## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS** **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2022 Annual Meeting held on Friday 24 June 2022

### **PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** | **Councillors** |
| Carey, W. | Mahon, K. |
| Casserly, V. | McCrave, L. |
| Collins, Y. | McMahon, R. |
| Costello, T. | McManus, D. |
| Donaghy, L. | Moynihan, S. |
| Duff, M. | Murphy, E. |
| Dunne, L. | Ó Brádaigh, D. |
| Edge, A. | O’Brien, E. |
| Egan, K. | Ó Broin, E. |
| Gilligan, T. | O’Connell, G. |
| Gogarty, P. | O’Connor, C. |
| Hayes, A. | O’Hara, S. |
| Hagin Meade, L. | O’Toole, L. |
| Johansson, M. | Pereppadan, B. |
| Kavanagh, P. | Richardson, D. |
| Kearns, P. | Sinclair, L. |
| Lawlor, B. | Timmons. F. |
|  | Tuffy, J. |
|  | Whelan, L. |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  Head of Finance Senior Executive OfficerAdministrative Officers | L. Maxwell, J. Frehill, C. Ward, T. Walsh  R. FitzGerald. C. HursonM. Reilly, N. Noonan. |
| Senior Staff Officer | L. Abbey |
| Staff Officer | A. Mallon |
| Assistant Staff Officer  Sord | A. Hagan, D. Murphy  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor, P. Kavanagh presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors C. Bailey, P. Holohan, C. King and D. O'Donovan.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Remote and Hybrid Meetings:

Members attending remotely must check that they can access the “Chat Function” before commencing the meeting

Members can indicate they wish to speak on an item through the chat function – using “Speak please”

Members must be able to be seen, specifically for roll call, when speaking and voting.

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The outgoing Mayor addressed the members:

*A chairde, a chomhairleoirí, a Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh, a dhaoine uaisle.*

*Gan aon dabht, gan aon agó, ba é an phribhléid ba mhó i mo ghairm go dtí seo bheith mar Mhéara ar mo chontae dúchais, Átha Cliath Theas, áit ar rugadh agus tógadh mé, áit inar rugadh clan orm, áit ina chónaím. Ba í seo an bhliain is torthúla, is fiúntaí agus is fearr a bhí agam ó thosaigh mé ar bhóthair na polaitíochta, agus ní fhéadfainn é a dhéanamh gan na daoine atá bailithe le chéile anseo i dTamhlacht inniu.*

*It has been the greatest privilege of my career to serve as mayor of my native county, where I was born and raised, where I am raising a family, and where I live. This was the most productive, most worthwhile and best year of my career to date, and I could not have done it without the people who are gathered here in Tallaght today.*

*I have seen mayors give farewell speeches before, and it is a custom to thank family last of all, but for me, my wife is number one. She was my campaign manager, she is my most trusted advisor, she is the best mother in the world to the best boy in the universe and I love her with all my heart. Emma, thank you for everything. If I were to try to explain what you mean to me, we’d be here until the annual meeting 2023.*

*To Emma’s family, thank you for your unbelievable support, travelling down to hang posters and look after the little fella while Emma and I knocked on doors. We couldn’t have done it without you, Mick and Bernie, and I’m honoured that you came here today.*

*To Shay and Maureen, my own beloved parents, thank you for making me who I am, for my values and my commitment to doing the right thing, no matter the cost.*

*It’s been a hell of a year. 52 Fridays ago, we were meeting online, in a brave new world, not knowing what the next year would entail. From a slow start of Teams meetings and online events, the world reopened, and here we stand, 13 council meetings, 6 organisation, procedure and finance committee meetings, 418 mayoral engagements, 12,660 new trees, 3 broken ribs, 4 torn ligaments and one week’s holiday in a campervan later.*

*I owe a lot to the people gathered here today, and I want to start by thanking the hardworking staff that made this year such a pleasant experience. First and foremost is Karen Gainsford, Mayor’s Secretary, diary wizard and the best font of institutional knowledge a man could ask for. Niall Noonan and Gina Lee in the communications team for all their diligence and efforts in trying, and failing, to get me to stick to the script. Aisling Gelston-Tims, who can’t be with us as she’s taken on a new full-time role as a mammy for next few months. And, of course, the meetings admin team of Miriam, Laura, Laura, Anne-Marie and Daniel. I have a small presentation for each of them if they would like to join me now.*

*To our council executive – we are lucky to have such dedicated and progressive directors of service and this filters down to our amazing council staff. To Teresa, Lorna, Mick, Colm, Ronan, Eddie and Jason, as well as Paul in the Libraries, thank you for everything this year. It has been a pleasure to work closely with each of you and your teams do you, and South Dublin County Council, credit every day.*

*To our chief executive, Danny McLoughlin; working with other mayors this year reinforces my belief that South Dublin is lucky to have you at the helm. Your progressive mentality and unassuming nature is a guiding influence for this county and I thank you for your calm leadership through the Ukrainian refugee crisis and for all the advice and support you have given me. Ní bheidh do leithéad arís ann.*

*And so, to the people to whom I owe the most thanks. To you, my fellow elected members.*

*I want to begin by thanking my predecessors. The people who have done the office of Mayor of South Dublin so much justice and set such a high bar for me to follow. Ed O’Brien is quite simply one of the most decent men I have ever had the pleasure to know and his leadership and professionalism through the first stage of the development plan made my life so much easier for the rest of the process. I look forward to forming a formidable 10th wicket partnership with you when Adamstown Cricket Club get the finger out and start a Taverners’ Team.*

*Vicki Casserly is amazing. I can’t say enough about Vicki. Suffice it to say that if I ever find myself in need of advocacy, I want Cllr. Casserly in my corner. Her passion and dedication inspires me every day.*

*To my Area Chairs, first of all I want to say that I’m sorry we couldn’t keep up the monthly meetings as society reopened and our diaries filled up, but thank you for deputising for me and doing honour to South Dublin with your poise and gravitas. Cllr. Tuffy, for your unstinting advocacy for a better Lucan and your commitment to always standing up for your beliefs; Cllr. Timmons, for all you do for Clondalkin, for the less fortunate, for minorities and for the betterment of our community; Cllr. Costello, your passion for Tallaght is absolutely infectious, and the community here has an amazing champion in you; and Cllr. Alan Edge, for your friendship and support throughout the year, as well as for not getting offended when people mix us up.*

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh ar fad.*

*To the members of CPG past and present, the most important cog in our engine of democracy. Cllr. King, for your advice, support and kindness, as well as your passion for the work we do. Cllr. Lawlor, for your good humour, and for the fact that we can always have a pint after tearing strips off each other in this chamber, and one day you might even get your round in. Cllr. McManus, David, for knowing that a pint of plain is indeed your only man, and for refusing to call me anything but “Mayor” even after a rake of pints. Cllr. O’Donovan, for making it ok to be a geek and a politician, although you still haven’t convinced me to play Yu-Gi-Oh. Cllr. Gilligan, whom I have known for nearly twenty years, for your good nature and pragmatism, and for being a good neighbour. To Mick Duff, we’ll always have Landsdowne Road. To Charlie O’Connor, the wisest and kindest soul, you have given so much of yourself to South Dublin and this county bears your stamp like no other’s.*

*Go raibh maith agaibh.*

*To my fellow councillors:*

* *Shane Moynihan, nár laga Dia thú. An fear is mó onóir agus prionsabail a bhuailfeá leis go deo*
* *Alan Hayes, your passion to help others is unrivalled, and your friendship is valuable to me*
* *Baby Pereppadan, your understated work in your community is inspiring*
* *Carly Bailey, the most dedicated and passionate worker for the downtrodden*
* *Dermot Richardson, who championed Jackie Fox and deservedly won her the Freedom of the County*
* *Derren Ó Brádaigh, who hit the ground running as a co-optee and is a fantastic public representative*
* *Emma Murphy, one of the most competent and capable people I have ever known, a star*
* *Eoin Ó Broin, as do shean-chairdeas agus do chuid nuálaíochas anseo sa seomra*
* *Guss O’Connell, a living legend, ardfhear agus cara dil*
* *Kenneth Egan, a champion in more ways than one. I am always glad to work with you for the people of Clondalkin*
* *Kieran Mahon, for your unstinting commitment to working people and your championing of the community*
* *Leah Whelan, who has a keen insight, remarkable intelligence and whose career is firmly on an upward trajectory*
* *Líona O’Toole, whose tireless work for Lucan is an example to many of us*
* *Pamela Kearns for your friendship, your kindness and your wonderfully wicked sense of humour*
* *Ronan McMahon, a true gentleman, working with you has been an honour*
* *Louise Dunne, the very definition of an honest and decent councillor, a good friend and a great advocate*
* *Lynn McCrave, whose smile can light a room, and who is never shy of getting to a photocall when it shows the people of Rathfarnham how hard she works*
* *Madeleine Johansson, South Dublin is lucky to have a councillor like you, one who works without wavering for the people who need it most*
* *Paddy Holohan, whose dedication to the next generation makes it easier to handle that he’s got more twitter followers than me*
* *Paul Gogarty, for ploughing your own furrow, it’s been a pleasure to run against you on the national stage and work closely with you locally*
* *Shirley O’Hara, for your willingness to work with everyone around you to help the people we all serve*
* *Yvonne Collins, for your dedication, intelligence and charm, all of which makes it a pleasure to know you*
* *William Carey, I’ve known how decent a man you are since we knocked on doors for Repeal and it is a privilege to work with you.*

*Is onóir agus pribhléid bheith mar Mhéara agaibh. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.*

*To my closest colleagues, both now and in the past, thank you all for your support. It is not an easy thing to leave the support network of a political party, and to have retained your support and friendship speaks volumes about your character and decency.*

*Francis Duffy, William Priestley, Clare O’Byrne, Suzanne McEneaney, my dear friends who have graced this chamber.*

*To Lyn Hagin Meade, who will absolutely rock this council for many years to come, it is already a pleasure to work with you.*

*To Cllr. Liam Sinclair, my best friend in politics, my oldest friend in the world. Knowing you for the last 33 years, give or take, has been an adventure. This entire chamber knows you for speaking your mind, and I know you for what you are. You’re the most honest and principled man I know, and your friendship is treasured.*

*To Dr. Laura Donaghy, my Deputy Mayor. You are the most capable colleague and the dearest friend anyone in this business could hope for. Your sheer ability for this role is awesome. Thank you for stepping up and taking on the responsibilities of councillor and Deputy Mayor, and thank you for your friendship.*

*When I was honoured with this chain 52 weeks ago, I said that I hoped to champion volunteerism, support minorities and work with a spirit of openness and collaboration. It would be wrong to say that I have done this. We have. We’ve done it together.*

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh ar fad.*

**TRIBUTES TO OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillors F. Timmons, S. Moynihan, P. Kearns, A. Edge, M. Johansson, V. Casserly, L. Sinclair, M. Duff, L. Dunne, E. Ó Broin, D. Ó Brádaigh, P. Gogarty, R. McMahon, and D. McManus paid tribute to the outgoing mayor and commended him on his work.

The Chief Executive, Mr. D. Mc Loughlin expressed his thanks to the outgoing Mayor for all his hard work during his term in office and endorsed all the comments made.

The Chief Executive Mr. D. McLoughlin presented the Mayor with a photographic record of his year as Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, thanked the Members, Management, and staff for all their help throughout the year.

### **H1/0622 ELECTION OF MAYOR/AN MÉARA**

**REPLY:**

In accordance with the provisions of [**Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0036.html) a local authority shall elect a Mayor from amongst its members at every annual meeting.

The method of the election of Mayor by members of South Dublin County Council shall be in accordance with the provisions of [**Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0037.html#partv-chapii-sec37).

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

**Councillor E. Murphy** was proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan and was seconded by Councillor A. Edge.

**Councillor B. Lawlor** was proposed by Councillor D. McManus and was seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

**Councillor F. Timmons** was proposed by Councillor G. O’Connell and was seconded by Councillor L’ O’Toole.

Councillors S. Moynihan, A. Edge, L. Donaghy, P. Kearns, and M. Duffy all spoke in support of Councillor E. Murphy’s nomination.

Councillors D. McManus, S. O’Hara, and R. McMahon spoke in support of Councillor B. Lawlor’s nomination.

Councillors G. O’Connell, L. O’Toole and P. Gogarty spoke in support of Councillor F. Timmons’s nomination.

Councillors M. Johansson, L. Dunne, L. Whelan and W. Carey informed the meeting of their intention to abstain from the vote.

A Roll Call Vote was taken, and the result was as follows:

**FOR Councillor E. Murphy: 17 (SEVENTEEN)**

**Councillors V. Casserly, Y. Collins, T. Costello, L. Donaghy, M. Duff, A. Edge, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, L. Hagin Meade, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, E. O’Brien, C. O’Connor, L. Sinclair, J. Tuffy.**

**FOR Councillor B. Lawlor: 7 (SEVEN)**

**Councillors K. Egan, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. O’Hara, B. Pereppadan.**

**FOR Councillor F. Timmons: 4 (FOUR)**

**Councillors P. Gogarty, G. O’Connell, L. O’Toole, F. Timmons.**

**ABSTENTION: 8 (EIGHT)**

**Councillors W. Carey, L. Dunne, M. Johansson, K. Mahon, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Ó Broin, D. Richardson, L. Whelan.**

As a result of the roll call vote **Councillor E. Murphy** was elected Mayor for 2022/2023.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, presented the new Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, with the Chain of Office, the Mayor then took the chair.

The new Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, then addressed the Members:

*Members, Friends, and Colleagues,*

*To say that I am humbled and honoured would be an understatement.*

*Starting off my political career, I was co-opted in 2016 for the now Deputy John Lahart who is sitting in the press corner here for anyone who can see. When I was co-opted, this was never a seat that I thought I would fill. To say that I am privileged, again, would be an understatement.*

*Today is a very proud day for myself and my family, and I am extremely grateful for your support and your kind words.*

*To Francis and to Brian, Fran is an advocate for everything that is a minority in this country. He is someone that I am going to look forward to marching with tomorrow in Dublin City for Dublin Pride. Fran thank you for your kindness and your friendship. Brian and I were co-opted onto council on the same day after the general election. Brian will always tell you that he is the biggest rabblerouser, and he gets absolute enjoyment out of it and the first thing that he did earlier today was to make sure Charlie O’Connor took our picture together. Brian’s new Facebook cover page will be himself and the new Mayor before anyone else.*

*First, I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Peter Kavanagh.*

*Peter, I have big shoes to fill. You have executed your duties as mayor of this County with integrity, with vigor, and valour. Your calm, conscientious, and collaborative method is something that I admire and respect. I intend to carry those values with me into the job this year.*

*Thank you, Peter.*

*The process for this started about a month ago. I would like to thank all colleagues who have met or spoken with me over the past number of days and weeks. Through COVID we actually did not get to see each other and awful lot, and that was something I was really conscious of when I was knocking on people’s doors, essentially, asking for their support and their consideration. I met with group leaders, and I met with individuals I haven’t really met before because some of us have only met during COVID. We’ve been “online and zoom” friends, we have been in the trenches together through development plants, AGMs, and budgets, but all through zoom. I was so delighted to go for walks and go for coffees with colleagues I haven’t met before and actually learn a lot about them and their families. I’m so glad that we’re back in person again today and for Peter and his family I’m so glad you have the opportunity to have your wife and lovely Arthur here today, because you didn’t have that last year. I am very conscious that I am lucky to have my family here today.*

*I would like to pay particular tribute to Ed O’Brien and to Vicki Casserly, two of the most upstanding people you’ll ever meet. I spoke to both of them when I was considering running. I gave my candidacy a lot of consideration. I had a lot to consider at home and at work. I did not take it lightly. I went to both Vicki Casserly and to Ed O’Brien for their advice and both of them gave me very different advice. Ed, this morning, said to me, treat this as if this is your wedding day go and occupy yourself and do something. Within five minutes I super locked my car and spent the following hour trying to find a locksmith to get back into my car. So, I occupied myself well Ed. Vicki gave me brilliant advice being a female in this chair. She has told me the difference between being a female in this chair and being a male in this chair. Vicki sees this role as one of the most humbling experiences of her life, and she was a champion for integrity throughout her role. I just thank her for her support this week and over the last few weeks, and her dedication to this role. Thank you for the advice I hope I will take it on and do you proud.*

*It was an interesting campaign, and I wasn’t going to reference this, but I was wondering if people actually knew who I was and what I stood for. I found out today some of my colleagues did know me well. You will very rarely see me engage in a battle on the chamber floor or treat anyone with disrespect but there was a bit of an online and social media narrative about who I was and being labeled as a political party candidate.*

*I would just like to address that and say as a (relatively) young, gay female, who grew up with working class parents in a social housing estate, who took full advantage of the marriage equality referendum, who continuously advocates for women’s issues in this chamber, and who has actively campaigned to repeal the 8th, I will never reject an opinion based on the political affiliation of its holder. My experiences, perspectives, and position in life have primed me to find commonality before contention, and I hope you find that rings true for you throughout my tenure.*

*I hope that gives you an indication of where I lie on the political spectrum, but I’ll always look past that.*

*For the first time since 2016, there will be a mayor from south of the Naas Road. Not since my former colleague and friend, Sarah Holland, has there been a mayor from our area.*

*I represent a wonderful area. I am going to be parochial in this, but, to me, I represent the most visually beautiful local electoral area in the country. Firhouse-Bohernabreena is a wonderful place with fantastic people. I am very lucky to live and represent the Dublin Mountains. I am proud and privileged to ensure that the office of the mayor is well represented within the constituency over the next year.*

*I am very proud to be from Ballyboden, it’s a wonderful place to grow up. My parents and my family still live in the parish of Ballyboden. I am delighted that some of my friends who I have grown up with are here today. It is a wonderful parish with wonderful people and I am proud to be from Ballyboden.*

*I had a very interesting conversation with my friend Karen, who is here today with her daughter Caoimhe. Her mother reminded me that she was the last Lord Mayor of Ballyboden. The Lord Mayor of Ballyboden is much more pomp and ceremony than this office holds. There was a chain that was 3x the size of this, there was a full gown to fit the pomp. The parish of Ballyboden came out and supported the Lord Mayor of Ballyboden. I am going to be very delighted to knock on Helen Lawlor’s door and show her the new Lord Mayor of Ballyboden and bring the chains home.*

*In terms of what I would like to do in the next year, I have always regarded the health and wellbeing of South Dublin County residents as being of paramount importance. My vision as mayor is to lead alongside all of you to enhance the quality of living in this county at every stage of life.*

*My plan for a program honoring county centenarians brings our community together in celebration around the lives of our most venerable citizens in recognition of their longevity and health. I am excited to present our centenarians with a certificate of support from the County and a mayor’s recognition throughout my tenure.*

*Healthy adults begin at home as healthy children. I want to reach our schoolchildren by sponsoring a mayor’s mile at each school and enact a school’s program throughout our county. I love sport, it is a big part of who I am, and females in sport is another big part of who I am. I will be looking for the support of the likes of Councilor Kenneth Egan and the likes to role that out throughout our county.*

*But we all know health is more than just physical. As a persistent advocate for women’s issues, I hope to use this platform to promote a new mental health initiative targeting adolescent and teenage girls in our county to provide them with the resources needed to support their mental health.*

*For anyone that does not know, my sister Colleen passed away in January of 2019. She was a gorgeous 23 year old and she took her own life in 2019. Obviously, this is something that is very personal to me and my family. We miss her every day. Young Irish women have consistently indicated higher levels of negative mental health than any other group surveyed, an issue that has gone devastatingly unaddressed. Together, we can change the narrative on mental health for the women and girls of this county. I will be promoting, in her honor, that every Colleen matters.*

*Finally, I would like to pay a bit of tribute.*

*To Danny and the staff, thank you for your support for educating me over the last number of weeks on the processes. There are certain parts of taking on this role where I felt like I needed to do a master’s thesis in how to become the mayor and what to do when you actually get the seat! Thank you to the corporate services staff for their support.*

*I am part of the Fianna Fail team and we work extraordinarily hard as a team. Over the last number of weeks and months we have had our challenges. I am so delighted that our former leader, Ed O’Brien is here with us today. He is a fantastic human, and we are looking forward to having you full time back in the chamber. Thank you for everything that you have done over the last few weeks. They are extraordinarily brilliant people to work with. You are a credit to yourself and your community, thank you very much.*

*Two years ago, this week I started to work for another incredible human being who is an incredible politician and brilliant technocrat, my boss Barry Andrews. Barry has been extraordinarily supportive of me over the past month since I was nominated, and I’ve learned so much from him in terms of how to be a good politician. Thank you to you and the team for embracing this madness and chaos over the past month.*

*To John Lahart, he served in this council for 17 years. John never got to sit in this chair, which for someone who has been here for that length of time which is just representative of the times. I am very honored to know that I am privileged to be sitting in this seat. I got a lovely text message from Maire Ardagh, the last female Fianna Fail to sit in this seat, and that was in 2001. It has been an awful long time since then.*

*My family are wonderful people. When I first decided to run in 2014, I think they thought that I was crackers. But them embraced it. It is not unusual for my mum or my dad or my sisters to be handed constituency queries which they dutifully pass on. My two sisters Mairead and Grainne are both here today, they are brilliant support. My two brothers unfortunately cannot be here. My mum and dad are wonderful people. Their support and dedication is second to none. It was not easy for me to run in 2019 but I had a conversation with my mum and with Pat Joyce and Pat McKee and they said to me we’ll keep going, leave it to us. I left it to them for the best part of it. My mum said to me Colleen would want you to run, so I ran. It was the right decision, and I know that today.*

*The chief executive told me earlier, you’re not wearing primrose blue, to which Charlie O’Connor said she’s wearing shamrock green. The chief executive is a Rossie and I’m very privileged to be married to a Rossie. She is my rock. Caroline has only ever known me in politics so I’m going to apologize in advance for the year ahead. Thank you for everything and for your support.*

*Finally, to my colleagues. I strive to represent you to the best of my ability; this is the biggest honour of my career by far. The honor and the civic duty of it are not lost on me. I will be humbled for the next 364 days to represent you to the best of my ability. My door is open to all groups, to all independents, to all parties and none as it has always been. I am so proud to be the mayor of this great county.*

*Thank you very much.*

Councillors E. O’Brien, L. Sinclair, M. Duff, P. Kearns, P. Kavanagh, S. Moynihan, A. Edge, B. Lawlor, W. Carey, G. O’Connell, L. O’Toole paid tribute to the new Mayor.

Mr. D. McLoughlin Chief Executive welcomed the new Mayor.

### **H2/0622 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR/LEAS MHÉARA**

**REPLY:**

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The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Donaghy congratulated the new Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, and thanked the Members, staff, management, and her husband Scott for their support throughout the year.

Councillors E. Murphy, A. Edge, D. McManus, P. Kearns, Y. Collins, and P. Kavanagh paid tribute to the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Donaghy.

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

**Councillor J. Tuffy** was proposed by Councillor P. Kearns and was seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy.

Councillors P. Kearns, L. Donaghy, S. Moynihan, P. Kavanagh, M. Duff, P. Gogarty, V. Casserly, A. Edge, A. Hayes, L. Sinclair, and L. O’Toole, spoke in support of Councillor J. Tuffy’s nomination.

As there were no further nominations Councillor J. Tuffy was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor.

The incoming Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Tuffy, accepted the Chain of Office and addressed the Members.

Councillors C. O’Connor and E. Murphy paid tribute to the new Deputy Mayor.

**H3a/0622 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS** -**CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, called for nominations for Election of Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

**Councillor W. Carey** was proposed by Councillor L. Sinclair and was seconded by Councillor A. Edge.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor W. Carey** was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

**H3b/0622 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS – LUCAN/PALMERSTOWN/NORTH CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, called for nominations for Election as Chair of the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee.

**Councillor E. O’Brien** was proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan and seconded by Councillor A. Hayes.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor E. O’Brien** was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee.

**H3c/0622 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS** - **RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE/FIRHOUSE BOHERNABREENA AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, called for nominations for Election as Chair of the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse Bohernabreena Area Committee.

**Councillor L. Hagin Meade** was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy seconded by Councillor Y. Collins.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor L. Hagin Meade** was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse Bohernabreena Area Committee

**H3d/0622 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS – TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, called for nominations for Election as Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

**Councillor M. Duff** was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor seconded by Councillor A. Edge.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor M. Duff** was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

Meeting Finished @ 17:55

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_