

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Shannon Municipal District held
on Tuesday 28th June, 2016 at 3.30pm in the Offices of the Municipal District,
Town Hall, Shannon, Co. Clare**

Present: Councillors PJ Ryan (Cathaoirleach), Pat McMahon, John Crowe , Mike McKee,
Cathal Crowe

Gerard Dollard, Interim Chief Executive, Niall Barrett, Head of Finance, Orla
Doolaghty A/Staff Officer, Fiona Mooney Meetings Administrator,

Apologies: Cllr. Gerard Flynn.

Cllr PJ Ryan requested an adjournment of the meeting for a period of fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to Cllr Gerard Flynn on the passing of his brother Anthony (Tony), RIP. Condolences were expressed, and the meeting was adjourned.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach for the next 12 Months.

Cllr PJ Ryan opened the meeting and thanked all his elected colleagues and all the outdoor and indoor staff of Shannon Municipal District for their co-operation and work during the past twelve months and thanked the interim chief executive and head of finance for their support and advice. He thanked the media for their coverage. He outlined how he thoroughly enjoyed representing the municipal district at various events throughout his tenure as cathaoirleach. The cathaoirleach felt that knowledge about the new local government structures at municipal district level were not fully understood and thought that communications with the airport authority in particular could usefully be strengthened.

The outgoing cathaoirleach was thanked by all the members for his work for the district over the past twelve months.

Nominations for cathaoirleach were invited. On the proposal of Cllr Mike McKee, seconded by Cllr Pat McMahon, Cllr John Crowe was unanimously elected as cathaoirleach. Cllr. Crowe then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting, having been handed over the chain of office by Cllr PJ Ryan.

Cllr Crowe thanked all the members for their confidence in him, and looked forward to working with them on the various challenges facing the district. Shannon Airport being a major asset and unique to this municipal district was highlighted by the cathaoirleach, who expressed the wish to forge stronger links with the Shannon Airport Authority.

The incoming cathaoirleach was welcomed and wished well during his tenure and his dual role of president of the Association of Irish Local Government was considered a real asset to the district.

Ger Dollard acknowledge the large geographical area covered by the district and also that the new local government structures were relatively new to everyone and were still being worked through.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for the next 12 Months.

The cathaoirleach invited nominations for the election of leas cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr Pat McMahon, seconded by Cllr Cathal Crowe, Cllr Mike McKee was unanimously elected as leas cathaoirleach.

The incoming leas cathaoirleach was welcomed by all the members, who wished him well during his tenure.

3. Approval to payment of allowances to the Cathaoirleach.

The payment of the allowances to the cathaoirleach for the term was proposed by Cllr PJ Ryan, seconded by Cllr Cathal Crowe and agreed.

Given that the outgoing and incoming cathaoirleach had identified a communication challenge with the Shannon Airport Authority, the members supported any initiatives to improve that situation.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cllr J Crowe
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date: _____