

Present: Cllr. Michael Murphy, Mayor
Cllr. John Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor
Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose
Cllr. Pat English
Cllr. Richie Molloy

Apologies: Cllr. Niall Dennehy

In attendance: Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive
Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Serves
Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

At the outset Cllr. Michael Murphy, Mayor welcomed everyone to the historical Chamber of the Town Hall. He also welcomed Cllr. Pat English who was present via Zoom. He reflected on the outgoing year and thanked his colleagues for their support. He described the year as a year of two halves in which the first half was dominated by Covid19 Pandemic and expressed his gratitude to the front-line workers. He thanked the team at Tipperary County Council for all their expertise, support and knowledge. The Mayor stated that throughout his mayoralty he championed the proud history of our local government in Clonmel. He worked tirelessly to promotion our great outdoors, our mountains, our rivers and in particular the Blueway amenity while also highlighting the great hospitality in our locality, retail and enterprise the town has to offer. The Mayor stated that he was passionate about the community and voluntary organisations that we have in our district and was delighted to have the opportunity to recognise those groups by hosting numerous Mayoral Receptions and also had the opportunity to host a Civic Reception to mark the 50th Anniversary of Banna Chluain Meala. One of his personal highlights was the little Blue Heroes reception in conjunction with An Garda Síochána. Through the mayoral relief fund he was in great position to help local voluntary, community and charity groups. The establishment of the Ukrainian fund was very successful and he was delighted to have initiated this fund.

There are also a lot of other exciting projects that have commenced and are ready to be progressed in Clonmel. He is looking forward to seeing Clonmel transform and acknowledged the ambition of Tipperary County Council in seeing these projects through to fruition.

Members of the Clonmel Borough District, Mr. Joe MacGrath, CE, Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services and Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator all congratulated Cllr. Michael Murphy on his mayoralty during the year. The Mayors commitment, positivity and professionalism that he brought to the role and the honour in which he held the role was acknowledged by all.

Item 1 – Election of Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2022/2023

Cllr. Michael Murphy sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr. Richie Molloy nominated Cllr. Pat English for the position of Mayor. Cllr. John Fitzgerald seconded the proposal.

There were no other nominations for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Michael Murphy then deemed Cllr. Pat English elected as the Mayor of Clonmel Borough District for 2021/2022.

Cllr. Pat English thanked his proposer and seconder and all members for electing him as Mayor as it was a huge privilege and honour.

He thanked his family and friends for their continuous support and encouragement and in particular his wife Carol. He also thanked Mr. Seamus Healy and all the members of the Workers and Unemployed Action Group for helping him get elected to the Council. He remembered fondly the late Kathleen Bulbert, WUAG Treasurer who sadly passed away during the year.

He looks forward to working with Management and fellow Councillors on various projects during the year such as Kickham Barracks, Clonmel Sports Hub, Suir Island Footbridge and the Clonmel Town Urban Design. These projects will rejuvenate the town in to the future.

He hopes that future investment in to the town can be established to provide further job creation in the District. He acknowledged that the real back bone of the town is the many voluntary and community organisations and he looks forward to connecting with them over the coming year. He acknowledged the difficult challenges ahead such as housing for future generations and tackling the issue of drug misuse in the town. The lack of proper water supply in the town is another huge challenge. He looks forward to promoting the town of Clonmel positively and serving the people of Clonmel.

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose congratulated Cllr. Pat English, his wife Carol and family on a very proud and pinnacle moment in his career. She reflected on the time when they both entered into the Council in 2004 together along with Cllr. Molloy and said that he was always diligent and dedicated in terms of his position as a councillor and how he represents the people of Clonmel. She looks forward to working with him over the year.

Cllr. Richie Molloy congratulated Cllr. Pat English and was delighted to propose him as Mayor. He made reference to the fact that Cllr. English was zooming in to the meeting which was a first for an AGM for Clonmel Borough District. He acknowledged that Cllr. English would have preferred to be here in person. He stated that it was going to be an exciting year ahead especially with all the projects currently being driven by the district notwithstanding the challenges that also exist. He extended his good wishes and congratulations to Cllr. English's wife Carol and all the family on a very proud day.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said that on this historic day in the Chamber he was delighted to welcome Cllr. Pat English as the new Mayor of Clonmel. It is a privilege to pass the baton to Cllr. English and a very proud moment for his wife Carol and all the family and indeed the WUAG. He has no doubt he will apply himself to the role with commitment and dedication and skill that the position deserves and he offered his help and support if needed.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald stated that he was privileged to have seconded the proposal for Cllr. Pat English as Mayor. He was looking forward to working with Cllr. English and stated that he knows that he will always be there for support. Every time that Cllr. English sits at a Council meeting he demonstrates the shared goal of all councillors to make Clonmel a better place. He wished him and his family a very happy year ahead.

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services took the opportunity to congratulate Cllr. Pat English and stated even though he has been Mayor of Clonmel before it is never taken for granted and is a very privileged position to be in. She acknowledged that Cllr. English holds the position in very high regard. The town is very lucky to have somebody of his calibre to take up the position. She stated that both herself and the Clonmel Borough District team will support him in his role.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive wanted to join in with congratulating Cllr. English on being elected 1st Citizen and Mayor of Clonmel. He acknowledged Cllr. English's very strong beliefs and the commitment and work he puts in behind those beliefs. It is very much evident on the ground and the work that he has done for the people that he represents. He was happy to be associated with all the nice words and congratulations that have been said today and wished him all the best in his role.

Item 2 – Election of Deputy Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2022/2023

Cllr. Pat English, Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Michael Murphy proposed Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

Cllr. Richie Molloy seconded Cllr. Michael Murphy's proposal.

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, to which there were no other proposals. He deemed Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose to be elected as Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose thanked Cllr. Michael Murphy and Cllr. Richie Molloy for their proposal and all members congratulated Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose in her new role as Deputy Mayor.

Item 3 – Fix Schedule of Meetings for 2022/2023.

July 2022 – June 2023

- 13th July, 2022
- 21st September, 2022
- 19th October, 2022
- 16th November, 2022
- 21st December, 2022
- 18th January, 2023
- 15th February, 2023
- 15th March, 2023
- 19th April, 2023
- 17th May, 2023
- 21st June, 2023

This item was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.

Signed: 
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District.

Dated: 13/07/2022

Signed: 
District Administrator.

Dated: 13/7/2022.