

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, AND ONLINE, ON FRIDAY, 21ST JUNE, 2024, AT
3.00 P.M.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: The Chair was taken by John Moran, Mayor of Limerick, pending the nomination of a Príomh Chomhairleoir for the ensuing year.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Foley, Galvin, Gavan, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheehan (C), Slattery, Stokes, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (Dr. P. Daly), Deputy Director General and Director, Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism (Mr. G. Daly), A/Director, Support Services (Mr. J. Clune), Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Rural, Community and Culture Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), A/Director, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Ms. S. Reidy), Director, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), A/Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. L. Creamer).

Apologies: Meetings Administrator, (Ms. L. Flannery)

1. RESULT OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS HELD ON 7TH JUNE, 2024:

The Returning Officer (Ms. C. Curley) read the names of the persons duly elected as Members of Limerick City and County Council as a result of the Poll taken on 7th June, 2024, as follows:

Limerick Mayoral Election	Party
Moran, John	Non-Party

Local Elections 2024	
Local Electoral Area – Limerick City East	Party
Doyle, Peter	Fine Gael
Gavan, Ursula	Sinn Féin
Hartigan, Seán	Green Party / Comhaontas Glas
Kiely, Sarah	Fine Gael
Pond, Joe	Fianna Fáil
Secas, Elena	The Labour Party
Slattery, Catherine	Fianna Fáil

Local Electoral Area – Limerick City North	Party
Beasley, Sarah	Aontú
Benson, Sharon	Sinn Féin
Daly, Frankie	Non-Party
Hickey-O'Mara, Shane	Social Democrats
O'Hanlon, Kieran	Fianna Fáil
O'Sullivan, Olivia	Fine Gael
Sheehan, Conor	The Labour Party

Local Electoral Area – Limerick City West	Party
Butler, Daniel	Fine Gael
Donoghue, Maria	Non-Party
Kilcoyne, Fergus	Fianna Fáil
Leddin, Joe	The Labour Party
McSweeney, Dan	Fine Gael
O'Donovan, Elisa	Social Democrats
Talukder, Abul Kalam Azad	Fianna Fáil

Local Electoral Area – Adare-Rathkeale	Party
Collins, Bridie	Fianna Fáil
Hartigan, Tommy	Independent Ireland
Keary, Stephen	Fine Gael
O'Donoghue, John	Independent Ireland
Teskey, Adam	Fine Gael
Ward, Ger	Fianna Fáil

Local Electoral Area – Cappamore-Kilmallock	Party
Carey, P.J.	Sinn Féin
Conway, Gregory	Fine Gael
O'Sullivan, Tommy	Fine Gael
Ryan, Eddie	Non-Party
Ryan, Martin	Fianna Fáil
Stokes, Noreen	Fine Gael
Teefy, Brigid	Non-Party

Local Electoral Area – Newcastle West	Party
Collins, Michael	Fianna Fáil
Foley, Francis	Fianna Fáil
Galvin, Liam	Fine Gael
Ruddle, Tom	Fine Gael
Scanlan, Jerome	Non-Party
Sheahan, John	Fine Gael

2. ELECTION OF PRÍOMH CHOMHAIRLEOIR:

Mayor Moran invited nominations for the Office of Príomh Chomhairleoir of Limerick City and County Council for the coming year.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Dan McSweeney be appointed Príomh Chomhairleoir of Limerick City and County Council to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor has been elected.”

As there were no other nominations, Mayor Moran declared Councillor Dan McSweeney elected as Príomh Chomhairleoir and congratulated him on his election.

3. ELECTION OF LEAS-PHRÍOMH CHOMHAIRLEOIR:

Having taken the Chair, the Príomh Chomhairleoir invited nominations for the Office of Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir of Limerick City and County Council for the coming year.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Noreen Stokes be appointed Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir of Limerick City and County Council to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor has been elected.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Noreen Stokes elected as Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir and congratulated her on her election.

4. FIXING OF DATES FOR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS:

It was proposed by Councillor Teefy, seconded by Councillor Ryan (E), and agreed that the Annual Meetings of the Metropolitan and Municipal Districts would be held as follows:

- Metropolitan District of Limerick – Friday, 28th June, 2024, at 12 Noon.
- Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Tuesday, 25th June, 2024, at 9.30 a.m.
- Municipal District of Newcastle West – Wednesday, 26th June, 2024, at 12 Noon.
- Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Thursday, 27th June, 2024, at 2pm.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS-DESIGNATE OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES:

The Meetings Administrator stated that Limerick City and County Council was required to appoint 5 Members of the Council as Chairs-Designate of Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, the appointment of Chairs-Designate be made to the following Strategic Policy Committees:

- Travel and Transportation SPC – Councillor B. Teefy.
- Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC – Councillor C. Sheehan.
- Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC – Councillor P. Doyle.
- Home and Social Development SPC – Councillor S. Kearny.
- Community, Leisure and Culture SPC – Councillor F. Kilcoyne.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Teefy, Sheehan (C), Doyle, Keary and Kilcoyne appointed as SPC Chairs-Designate.

6. LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:

This item was deferred to the July Meeting.

7. ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Meetings Administrator advised that Limerick City and County Council was entitled to a representation of 3 Members on the Association of Irish Local Government.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Conway, Scanlan and O’Hanlon be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Conway, Scanlan and O’Hanlon appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.

8. SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY:

The Meetings Administrator advised that Limerick City and County Council was entitled to a representation of 4 Members of the Council (comprising the Mayor and 3 Members) to the Southern Regional Assembly.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Mayor Moran and Councillors Sheahan (J), Collins (M) and Daly be appointed to the Southern Regional Assembly.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Mayor Moran and Councillors Sheahan (J), Collins (M) and Daly appointed to the Southern Regional Assembly.

9. LIMERICK MARKET TRUSTEES:

This item was deferred to the July Meeting.

10. LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND:

The Meetings Administrator stated that Limerick City and County Council was required to consider the appointment of 1 Member to the Library Association of Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Kilcoyne be appointed as the Council’s representative on the Library Association of Ireland.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Kilcoyne appointed as the Council’s representative on the Library Association of Ireland.

11. IPB INSURANCE CLG

The Meetings Administrator stated that Limerick City and County Council was required to appoint 1 representative to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Sheahan (J) be appointed as the Council’s representative to attend and vote at General Meetings of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Sheahan (J) appointed as the Council’s representative to the IPB Insurance CLG.

12. LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS’ ASSOCIATION:

The Meetings Administrator stated that Limerick City and County Council was required to consider the nomination of a delegate to the Local Authority Members’ Association.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Sheahan (J) be appointed as the Council’s representative to the Local Authority Members’ Association.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Sheahan (J) appointed as the Council’s representative to the Local Authority Members’ Association.”

13. GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK:

The Meetings Administrator advised that these appointments were now covered by legislation with the Minister making the appointments. Consequently, the Council was no longer required to fill these positions.

14. WEST LIMERICK RESOURCES CLG:

Circulated, correspondence from the Manager, West Limerick Resources, inviting Limerick City and County Council to nominate 4 representatives to the Board of West Limerick Resources CLG.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors Sheahan (J), Foley, Hartigan (T) and Ward be appointed to the Board of West Limerick Resources CLG.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Sheahan (J), Foley, Hartigan (T) and Ward appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Board of West Limerick Resources CLG.

15. BALLYHOURA DEVELOPMENT CLG:

The Meetings Administrator stated that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 2 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Board of Ballyhoura Development CLG.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors O’Sullivan (T) and Ryan (M) be appointed to the Board of Ballyhoura Development CLG.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors O’Sullivan (T) and Ryan (M) appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Board of Ballyhoura Development CLG.

16. PAUL PARTNERSHIP:

The Meetings Administrator stated that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 3 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Board of PAUL Partnership, representing Limerick City East, Limerick City North and Limerick City West.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors Hickey-O’Mara (Limerick City North) and Talukder (Limerick City West) be appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Board of PAUL Partnership.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Hickey-O’Mara (Limerick City North) and Talukder (Limerick City West) appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Board of PAUL Partnership.”

It was agreed that the appointment of a Member representing Limerick City East would be deferred to the July Meeting.

17. RCCN (RURAL COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK):

This item was deferred to the July Meeting.

18. HUNT MUSEUMS' TRUST:

The Meetings Administrator stated that Limerick City and County Council was required to consider the nomination of 2 Members of the Council to the Hunt Museums' Trust.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors O’Sullivan (O) and Donoghue be appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Hunt Museums’ Trust.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors O’Sullivan (O) and Donoghue appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Hunt Museums’ Trust.

19. REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM WEST:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the appointment of 7 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Regional Health Forum West.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors Conway, Galvin, Collins (M), Collins (B), Foley, O’Donovan and Benson be appointed to the Regional Health Forum West.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Conway, Galvin, Collins (M), Collins (B), Foley O’Donovan and Benson appointed to the Regional Health Forum West.

20. ST. JOHN’S HOSPITAL:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of the Mayor of Limerick and 1 Member to the Board of St. John’s Hospital.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Mayor Moran and Councillor O’Hanlon be appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Board of St. John’s Hospital.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Mayor Moran and Councillor O’Hanlon appointed as the Council’s representatives to the Board of St. John’s Hospital.

21. LIMERICK SPORTS PARTNERSHIP:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 1 Member to the Board of Limerick Sports Partnership.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Kiely be appointed as the Council’s representative to the Board of Limerick Sports Partnership.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Kiely appointed as the Council’s representative to the Board of Limerick Sports Partnership.

22. LIMERICK CIVIC TRUST:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 1 Member to Limerick Civic Trust.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Talukder be appointed as the Council’s representative to Limerick Civic Trust.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Talukder appointed as the Council’s representative to Limerick Civic Trust.

23. MOYROSS COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CENTRE LIMITED:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 1 Member to the Board of Directors of Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Sheehan (C) be appointed as the Council’s representative to the Board of Directors of Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Sheehan (C) appointed as the Council’s representative to the Board of Directors of Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited.

24. ST. MUNCHINS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED:

The Meetings Administrator stated that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 1 Member of Limerick City and County Council to the Board of Management of St. Munchins Community Development Company Limited.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor O’Sullivan (O) be appointed to the Board of Management of St. Munchins Community Development Company Limited.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor O’Sullivan (O) appointed to the Board of Management of St. Munchins Community Development Company Limited.

25. INNOVATE LIMERICK:

It was agreed to defer this item pending legal clarification.

26. LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 7 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors Doyle, Sheahan (J), Stokes, O’Hanlon, Slattery, Teefy and Donoghue be appointed as the Council’s representatives on the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Doyle, Sheahan (J), Stokes, O’Hanlon, Slattery, Teefy and Donoghue appointed as the Council’s representatives on the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.

27. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 3 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Sheahan (J) and Benson be appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Sheahan (J) and Benson appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee.

It was agreed to defer the appointment of the third Member to the July Meeting.

28. LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 4 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Local Community Development Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors Conway, Keary, Pond and Carey be appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Conway, Keary, Pond and Carey appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.

29. RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE:

The Meetings Administrator stated that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 3 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillors Keary, Ryan (E) and Ward be appointed to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillors Keary, Ryan (E) and Ward appointed to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.”

30. SPECAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF BELLTABLE:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of the Mayor of Limerick to the Belltable – Special Sub-Committee of the Board.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Mayor Moran appointed to the Special Sub-Committee of the Board of the Belltable.

31. LIMERIK 2030 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DAC:

This item was deferred pending legal clarification.

32. DISCOVER LIMERICK DAC:

This item was deferred pending legal clarification.

33. LECP STEERING GROUP:

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of 2 Members (Chair of Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC, together with one Member) to the LECP (Local Economic and Community Plan) Steering Group.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

“That, Councillor Doyle, Chair-Designate of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC be appointed to the LECP (Local Economic and Community Plan) Steering Group.”

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Doyle, Chair-Designate, Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC, appointed to the LECP Steering Group.

The appointment of the second nominee was deferred to the July Meeting.

34. DATE FOR JULY MEETING:

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the date for the July Meeting of the Council was re-fixed to Monday, 8th July, 2024, at 3.00 p.m.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir thanked Members for their co-operation in the above nominations.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir congratulated Mayor Moran on his election as Mayor of Limerick and Councillor Stokes on her election as Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir. He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Gerald Mitchell, on his achievements over the last 12 months. He congratulated his fellow Councillors on their re-election to the Council and welcomed the 10 new Councillors to the Chamber and wished them every success and happiness in their new roles. He said he looked forward to working with Mayor Moran and all Members over the next five years for the betterment of Limerick.

All Members associated with the Príomh Chomhairleoir’s comments. Councillors O’Donovan, Leddin, Benson, Teefy and O’Donoghue J spoke on behalf of their respective parties and assured Mayor Moran of their full support.

The Director General wished Mayor Moran, the Príomh Chomhairleoir, Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir and all Members the very best of luck and said he looked forward to working with them in the future.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date: