

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMERAGH DISTRICT HELD BY ZOOM AND
IN CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD ON
16TH JUNE, 2021 at 1PM

Present:

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

Officials in attendance:

Mr. Michael, Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. Ivan Grimes, Director of Service Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Ms. Honor Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

Roll Call taken by meetings administrator.

1. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Seanie Power noted that it has been a difficult year for everyone, having to adhere to guidelines, limits contacts and not being able so meet with family and friends. The year has been difficult for all ages and noted how people have all done their part in keeping the community safe, outlined the sacrifice of the front line workers and sympathised with people who lost family members due to Covid. Acknowledged and thanked the councillors, executive for their assistance throughout his year as Cathaoirleach, the press for their coverage and the meetings administrator for assistance during the year with online meetings. He thanked his wife Nora and family for all their support and assistance.

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

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the Comeragh District for 2021/2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Brazil and seconded by Cllr. Power

“That Cllr. John O’Leary be elected Cathaoirleach of the Comeragh District.”

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

Cllr. O’Leary took over the chairing of the meeting and thanked his proposer and seconder. He acknowledged and thanked Cllr. Power on his chairing of the district during a difficult year. He noted the honour to himself, his family and party on his election to position of Cathaoirleach. He outlined the significant effect of the Covid 19 virus on the whole community, the development of the vaccine is enabling us to work on a recovery plan to offset the effects of the past year on the world economy outlining the need to open up the local economy and promote the amenities of our beautiful county. Highlighted the need to further enhance our towns and villages, outlined the challenge of housing issues in the district requesting the government to provide funding to build

more houses in our smaller towns and villages. He also noted that changes need to be made to our planning laws to enable one off houses in rural areas, road infrastructure while improving needs further investment and hopes to see more traffic calming schemes rolled out to make roads safer. He further outlined the requirement of a clean environment requesting a reduction in illegal dumping while acknowledging the great work around the district by communities and tidy towns committees. Thanked Chief Executive, district manager and meetings administrator for their support and looks forward to working with all council staff in the coming year. Noted that the reduction in the number of members in the Comeragh district at the last local elections needs to be revisited.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach for the Comeragh District for 2021/2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr. Clune
“that Cllr. Brazil be elected Leas Cathaoirleach”

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

3. AOB

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____