

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 23rd June, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

IN THE CHAIR : Cllr. G. Fahy , Mayor

COUNCILLORS : M. Hourigan, K. Leddin, J. Cronin, K. Kiely, J. Ryan, J. Gilligan, K. O'Hanlon, K. Walsh, D. Scully, G. McLoughlin, J. Leddin, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne, and J. Long

STAFF : Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager
Mr. K. Lehane, Director of Service
Mr. J. Field, Head of Finance
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service
Ms. G. Kilgarriff, Head of I.T.
Mr. J. Murphy, IS Project Leader
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer

Prior to the statutory business of the Meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Fahy extended a welcome to all present and recalled a busy year for his Mayoralty. It was a relentless journey from the cancellation of the Shannon Heathrow route in August to the Heineken Cup success last May. He stated that the transformation of the City had continued with the first boundary extension in over half a century. He referred to the Council's outstanding proposal to extend the boundary further which remained to be determined upon. He had recently again requested the Minister to establish a Boundary Commission on the issue.

He stated that the City Centre strategy was the framework to develop our City Centre .He acknowledged our achievements in the field of arts, culture and sport that culminated in that great weekend in May when Limerick hosted thousands for the live screening of the final and again on the Sunday for the 'homecoming'.

He referred to the significant social exclusion challenge and look forward to the publication of the Regeneration Master Plans later in the year. He acknowledged the huge input of the voluntary and community sector.

He thanked the members for their co-operation during his term of office, the Deputy Mayor ,the City Manager and Staff and especially his wife Maura for her support during the year.

Cllr. Hourigan, on behalf of the Fine Gael Party, Cllr. J. Leddin on behalf of the Labour Party and Cllr. O'Hanlon on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party, paid tribute to the Mayor. In particular they commented on

- His 'open door' policy as Mayor
- His strong representative voice for the City following the Aer Lingus decision
- His fairness
- His positive role and exceptional performance over the Heineken Cup final weekend

They also paid tribute to the part played by his wife Maura during the year.

Cllrs. K. Leddin, Byrne, Wallace, Long, Walsh, Houlihan and McLoughlin also added their congratulations.

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, thanked the Mayor also. He said he was held in very high regard by his fellow councillors and wished him and Maura every success in the future.

1. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor asked for nominations to fill the Office of Mayor of the City until the election of his successor and to install His Worship into the Office if the Council should so decide.

Cllr. Hourigan formally proposed Cllr. Kevin Kiely to the Office of Mayor. He said Cllr. Kiely had been most active in the fight against crime and had a keen interest in sport, being President of the Thomond Rugby Club.

Cllr. Byrne formally seconded the Proposal.

Cllr. Wallace formally proposed Cllr. John Gilligan to the Office of Mayor. She referred to his excellent role over a long number of years as an independent voice in the City.

Cllr. Walsh formally seconded the Proposal.

A roll call vote was held which resulted as follows :

Cllr Gilligan (9)

Cllr.K.Leddin,Cllr.Cronin,Cllr.Ryan,Cllr.Gilligan,Cllr.O’Hanlon,Cllr.Walsh,Cllr.Houlihan,
Cllr.Wallace,Cllr.Kennedy

Cllr.Kiely(8)

Cllr Faly, Cllr.Hourigan, Cllr.Kiely, Cllr.McLoughlin, Cllr.Scully, Cllr.Byrne, Cllr.J.Leddin, CllrLong

His Worship the Mayor declared Cllr. John Gilligan elected to the Office of Mayor by 9 votes to 8 votes for Cllr.Kiely.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. John Gilligan, said it had taken eighteen years to achieve this office and it was worth every minute. He paid tribute to Cllr.Kiely.

He spoke about the need for a boundary extension and for the rates base to grow in the City. He said Regeneration was not just about the physical fabric. He said the waiting lists for housing needs to be tackled and that development along the river would have to be for the benefit of all.

He said he would continue to seek change as he had during his years as a councillor.

Cllr Kiely, on behalf of the Fine Gael Party, wished the newly elected Mayor and his family every success.

Cllr. O’Hanlon on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party assured him of the cooperation of his party and Cllrs. Wallace, Walsh and McLoughlin extended congratulations to the Mayor and wished him every success in the year ahead.

The City Manager congratulated the new Mayor and said that he had set out an impressive agenda. He said he looked forward to giving him his full support in driving the city forward.

2. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor, Gilligan invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Kiely formally proposed the adjournment of the meeting as Cllr. Ryan was not present to vote in any election for Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Hourigan formally seconded the proposal.

Cllr.O'Hanlon proposed that the meeting proceed with election of Office of the Deputy Mayor as the Agenda called for. Cllr.Walsh formally seconded this proposal.

A roll call vote was held on Cllr.O'Hanlon's proposal and the vote resulted as follows

For (8)

His Worship the Mayor

Cllr.Gilligan,Cllr.K.Leddin,Cllr.Cronin,Cllr.O'Hanlon,Cllr.Walsh,Cllr.Houlihan,
Cllr.Wallace,Cllr.Kennedy

Against (8)

Cllr Faly ,Cllr.Hourigan, Cllr.Kiely, Cllr.McLoughlin ,Cllr.Scully, Cllr.Byrne, Cllr.J.Leddin, CllrLong

Cllr.O'Hanlon's proposal was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor.

The meeting proceeded with election of the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. O'Hanlon formally proposed Cllr. Cronin for the Office of Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Wallace formally seconded the proposal.

Cllr. J. Leddin formally proposed Cllr. McLoughlin for the Office of Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Hourigan formally seconded the proposal.

A roll call vote was held which resulted as follows

Cllr Cronin (8)

His Worship the Mayor Cllr.Gilligan, Cllr.K.Leddin, Cllr.Cronin, Cllr.O'Hanlon,
Cllr.Walsh,Cllr.Houlihan, Cllr.Wallace, Cllr.Kennedy

Cllr.McLoughlin (8)

Cllr Faly,Cllr.Hourigan,Cllr.Kiely,Cllr.McLoughlin,Cllr.Scully,Cllr.Byrne,Cllr.J.Leddin,CllrLong

His Worship the Mayor declared his casting vote for Cllr. Cronin and declared him elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor

Cllr.Kiely wish to record his protest that his request regarding Cllr.Ryan had not been facilitated.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the meeting stand adjourned to Monday, 30th June.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

A TRUE RECORD

**T. MACKEY
CITY MANAGER**

CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2008

MAYOR OF LIMERICK