

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
CLONMEL, AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
AT 11.00 AM ON THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER, 2024.**

Present

Cllr. D. Burgess, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Brennan, M; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; FitzGerald, J; Fitzgerald, M; Goldsboro, I; Kennedy, R; Kennedy, W; Lowry, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Morgan Walsh, L; Murphy, Marie; Quirke O'Meara, P;

Remote

Cllrs: Bourke, K; Browne, L; Bugler, P; Crosse, J; McGrath, M; Moran, E.; O'Meara, M; Ryan (Shiner), M; Ryan, Peggy, Ryan S;

Also Present

Ms Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive; Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services (remote); Mr. B. Beck, Director of Services (remote); Ms. Sharon Kennedy, Director of Services (remote); Mr. Jonathon Cooney, Director of Services; Anthony Coleman, Director of Services; Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator; Shane Grogan, SEO
Deputy O'Meara, R; Deputy Murphy, M;

Apologies

Cllrs. Cahill Skehan, K; Carroll, J; English, P; Hannigan, J; Hanna Hourigan, M; Lee, S; Morris, S; O'Heney, J; Ryan, J; Smith, M;

Item 1.1

**Welcome &
Introduction/
Meetings
Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the Special Meeting of the Council acknowledging the importance of the occasion for the 2 new Councillors to be co-opted to the Council, following the recent elections of Michael Murphy and Ryan O'Meara as Teachtaí Dála, representing Tipperary South and Tipperary North.

He recognised that the role of a County Councillor is one of great significance as a local policy maker, community leader and someone whose work demands commitment, integrity and hard work.

The Cathaoirleach wished Deputies Murphy and O'Meara every success in their roles as our national legislators for the two Tipperary constituencies.

He extended a warm welcome to Mr Tom Acheson and Mr JP O'Meara and their families, acknowledging the huge honour it was to be nominated by their respective parties and encouraged them both to immerse themselves in local government and to give their best in representing the people of Clonmel and Nenagh as Councillors of Tipperary County Council.

The comments of Cllr Niall Dennehy were noted in that membership of the County Council is in the gift of the public at local elections and conferring that privilege to a non-member should be subject to scrutiny and no potential disqualification criteria should apply.

The Cathaoirleach then called on the Meetings Administrator to take the roll call and commence the meeting with the opening prayer.

Item 2.1

**Casual Vacancy
Co-option to fill
Vacancy in
Membership of
Tipperary
County Council**

The Cathaoirleach referred to the agenda and relevant documentation as circulated to the members noting that Mr. Tom Acheson had been nominated by the Fine Gael party to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Michael Murphy to Dáil Éireann.

He noted that Tom Acheson had duly accepted the nomination in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Standing Order No. 84, which provides that the vacancy be filled by a person nominated by the party that originally nominated Michael Murphy.

Item 2 .1.1

**Co-Option of Mr.
Tom Acheson,
Fine Gael**

It was proposed by **Cllr. John Fitzgerald**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tom Acheson be appointed to the Casual Vacancy which exists on Tipperary County Council”.

In proposing the motion, Cllr. John Fitzgerald expressed his pride in recommending Tom Acheson to serve on Clonmel Borough Council and as a member of Tipperary County Council. He acknowledged Cllr. Acheson’s family and referred to his long friendship with the new councillor. He highlighted Cllr. Acheson’s community involvement, in particular, with the Clonmel Show, which is a very rich part of the culture of Clonmel. He also referred Cllr. Acheson’s role in the development of Moyle Rovers GAA Club. Cllr. Fitzgerald believed that Cllr Acheson would be a strong, innovative and sincere public representative.

Cllr. Marie Murphy in seconding the co-option, referenced the experience Cllr Acheson had from his previous time as a councillor between 2009 and 2014 and looked forward to working with him on the Council.

The Cathaoirleach requested Tom Acheson to take his seat in the Chamber.

Cllr. Tom Acheson thanked his proposer and seconder, acknowledging especially the Fine Gael members in the local branches of Clonmel District for their nomination. It was a personal honour for him to be co-opted, to serve the community and to work for the betterment of Clonmel and the County. He looked forward to working with the members of Tipperary County Council. He congratulated Deputy Murphy and Deputy O’Meara on their recent election.

The party whips and Independents congratulated Deputy Murphy and Deputy O’Meara on their elevation to Dáil Éireann and welcomed Cllr. Acheson back to Clonmel Borough District and Tipperary County Council.

The Executive congratulated Cllr. Acheson on his co-option and the outgoing Councillors, Deputy Murphy and Deputy O’Meara on their election to Dail Éireann.

Item 2.1.2

**Co-Option of Mr.
JP O’Meara,
Fianna Fáil**

The Cathaoirleach referred to the agenda and relevant documentation as circulated to the members noting that Mr. JP O’Meara had been nominated by the Fianna Fáil party to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Ryan O’Meara to Dáil Éireann.

He noted that JP O’Meara had duly accepted the nomination in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and

Standing Order No. 84, which provides that the vacancy be filled by a person nominated by the party that originally nominated Ryan O'Meara.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Michael Anglim**, seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, JP O'Meara be appointed to the Casual Vacancy which exists on Tipperary County Council".

Cllr. Michael Anglim, acknowledged the honour it was for him on behalf of the Fianna Fail party to propose JP O'Meara to fill the vacancy left by his brother, Ryan, noting the family's strong support of the party.

Cllr. Roger Kennedy, in seconding the co-option, welcomed JP O'Meara to the Nenagh Municipal District and to Tipperary County Council and looked forward to working with him over the remainder of the term.

The Cathaoirleach then called on Mr JP O'Meara to take his seat in the Chamber.

In reply Cllr. O'Meara thanked his proposer and seconder, noting that it was a very emotional day for his family. He congratulated the newly appointed Deputies Michael Murphy and Ryan O'Meara and looked forward to being a member of Tipperary County Council and working with everyone over the term of the Council.

The party whips and Independents congratulated Cllr. O'Meara on his co-option to Nenagh Municipal District and Tipperary County Council.

The Executive also congratulated Cllr. O'Meara on his co-option to this Council.

Deputy Michael Murphy and Deputy Ryan O'Meara expressed their thanks to the Council Members and staff and passed on their best wishes to the newly appointed members.

This concluded the business of the Special Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date: _____