

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DUNGARVAN LISMORE DISTRICT
HELD ON 26th JUNE 2024
at 2.30pm in Council Chambers, Civic Offices, Dungarvan

Present:

Cllr. Tom Cronin
Cllr. Conor McGuinness
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan
Cllr. Donnchadh Mulcahy
Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Niamh O'Donovan
Cllr. Joe O'Riordan
Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. John Pratt

Officials in attendance:

Mr. Ivan Grimes, Interim Chief Executive
Mr. Paul Johnston, A/Director of Service Corporate, Planning, IS, HR and Culture
Ms. Claire Hartley, A/Director of Housing, Community and Emergency Services
Mr. Gabriel Hynes, Senior Engineer, Roads
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the Dungarvan Lismore district for 2024-2025

It was proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan and seconded by Cllr. Phelan
"That Cllr. Nugent be elected Cathaoirleach of the Dungarvan Lismore District."

It was proposed by Cllr. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. O'Riordan
"That Cllr. Mulcahy be elected Cathaoirleach of the Dungarvan Lismore District."

The Cathaoirleach declared the nominations closed and Cllr. Nugent was duly elected Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Nugent thanked his proposer and seconder, extended a welcome to the newly elected members and acknowledged the members that weren't returned for the new term. He noted highlights of his term as the hosting of district receptions, transformation hub and visit to Killorglin, purchase of properties in O'Connell Street although funding allocation not successful in initial allocation. Acknowledged the work of the roads staff and crews in relation to Storm Babet. Outlined his disappointment in the preferred route for the extended cycleway from Dungarvan to Youghal as currently outlined.

Cllr. McGuinness congratulated Cllr. Nugent on his re-election to the position of Cathaoirleach, will work together for Dungarvan and will need to work together on the delivering of capital projects and community infrastructure for Dungarvan and progression of Irish Language Centre for Dungarvan.

Cllrs. Pratt, O’Riordan and Phelan acknowledged Cllr. Nugent’s work over the last year and Cllr. Phelan noted the need to develop the primacy of Dungarvan town.

I.Grimes, Interim Chief Executive congratulated Cllr. Nugent on his re-election and also to all members on their recent election.

Cathaoirleach acknowledged all executive and his wife in their support.

ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

The newly elected Cathaoirleach Cllr. Nugent invited nominations for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach for 2024/2025

It was proposed by Cllr. Mulcahy and seconded by Cllr. McGuinness
“that Cllr. O’Riordan be elected Leas Cathaoirleach”.

It was proposed by Cllr. O’Donovan and seconded by Cllr. Pratt
“that Cllr. Geoghegan be elected Leas Cathaoirleach”.

The Cathaoirleach then declared nominations closed and Cllr. Geoghegan was duly elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Geoghegan thanked his proposer and seconder and looks forward to supporting the Cathaoirleach in the year ahead.

COMMITTEE NOMINATION

Dungarvan Town Centre Management Group

Cllr. Geoghegan proposed that the nomination of positions for this group is deferred to next meeting.

Cllr. McGuinness noted his dissatisfaction with the current establishment of the committee noting the need to discuss how best to proceed with the committee. Need to broaden out the scope of the committee and seconded the proposal to defer suggesting a workshop is held to discuss the structure. Suggested that all councillors of the Dungarvan local electoral district are members of the committee.

Cllr. Phelan agreed with deferral outlining that here is a Town Centre First policy that also needs to be considered. Number of developments that need to be progressed for Dungarvan and need to have involvement in the development of these areas. Membership of the group needs to be broadened out.

I.Grimes, Interim CE, noted that can discuss the future of the town centre management group, outlining that they are a consultative group where no decisions are made. Noted that both the Tramore and City Centre management groups were nominated at the Metropolitan meeting and 2 positions were agreed upon.

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Cllr. Geoghegan acknowledged the work that was carried out by the Corporate section in preparation for the local elections, the work of the presiding officers in the polling stations and the work of the media and particularly WLR in their coverage of the elections.

Cllr. McGuinness concurred with Cllr. Geoghegan about the level of work involved in the local elections. Paid tribute to all the candidates that ran in the local elections and the demonstration of local democracy and the level of coverage by the media. Requested the

Cathaoirleach write to Uisce Eireann inviting to attend the district meeting to discuss the issues for the area.

Cllr. Pratt concurred in relation to the staff and coverage of the elections and noted death of both Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh and Tommy O’Gorman requesting a minutes silence.

Cllr. O’Riordan extended his congratulations to Cllr. D. McGuinness on the birth of his son Liam.

Cllr. Geoghegan noted condolences for Michael Holland.

Cathaoirleach agreed to issue letter to Uisce Eireann.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____