



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at the Special Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on Friday 20th December 2024

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Comhairleoir Seosamh Ó Cearbhaill, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Uí Bhambaire, Ó Coileáin S, Uí Chochláin G, Ó Foghlú, Uí Shúilleabháin M, Ó hArrahtáin, Ó Murchú PG, Uí Bhuachalla A, Daltún, Ó Súilleabháin, Ó Fathaigh Ní Charthaigh U, De Faoite, Barra, Mac Iorlla, Ó Finn, Ní Cheallacháin, Rasmussen, Sheppard, Mac Coitir, Uí Bhriain, Ó Donnchú, Ó Floinn, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Muineacháin B, Ní Mhurchú T, O Cochláin M, Críod, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Luasa, Uí Loinsigh, Muineacháin G, Ó Haodha, Ó Madaoin, Ó Murchú G, O Sé T, Ní Heachthigheirn, Ó Buachalla S, Ó Héighheartaigh, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó Maolchathaigh, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Seasnáin, Towse.

PRESENT

Councillor Joe Carroll, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Bambury, Collins J, Coughlan G, Foley, O'Sullivan M, Harrington, Murphy PG, Buckley A, Dalton O'Sullivan, Fahy, McCarthy U, White, Barry, Curley, Finn, O'Callaghan, Rasmussen, Sheppard, Cotter, O'Brien, O'Donoghue, O'Flynn, Doyle, Moynihan B, Murphy T, Coughlan M, Creed, Looney, Lucey, Lynch, Moynihan G, Hayes, Madden, Murphy G, O'Shea T, Ahern, Buckley J, Hegarty, Linehan Foley, Mulcahy, Kelly, O'Donovan, Sexton, Towse.

Chief Executive, Divisional Managers, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ

1/12-2

*Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty
Seconded by Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen*

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY RÚN CHOMHBHRÓIN

2/12-2

TO: Diarmuid Butler on the death of his mother Elizabeth Butler.

TO: Niall Cunningham on the death of his partner Kathryn Sheehan.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS GNÓ REACTÚIL

3. CASUAL VACANCIES:

SECTION 19 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

a. Filling of the Casual Vacancy arising from the election of Councillor Seamus McGrath.

“That Patrick Donovan be co-opted as a Member of Cork County Council to fill the vacancy created by the election of Councillor Seamus McGrath to Dáil Éireann.”

Proposed by Councillor Gillian Coughlan
Seconded by Councillor Audrey Buckley

At this juncture Councillor Patrick Donovan joined the meeting.

Councillor Donovan added that it was a great honour to be a member of Cork County Council. He wished all others being co-opted the best of luck. He thanked his parents, partner and added that he hopes to make his daughter proud. He thanked his colleagues in Fianna Fáil and especially Deputy Seamus McGrath. Councillor Donovan added that he intends to work hard on things such as affordable & cost rental housing, garda resourcing, improved public transport services. He finished by saying that he is looking forward to working with other members, the executive and representing the people of the Carrigaline Municipal District.

b. Filling of the Casual Vacancy arising from the election of Councillor John Paul O’Shea

“That Aileen Browne be co-opted as a Member of Cork County Council to fill the vacancy created by the election of Councillor John Paul O’Shea to Dáil Éireann.”

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty
Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

At this juncture Councillor Aileen Browne joined the meeting.

Councillor Browne thanked Councillors Hegarty and Barry for proposing and seconding her co-option. She congratulated Deputy John Paul O’Shea and the other recently elected deputies. She thanked her family and friends for the support. She added that she is looking forward to representing the people of the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District.

c. Filling of the Casual Vacancy arising from the election of Councillor Noel McCarthy

“That Kay Dawson be co-opted as a Member of Cork County Council to fill the vacancy created by the election of Councillor Noel McCarthy to Dáil Éireann.”

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty
Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

At this juncture Councillor Kay Dawson joined the meeting.

Councillor Dawson stated that it was an emotional day to be back as a member of Cork County Council and thanked Councillors Hegarty and Barry for proposing and seconding her co-option. She said that she was thrilled to be back and could not wait to get started. She thanked recently elected Deputy Noel McCarthy and congratulated the other recently elected deputies.

d. Filling of the Casual Vacancy arising from the election of Councillor Liam Quaide

“That Eamonn Horgan be co-opted as a member of Cork County to fill the vacancy created by the election of Councillor Liam Quaide to Dáil Éireann.”

***Proposed by Councillor Ann Bambury
Seconded by Councillor Isobel Towse***

At this juncture Councillor Eamonn Horgan joined the meeting.

Councillor Horgan stated that he was honoured and proud to be a member of Cork County Council. He said Cork County Council is central to the further development of the county. He congratulated all elected deputies and wished all fellow co-opted councillors the best of luck. He thanked his parents, fiancé and daughter for their support. He said he plans to work hard for improved public transport, improved public amenities, improved flood defences, improved mental health services and improved housing.

e. Filling of the Casual Vacancy arising from the election of Councillor Eoghan Kenny

“That Ronan Sheehan be co-opted as a member of Cork County to fill the vacancy created by the election of Councillor Eoghan Kenny to Dáil Éireann.”

***Proposed by Councillor Cathal Rasmussen
Seconded by Councillor Bernard Moynihan***

At this juncture Councillor Ronan Sheehan joined the meeting.

Councillor thanked Councillors Rasmussen and Moynihan for proposing and seconding his co-option. He congratulated all recently elected deputies especially Deputy Eoghan Kenny. He said he is looking forward to representing the people of the Kanturk Mallow Municipal district and is planning to work hard on such things as the M20, housing and the theatre in Mallow. He thanked his family for their support.

Mayor Joe Carroll, Chief Executive Moira Murrell and party leaders welcomed all new members and wished them the best of luck.

**[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS
RÚN CHOMHGHAIRDIS**

[4/12-2](#)

TO: Watergrasshill Intermediated Hurlers on reaching the All Ireland Intermediate Hurling Final

TO: Russell Rovers on reaching the All Ireland Junior Hurling Final

TO: Sars on reaching the All Ireland Senior Hurling Final

TO: Claire Barr and the Mallow MD team on organising the Mallow Castle Illuminated Walkway

TO: St Fanahan’s Camogie on winning the Munster Final in the Mai O’Connell Junior Cup

**[l] ANY OTHER BUSINESS
AON GHNÓ EILE**

MAYOR’S COMMUNITY AWARDS

[5/12-2](#)

Senior Executive Officer reminded members of the closing date of the 7th of January 2025.

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[6/12-2](#)

Members said that the €100 fee being introduced is excessive.

FREEMOUNT TREATMENT PLANT

6/12-2

Members agreed to write to Uisce Éireann to request extra curators as there is currently only one at the plant.

Proposed by Councillor Ian Doyle, seconded by Councillor Bernard Moynihan.

~ **THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING** ~