

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL  
MEETING OF NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE HORSE & JOCKEY, THURLES ON  
MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2008 AT 2.30 PM**

**Present** Cllrs Tom Berkery; John Carroll; Jim Casey; Ger Darcy; Tom Harrington; Joe Hennessy; John Hogan; John Egan; Willie Kennedy; Denis Ryan; Mattie Ryan; Sean Creamer; Pauline Coonan; Seamus Hanafin; John Sheehy; Michael O'Meara; Micheál Lowry; Michael Smith; Jim Ryan; John Kennedy;

**Apologies:** Dr. Phyll Bugler.

**Also Present** Terry Ó Niadh, County Manager; Paddy Heffernan, Director of Services, Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, Brian Beck, Senior Planner, Gerard Lynch, Head of IS; Rosemary Joyce, Senior Executive Officer and Mary Quigley, Acting Senior Staff Officer.

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**Suspension of Standing Orders** On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sheehy, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith it was agreed to defer the start of the meeting for fifteen minutes.

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**Outgoing Mayor's address** Cllr. J. Casey in his final address to the Council as Mayor thanked his fellow Members, the County Manager, Management Team and Staff for their support and co-operation throughout the year.

Ar dtús dúirt sé go raibh sé ag tosnú as Gaeilge mar bhí iarracht á dhéanamh ag an gComhairle an Ghaeilge a chur ar aghaidh. Ghabh sé buíochas le gach éinne as ucht an cabhair a thug siad dó agus dúirt sé go raibh an-bhliain aige. Dúirt sé arís go raibh dualgas ar ghach duine iarracht a dhéanamh an Ghaeilge a usáid.

Cllr. J. Casey stated he was very proud and honoured to have been Mayor of North Tipperary County Council for the past 12 months. He highlighted numerous projects he enjoyed being part of during this term of office.

He also thanked Cllr. M. Smith for his assistance in the role of Deputy Mayor.

In conclusion Cllr. J. Casey wished his successor and fellow Members the very best for the coming year.

**Item 1 Election of Mayor** It was proposed by Cllr. M. Smith and seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan 'that Cllr. J. Hennessy be elected Mayor of North Tipperary County Council for the coming year'.

As there was no other proposal, Cllr. J. Hennessy was unanimously elected as Mayor.

Cllr. J. Hennessy addressed the Meeting as Mayor.

He said it was a tremendous honour to have been elected Mayor of North Tipperary for the coming year.

He thanked his fellow Councillors, particularly his proposer and seconder. He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and looked forward to the coming year. He outlined his priorities for North Tipperary for the coming year including Planning, the Lisbon Treaty, the Economy, Crime, Health, Housing, Roads and the Environment.

Dúirt sé gur mór an honóir dó an oifig a ghlacadh.

All Councillors present congratulated Cllr. J. Hennessy on his election as Mayor and paid tribute to the out-going Mayor, Cllr. J. Casey.

Mr. T. O' Niadh, County Manager, thanked Cllr. Casey for his assistance during his year as Mayor. He congratulated Cllr. Hennessy on his election and looked forward to working with him over the coming year.

**Item 2**  
**Election of Deputy**  
**Mayor**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. J. Sheehy "that Cllr. T. Harrington be elected Deputy Mayor of North Tipperary County Council for the coming year".

As there was no other proposal, Cllr. T. Harrington was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Harrington thanked his proposer and seconder and stated that he would be available to help the Mayor whenever required.

Cllr. J. Hennessy congratulated Cllr. Harrington on his election and looked forward to working with him.

D'aontaigh an Contae Bainisteoir leis an gcomhghairdeachas.

**Item 3**  
**Any Other**  
**Business**

Cllr. J. Ryan requested that Advanced Quality Systems would be allowed to address the Council in relation to services provided by them and their plans for the future. Following discussion it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to meet with them and that seeking tenders and appointing of contractors was a matter for management.

Cllr. T. Berkery expressed concerns that the change in electoral boundaries did not adhere to parish boundaries and considered it was a retrograde step.

In response to a question raised by Cllr. W. Kennedy Mr. T. Ó Niadh confirmed that there would be implications for the workforce arising from the changes in electoral areas but advised that nothing would be done without discussion with the Unions.

Cllr. J. Kennedy expressed concern in relation to ditches on county roads.

Cllr. J. Sheehy raised an issue relating to water problems in Ballina and how information can be given out when offices are closed.

It was agreed that a Workshop for members in relation to the review of the Development Contribution Scheme would be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11 a.m.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cllr. J. Hennessy.**  
**Mayor.**

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

**Signed :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ms. Rosemary Joyce**  
**Senior Executive Officer**

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