

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20th JUNE, 2022 COMMENCING 2.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS S. CULLEN CATHAOIRLEACH, T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, J. NEARY, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, S. STOKES, E. TIMMINS, G. WALSH AND I. WINTERS.

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MR. B. GLEESON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. B. KILKENNY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. H. DENNEHY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. M. FLYNN, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. J. BOWES, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. D. FORDE, PROJECT LIAISON OFFICER
MR. S. DOYLE, A/HEAD OF IS
MR. D. KEYES, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. C. FOX, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. A. MINION, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. R. DENNISON, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MR. T. HUGHES, IS PROJECT LEADER
MR. G. MURPHY, IS TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER**

SENATOR PAT CASEY

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised of meetings etiquette for online meetings and that the press and some members of the public were also present.

ITEM NO. 1**Election of the Cathaoirleach (Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001)**

Prior to calling for nominations for the position of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. S. Cullen, outgoing Cathaoirleach, said that it has been an eventful year. He thanked the staff on how they managed during the pandemic and the role they played in helping the communities across the county. He said Covid had changed our lives and some of these changes have been positive, with opportunities in terms of remote working, increased family time, more engagement in communities and the economic benefit of remote working will enhance work in the community. Looking back over the year Cllr. Cullen highlighted a number of achievements:

- Wicklow County Council was awarded Council of the Year
- Wicklow County Council also won 6 L.A.M.A. awards
- Kiltegan won an award for their dedication in the community at the Pride of Place Awards held in Killarney
- Some other projects completed over the year were: Fitzwilliam Square Civic Space , Bray Seafront Plaza, Wicklow and Rathdrum Libraries and the N81 realignment

He welcomed the new Chief Executive Mr. B. Gleeson and thanked him, all the Elected Members, and the staff of Wicklow County Council for their help and support and also Ms. H. Purcell, Meetings Administrator for all her help, support and guidance ensuring every aspect of the year ran smoothly. He also thanked Cllr. T. Annesley, Leas-Cathaoirleach for his support throughout the year.

Elected members and the Chief Executive collectively paid tribute to Cllr. S. Cullen on the exemplary manner in which he carried out his duties as Cathaoirleach. It was acknowledged that meetings were carried out in a fair minded manner and that he was always fair, open and approachable. The Chief Executive and Elected Members wished him well for the future.

Cllr. S. Cullen called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

1. Cllr. P. Fitzgerald proposed Cllr. T. Annesley, which was seconded by Cllr. V. Blake
2. Cllr. T. Fortune proposed Cllr. J. Behan, which was seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard

Following a roll call, Cllr. T. Annesley was elected as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council by a margin of: 24 votes for Cllr. T. Annesley and 8 votes for Cllr. J. Behan viz:

CLLR T. ANNESLEY (24)	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, J. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS, G.WALSH AND I. WINTERS
CLLR. J. BEHAN (8)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. O'BRIEN R. O'CONNOR AND S. STOKES

Before calling for nominations for Leas Cathaoirleach, the newly elected Cathaoirleach addressed the Council.

He thanked the Elected Members in electing him to the position of Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council and paid tribute to Cllr. S. Cullen for his work during his role as Cathaoirleach over the past 12 months.

He said he looked forward to working with all members over the next twelve months to achieve all that we can set out together, it is a team effort. He thanked everyone for their support here today.

The Chief Executive and Elected Members joined together in congratulating Cllr. T. Annesley on his election.

ITEM NO. 2

Election of the Leas-Cathaoirleach (Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001)

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

1. Cllr. G. O'Neill proposed Cllr. J. Snell. Cllr. Snell withdrew his name from the competition
2. Cllr. M. Corrigan proposed Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, which was seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne
3. Cllr. M. Kavanagh proposed Cllr. P. Leonard, which was seconded by Cllr. R. O'Connor

Following a roll call, Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council by a margin of: 22 votes for Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and 10 votes for Cllr. P. Leonard viz:

CLLR A. FLYNN KENNEDY (22)	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, J. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, L. SCOTT, E. TIMMINS, G.WALSH AND I. WINTERS
CLLR. P. LEONARD (10)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, J. SNELL AND S. STOKES

ITEM NO. 3

To agree schedule of ordinary/special meetings for the coming year

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. A. Ferris that the Ordinary meeting on 3rd October 2022 starts earlier and accommodates the LPT meeting as per the schedule circulated.

Following a roll call, the proposal that the ordinary meeting on 3rd October 2022 starts earlier and accommodates the LPT meeting as per schedule circulated was defeated by a margin of 14 votes for, 15 votes against and 3 not present viz:

FOR 14	CLLRS. V. BLAKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, , A. FERRIS, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, G. MCMANUS, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, S. STOKES, AND I. WINTERS
AGAINST 15	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P.

	GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS AND G.WALSH
NOT PRESENT 3	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, M. MURPHY AND J. NEARY

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Behan, seconded by Cllr. M. Kavanagh that the draft schedule (as circulated) is amended and that the LPT meeting is left as a separate meeting to be held on 10th October 2022.

Following a roll call, the proposal that the draft schedule (as circulated) is amended and that LPT meeting is left as a separate meeting to be held on 10th October 2022 was passed by a margin of 22 for, 7 against and 3 not present viz:

FOR 2	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, M. CORRIGAN, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. MITCHELL, D. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, S. STOKES, E. TIMMINS AND G.WALSH
AGAINST 7	CLLRS. A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, A. FERRIS, J. MULLEN, P. O'BRIEN, AND I. WINTERS
NOT PRESENT 3	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, M. MURPHY AND J. NEARY

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

CLLR. TOMMY ANNESLEY
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MS. HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 4th July 2022