

**Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis  
held at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis,  
Co. Clare, on 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** P. Daly, J. Flynn, C. Colleran Molloy, A. Norton, P. Murphy, M. Howard & M. Nestor

**Officials:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Eamon O’Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Leonore O’Neill, Senior Executive Officers, Bernadette Haugh, Meetings Administrator, Sinéad Armstrong Lynch, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Edel Crowley, Clerical Officer, Ryan O’Neill, Clerical Officer, Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Adrian Kelly, Chief Fire Officer.

The outgoing Mayor of Ennis, Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM for the Municipal District of Ennis. She congratulated all her fellow Elected Members on the recent Local Election results and welcomed Cllr Mark Nestor to the Ennis Municipal District Committee, and advised she is looking forward to working with each of them over the next five years.

She thanked her husband Toni, her family and friends for their continued support throughout the last year. She thanked her fellow Councillors and in particular Cllr. Murphy, who was Deputy Mayor during her tenure as Mayor, acknowledging his support to her during the year. Cllr C. Colleran Molloy noted that she embraced the role with a number of goals: 1. To raise the profile of Mayor and the importance of Local Government and democracy; 2. Encourage people to get out of their homes and volunteer; 3. Leverage the role of Mayor of Ennis Municipal District to assist local communities and local causes.

Cllr C. Colleran Molloy acknowledged what a challenge the Ennis 2040 plan is and expressed disappointment that the Elected Members had not received a draft of this plan as of yet, but did understand that this was imminent. She also acknowledged the excellent work done on getting the contracts signed for the regeneration of Parnell Street, the Lane-ways and Bow-ways of Ennis for the rejuvenation of the Public Realm. Cllr C. Colleran Molloy made reference to road issues at Corrovorrin, Shanaway, Ballymacahill, and Ballybeg which had been her focus during her term as Mayor of the District and she asked these remain as road designs priorities.

Cllr C. Colleran Molloy highlighted some of the many memorial moments of the year: the turning on of the Christmas Lights in Ennis, which came the day after Clare County Council won Local Authority of the Year award at an event in Dublin and being Grand Marshall at the St. Patrick’s Day parade in Ennis with Mary Fitzgerald founder of Clare Haven.

Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy further acknowledged the support she received from all levels of staff of Ennis Municipal District and Clare County Council which she was grateful for. She also commended Edel Crowley of Ennis MD for her creative talents in the decorating of the Mayoral Christmas tree at St Columba’s Church in December 2018.

Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, congratulated all the Elected Members on the recent local elections. He thanked and acknowledged the successful work done by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy in her role as Mayor of the Ennis Municipal District and he wished the incoming Mayor and the Members well in their next five year term.

Carmel Kirby, Director of Service welcomed the Elected Members and congratulated them on their recent election win. She acknowledged that the last year was a good year in terms of project development including Parnell Street, Laneways and Bow ways Public Realm Regeneration Project, Promote Ennis, Ennis 2040, and ongoing stakeholder engagement.

All members paid tribute to Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy on her very successful twelve months as Mayor of Ennis and acknowledged the retirement of former Councillors J. Breen and T. McNamara.

### **Item No. 1.** Election of Mayor/Cathaoirleach

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Howard, cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. Johnny Flynn 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. J. Flynn acceptance of the position, Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy declared Cllr. J. Flynn Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next year. The Mayoral Chain of Office was presented to Cllr. J. Flynn by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy.

Cllr J. Flynn thanked and acknowledged the support of his wife and family. He thanked his nominators and congratulated the Elected Members on a successful election campaign. He welcomed Cllr M. Nestor, wishing him luck in his role as an Elected Member and he also acknowledged the great work done by former Councillors; P. Considine, J. Breen and T. McNamara.

All Members congratulated Cllr. J. Flynn on becoming Mayor of Ennis wished him every success for the coming year.

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

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Howard, agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. A. Norton 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. A. Norton’s acceptance of the position, Cllr. J. Flynn declared Cllr. A. Norton, Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months.

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

**Item No. 3.** Approve allowance for Mayor

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Norton, seconded by Cllr. C. Collieran Molloy the allowance of €12,000 for the role of Mayor was approved.

**Item No. 4.** Consideration of Standing Orders

*This item was proposed by Cllr. A. Norton, seconded by Cllr. P. Murphy and agreed by members.*

**Item No. 5.** Fix Future Meeting Dates

2019:

June – N/A  
July 9<sup>th</sup>  
August – N/A  
September 10<sup>th</sup>  
October 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
December 10<sup>th</sup>

*This item was proposed by Cllr A. Norton seconded by Cllr C. Collieran. Molloy and agreed by the Members.*

**Item No. 6.** Nominations to Various Organisations/Bodies

- Action Plan for Rural Ireland (Mayor & Ex-Officio Mayor)  
– Cllr J. Flynn & Cllr C. Collieran Molloy  
*Proposed by Cllr P. Daly seconded by Cllr A. Norton and agreed by the Members.*
- Clare Development Forum  
– Cllr M. Howard  
*Proposed by Cllr P. Murphy seconded by Cllr A. Norton and agreed by the Members.*
- Ennis Tidy Towns  
– Cllr M. Nestor  
*Proposed by Cllr M. Howard seconded by Cllr A. Norton and agreed by the Members.*  
– Cllr M. Howard  
*Proposed by Cllr M. Nestor seconded by Cllr P. Murphy and agreed by the Members.*
- Promote Ennis  
– Cllr J. Flynn  
*Proposed by Cllr A. Norton seconded by Cllr M. Howard and agreed by the Members.*  
– Cllr P. Daly  
*Proposed by Cllr C. Collieran Molloy seconded by Cllr A. Norton and agreed by the Members*  
– Cllr P. Murphy  
*Proposed by Cllr A. Norton seconded by Cllr M. Howard and agreed by the Members*
- Purple Flag  
– Cllr J. Flynn  
*Proposed by Cllr A. Norton seconded by Cllr P. Murphy and agreed by the Members.*  
– Cllr M. Nestor

- Proposed by Cllr P. Daly seconded by Cllr Mary Howard and agreed by the Members*
- **Market Advisory Committee (Mayor & Deputy Major)**  
– Cllr J. Flynn & Cllr C. Colleran Molloy  
*Proposed by Cllr P. Daly seconded by Cllr C. Colleran Molloy and agreed by the Members.*

**Item No. 7.** Part VIII - Development at Ennis Fire Station, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

*Proposed by Cllr A. Norton seconded by Cllr P. Daly and agreed by the Members.*

**Item No. 8.** Proposed Lease of buildings at Bindon Street, Ennis to Limerick Institute of Technology

*Proposed by Cllr A. Norton seconded by Cllr P. Daly and agreed by the Members.*

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor of Ennis**  
**Cllr. J. Flynn**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Meetings Administrator**  
**Bernadette Haugh**