

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis held at 4.00pm in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chlair, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, on Tuesday the 7th of June, 2016.

Present:

Councillors: P. Daly J. Flynn, M. Howard, C. Colleran Molloy, A. Norton, J. Breen and P. Murphy, T. McNamara.

Officials: Ger Dollard, Interim Chief Executive, Eamon O'Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Fiona Whelan, Meetings Administrator & Deirdre Ryan, Staff Officer.

Apologies: None.

Cllr. Pat Daly addressed the meeting and thanked all the members and officials for the opportunity to serve as Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis. Cllr. Daly said that he was honoured to serve as Mayor and that everyone had worked well together and dealt with a number of key issues such as the new Pedestrian Crossings being constructed currently in the Town, Active Ennis Cycle Route, working closely with Irish Water to deliver Ennis Watermains Rehabilitation Scheme, support for businesses in Ennis and in particular the Parnell Street Traders and the Market Area/Garraunakilla and the Market Rejuvenation Project, the addition of Cafe D'Roamer at Lees Road and the workshop on Parking in Ennis.

He added that Tourism has always been the key economic driver for the town of Ennis and that during his term we received confirmation that Ennis will host Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann again in 2017. He hopes that both Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2016 and 2017 will be enjoyed by one and all and give Ennis & County Clare the tourism profile it deserves. We also secured funding for the proposed new flagship County Library Project in Ennis and both of these initiatives are significant to the economic, social and cultural life of the town and its environs.

Finally, Cllr. Daly thanked his family as well as Cllr. M. Howard Deputy Mayor and the staff of Clare County Council and the media for their support during his year as Mayor of Ennis 2015/2016.

Members thanked Cllr. Daly for the professional manner in which he represented the Municipal District of Ennis and conducted meetings in a fair manner during his tenure.

Item No. 1 Election of Mayor / Cathaoirleach:

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Breen, cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacagh leis,

"That Cllr. Ann Norton is Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months".

As there were no other nominations for the position of Mayor, following Cllr. Ann Norton's acceptance of the position, Cllr. Pat Daly declared Cllr. Ann Norton Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next year. Cllr. Daly wished her every success for her year as Mayor and said that all eight members will work together for the coming year.

The Mayoral Chain of Office was presented to Cllr. Ann Norton and Cllr. Norton then took the Chair and presided over the meeting.

Cllr. Norton thanked the members of the Municipal District of Ennis for bestowing the honour of Mayor to her and she acknowledged the title of Mayor of Ennis is one that stretches back many years and that she is conscious of the history and honour that it holds.

She looks forward to supporting the various community initiatives and cultural projects that will be taking place over the next 12 months, including plans for the new flagship County Library project in Ennis. She told of the great honour in holding the office in a year that will see Ennis host Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann for the first time since 1977. This is a huge occasion for the town and the entire county with more than 400,000 people travelling to Clare to experience our County of Culture.

A key priority for her role as Mayor over the next year will be to support and nurture the strong working relationship that exists between the Council, Elected Members and the business community in developing and promoting the town as a shopping and investment location. She acknowledged the media present and the important role they play in promoting Ennis.

She concluded, by wishing all our Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate students the very best of luck in their exams and made special mention to her own daughter Nicole who was due to sit her Leaving Certificate.

Cllr. Norton acknowledged the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Pat Daly for his excellent year at the helm and thanked the officials of Clare County Council and the media for their work and support.

Members congratulated Cllr. Norton on becoming Mayor of Ennis and agreed that they would work together as a team for the benefit of the town and Municipal District of Ennis.

G. Dollard joined the members and congratulated Cllr. Norton on behalf of the staff on becoming Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis. He said that Cllr. Norton would

have the co-operation of the executive for the year ahead. G. Dollard also complimented the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Daly on his very successful term as Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis.

Item No. 2 Election of Deputy Mayor / Leas-Chathaoirleach

Ar moladh Cllr. Tom McNamara, cuidithe ag Cllr. Pat Daly, agus glacagh leis,

"That Cllr. James Breen is Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months".

As there were no other nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and following Cllr. Breen's acceptance of the position, Cllr. Norton declared Cllr. James Breen, Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months.

Cllr. Norton and all the members present wished Cllr. Breen every success for his year as Deputy Mayor of Ennis.

Item No. 3. Approve allowance for Mayor.

On the proposal of Cllr. James Breen, seconded by Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy the allowance of €12,000 for the role of Mayor was approved.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____

Mayor

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____