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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICES ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026

**Present:** Councillor Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, presided.  
Councillors Seán Ryan and Eddie Moran  
Via Zoom - Councillors Micheál Lowry, Shane Lee  
and Willie Kennedy

**Also Present:** Mark Connolly, District Director  
Orla McDonnell, Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Councillor Kay Cahill-Skehan  
Councillor Michael Smith

Councillor Peggy Ryan welcomed all those present, both in person and via zoom to the Special Meeting of the Thurles Municipal District. This meeting was convened as a mark of respect for the late former Templemore Town Councillor Valerie Young, RIP.

The Cathaoirleach spoke of how Valerie was a tireless champion for the traders of Templemore and for the Shop Local Campaign, noting that she had left an enduring legacy. She extended her sincere condolences to the Young family before opening the meeting to the floor. Councillors then took the opportunity to pay tribute to Valerie.

Valerie was elected to Templemore Town Council in 2009 and was deeply committed to public service, involving herself in many activities within the town. Councillors described her as warm, compassionate, empathetic and dedicated to her role. They noted that she was loyal, passionate, professional, thorough, pleasant to deal with and always smiling. Valerie was a champion for many causes that might otherwise have been overlooked.

Valerie continued to remain actively involved in community life after 2014 when she was no longer a Councillor.

Members noted how Valerie bore her illness with great dignity and courage stating that she will be greatly missed. They offered their deepest sympathies to Valerie's husband and family.



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On behalf of the Executive of Tipperary County Council, Mark Connolly also expressed sincere sympathies to the Young family.

This concluded the official business of the Special Meeting.

Signed:   
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

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MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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