support and understanding while he undertook duties that often took him away from them.

A number of councillors commented on the Cllr. Geoghegan's role as Mayor in a difficult year. M. Quinn, Deputy CE, on behalf of the executive and all employees thanked Cllr. Geoghegan for his advocacy and ambassadorial representation of Waterford during his year as mayor.

The mayor called for nominations for the position of Mayor of Waterford City & County Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Conway and seconded by Cllr. Tobin that Cllr. Kelly be elected mayor. Cllr. Conway spoke of Cllr. Kelly's suitability for the role and his record of public and trade union representation over the years.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gallagher and seconded by Cllr. Barry that Cllr. Roche be elected mayor. Cllr. Gallagher spoke of her long experience and service and record of honesty and competence.

There being no further nominations the mayor declared the nominations closed and a roll call note was taken by the meetings administrator.

Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Roche
Cllr. Brazil	Cllr. Barron
Cllr. Conway	Cllr. Barry
Cllr. Cronin	Cllr. Bailey
Cllr. Doocey	Cllr. Clune
Cllr. Geoghegan	Cllr. D. McGuinness
Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Daniels
Cllr. Mulligan	Cllr. Fitzgerald
Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Gallagher
Cllr. Nugent	Cllr. Griffin
Cllr. O'Donnell	Cllr. Hearne
Cllr. O'Leary	Cllr. Phelan
Cllr. O'Sullivan	Cllr. J. Power
Cllr. S. Power	Cllr. Pratt
Cllr. E. Quinlan	Cllr. Ryan
Cllr. F. Quinlan	Cllr. Roche
Cllr. Tobin	
Cllr. Wyse	
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Cllr. Kelly having received the majority of the votes was deemed elected, the outgoing mayor Cllr. Geoghegan offered his congratulations and best wishes for the year ahead and offered his commiserations to Cllr Roche.

A brief recess was called to allow the chain of office and chair to be handed over to the newly elected mayor Cllr. Kelly.

The meeting resumed with Cllr Kelly in the chair, and he addressed the meeting to outline his ambitions for the next year. He thanked his proposer and seconder, together with Cllrs. Roche and Geoghegan and

all the council staff. He commended the members for the respectful and professional way the vote was conducted. He outlined some areas to be focussed on during his term as housing, Michael Street and North Quays development, the extension of the Greenway to the Clock Tower, the established of a second Cath lab at UHW with 24 hour care, TUSE, reopening the Airport and the attraction of inward investment together with continued progress in arts, culture and sport. He said it was important that the city was promoted as the capital of the South East which was important for the other counties in the region also. Finally he thanked his wife Frances, his sons and their families for their great support over the years and also the people of Hillview and his constituents.

A number of councillors spoke to congratulate Cllr. Kelly wishing him the best in his year ahead.

2. Toghchán an Leas Mhéara – Election of Deputy Mayor

The mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

It was proposed by Cllr. O’ Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Murphy that Cllr. S. Power be elected deputy mayor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pratt and seconded by Cllr. Phelan that Cllr. Gallagher be elected deputy Mayor. There being no further nominations the mayor deemed nominations closed and a roll call vote was taken by the meetings administrator.

Cllr. S. Power	Cllr. Gallagher
Cllr. Brazil	Cllr. Barron
Cllr. Conway	Cllr. Barry
Cllr. Cronin	Cllr. Bailey
Cllr. Doocey	Cllr. Clune
Cllr. Geoghegan	Cllr. D. McGuinness
Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Daniels
Cllr. Mulligan	Cllr. Fitzgerald
Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Gallagher
Cllr. Nugent	Cllr. Griffin
Cllr. O’Donnell	Cllr. Hearne
Cllr. O’Leary	Cllr. Phelan
Cllr. O’Sullivan	Cllr. J. Power
Cllr. S. Power	Cllr. Pratt
Cllr. E. Quinlan	Cllr. Ryan
Cllr. F. Quinlan	
Cllr. Tobin	
Cllr. Wyse	
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Due to connectivity problems unable to get vote from Cllr. Roche and meetings administrator unable to reach by phone.

Cllr. S. Power having received he majority of votes was deemed elected.

Cllr. S. Power thanked his proposer and seconder and looks forward to supporting Cllr. Kelly in his role as mayor.

3. Nominations for -

Cllr. Roche re-joined the meeting

(1) Community Safety Partnership Committee.

K Kehoe (DoS) introduced the nomination process for this pilot committee together with the grouping, geographical and gender balance requirements which resulted in the following groupings and subsequent nominations being put forward:

A group of 5 formed consisting of Cllrs. Brazil, F. Quinlan, Conway, S. Power and Doocey nominated Cllr. Doocey.

A group of 5 formed consisting of Cllrs. O’Leary, Quinlan, O’Donnell, Murphy and Tobin nominated Cllr. Tobin.

A group of 5 formed consisting of Cllrs. D. McGuinness, Griffin, Fitzgerald, Hearne and Bailey nominated Cllr. Bailey.

A group of 5 formed consisting of Cllrs. Gallagher, Pratt, Phelan, Barron and Ryan nominated Cllr. Ryan.

A group of 5 formed consisting of Cllrs. Roche, Daniels, Barry, J. Power and Clune nominated Cllr. Clune.

A group of 5 formed consisting of Cllrs. Cronin, Wyse, Kelly, Geoghegan and Mulligan nominated Cllr. Mulligan.

There were 2 remaining councillors outside of the grouping system, Cllr. Nugent and Cllr. O’Sullivan and Cllr. O’Sullivan was nominated.

The Geographical representatives agreed as follows:

Dungarvan and Lismore – Cllr. Doocey and Cllr. Tobin

Comeragh – Cllr. Clune

Metro – Cllrs. Bailey, Ryan, Mulligan and O Sullivan

(2) Strategic Policy Committees

Nomination of Cllr. Bailey to the Housing, Community, Culture, Sport & Receptions SPC and Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action SPC due to resignation of Cllr. Breda Brennan from the council.

Proposed by Cllr. D. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Griffin and agreed by all.

(3) LAMA

Cllr. Cronin proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. O’Sullivan and agreed by all.

4. Aon Ghnó Eile AOB

None

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____