

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DUNGARVAN LISMORE DISTRICT
HELD ON 14TH JUNE, 2021
at 4.30pm with members on Zoom

Present:

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| Cllr. James Tobin, Cathaoirleach |
| Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness |
| Cllr. Declan Doocey |
| Cllr. Tom Cronin |
| Cllr. Pat Nugent |
| Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell |
| Cllr. Thomas Phelan |
| Cllr. John Pratt |
| Cllr. Damien Geoghegan |

Roll call carried out by Meetings Administrator

Officials in attendance:

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Service Corporate, IS, HR and Culture
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

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| ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH |
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The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. James Tobin noted that it was his honour and privilege to chair the Dungarvan & Lismore District meeting although it was a tough year for everyone. He thanked Cllr. Nugent who chaired meetings in his absence and thanked the district members for their support while acknowledging the executive, the district manager and meetings administrator for their help and co-operation during the year. He paid sympathy to those that lost family members due to Covid in a year never to forget. Regardless of politics need to stick together and work for the great people and great communities of Waterford. Cathaoirleach thanked his family for their support while acknowledging the loss of his loving wife Anne at the end of last year. Thanked the press and media for their fair coverage of all meetings.

Cllr. Geoghegan congratulated the Cathaoirleach in his commitment to the role in a personally very difficult year, it was exceptionally difficult in losing his wife while maintaining the commitment to the position as a councillor. Noted that the people of Knockanore and West Waterford are very lucky to have Cllr. Tobin as their public representative.

Cllr. Pratt noted that he considered the Cathaoirleach a friend, commending him on a fantastic year as a councillor in difficult times.

Cllr. D. McGuinness stated the Cathaoirleach as an able and fair chair leading the district council though the year. In addition, he gave credit to his strength, tenacity, dedication, and resilience during the great loss to his family, despite his grief he led the district council while keeping members in line at meetings. He acknowledged his thanks while commending the Cathaoirleach on manging a difficult year while dealing with online meetings and new technology.

Cllr. Phelan noted his thanks and appreciation for the Cathaoirleach's chairmanship and leadership while maintaining a steady hand in leading the meetings.

Cllr. Doocey noted the tough year personally, locally and in the world, all the more compounded by the loss of Anne and thanked the Cathaoirleach for work through the year.

Cllr. Nugent noted their long personal and political relationship noting the Cathaoirleach always held the meetings in order, he was happy to be able to assist in the meetings earlier in the year and support the Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Cronin noted a very hard year for the Cathaoirleach and family with loss of his wife and sister outlining his capability in managing the meetings in a fair manner will all members.

Cllr. O'Donnell great friend through GAA and politics, tough year and wished the Cathaoirleach well for the time ahead.

K. Kehoe, DoS thanked the Cathaoirleach for his professional manner in dealing with the Executive, very difficult year with pandemic and his personal losses. Working with the Cathaoirleach has learned from him the strength, leadership and tenacity in dealing with the Cathaoirleach and a pleasure to work with.

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the Dungarvan Lismore district for 2021/2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tobin and seconded by Cllr. O'Donnell

"That Cllr. Tom Cronin be elected Cathaoirleach of the Dungarvan Lismore District."

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

Cllr. Cronin thanked his proposer and seconder, stating that it was a privilege to serve the councillors and the people of the district. Hoping to focus on the future work preparing the new Development Plan with a focus on rural planning, affordable serviced sites, zoning of land. Thanked the roads department and outdoor staff for their assistance and acknowledged continuous support of the meetings administrator, district manager the Chief Executive. He hopes to see the North Quays develop as it will impact positively on the whole of Waterford.

Councillors acknowledged Cllr. Cronin's appointment to the position of Cathaoirleach.

ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

The newly elected Cathaoirleach Cllr. Cronin invited nominations for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach for 2021/2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Nugent and seconded by Cllr. Tobin

"that Cllr. Doocey be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

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

Cllr. Doocey thanked his proposer and seconder and looks forward to supporting the Cathaoirleach in the year ahead and working for the betterment of the district.

CE, Michael Walsh congratulated the Cathaoirleach on his election and Cllr. Tobin on his year in office noting the difficulties which he carried forward in dignity as a collective with all the members. Noted challenging times for elected members in a difficult year and hopes that all the community can go forward as the situation improves, commending the members on their work in supporting public realm and outdoor dining.

Councillors acknowledged Cllr. Doocey to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____