



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, WHICH WAS HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON 15th JUNE 2026

Present: Councillor Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Kay Cahill Skehan, William Kennedy, Shane Lee, Micheál Lowry, Jim Ryan, Seán Ryan and Michael Smith.

Also Present:

Mark Connolly	Director of Services
Kieran Malone	Senior Engineer
Thomas Duffy	District Engineer
Enda Walsh	Executive Engineer
Deirdre Dunne	District Administrator
Susan Scally	Asst Staff Officer

Apologies: Councillor Eddie Moran
Jim Ryan Executive Engineer

Address by the Outgoing Cathaoirleach.

The Outgoing Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. She expressed her thanks to her family for all their help and support in the past year.

She advised the Members that it was a very positive year in the district and mentioned some of the highlights:

- The opening of Market 54 in Thurles.
- The phenomenal success of the Market Quarter Concert which took place on Sunday 7th June.
- The Roundabout Music Programme in St. Angela's Music Academy and Sinead Ní Riain who is one of the main fundraisers for the project. The programme is proving very successful for students and is very positive for the arts in Thurles.
- The success of local actress Kerry Condon and actress Jessie Buckley who attended Ursuline Secondary School.
- The Civic Reception held on 21st. May to honour Upperchurch Drombane GAA and expressed her thanks to Mark, Deirdre and Elaine for their work. It is a small parish and club, and this was a great achievement.



1.1 Election of Cathaoirleach.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith and seconded by Councillor W. Kennedy:

"That Councillor Sean Ryan be elected Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

As there were no other nominations for the position, Councillor S. Ryan was deemed to be elected as Cathaoirleach for the ensuing year.

Councillor P. Ryan congratulated Councillor S. Ryan on his election and she vacated the Chair.

The other Members congratulated Councillor S. Ryan on his election and wished him well for the coming year.

Address of Incoming Cathaoirleach.

The Incoming Cathaoirleach thanked his proposer and seconder and advised that it is a great honour to hold this title and this is the third time he has been bestowed the honour. He also thanked his family and the people of his local parish.

He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Eddie Moran for his work and valuable assistance.

He advised that the coming year will be very exciting for the district with a number of projects, namely:

- Roscrea Public Realm including Gantly Road Roscrea – An Age Friendly Neighbourhood and the Reimagined Castle Street Design.
- Templemore Landbank Master Plan Phase 1.
- Extensive building programme which will include 12 new units in Kilcooley Way and which it is hoped will go to Part 8 before the end of the year.
- Safety measures at Turtulla Cross, Thurles.
- Provision of CCTV
- Safety programmes in Schools
- Improving dereliction in Littleton.
- All nine Councillors working together to make the District a better place for everyone to live and work.

He thanked Deirdre, Mark and all the technical team for their support and work.



The Members and Officials congratulated Councillor S. Ryan on his election and wished him well in the year ahead.

The Director of Services wished Sean well for the upcoming year. He thanked Peggy for her work and acknowledged that the Civic Reception held for Upperchurch Drombane GAA was a great success. He also acknowledged the work carried out by the former District Administrator, Sharon Scully and the new District Administrator, Deirdre Dunne and the seamless handover of the role.

1.2 Election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Lowry and seconded by Councillor J. Ryan:

"That Councillor S. Lee be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District for the ensuing year."

Councillor Lowry commented that Councillor Lee's geographical base will serve him well and his energy will match that of the new Cathaoirleach.

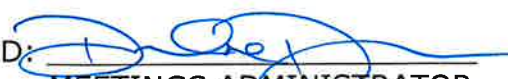
There being no further nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor S. Lee elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor S. Lee thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members for electing him Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Members congratulated Councillor Lee on his election as Leas Cathaoirleach and wished him well in the role.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED:  DATE: 20th July 2026
CATHAOIRLEACH

SIGNED:  DATE: 20th July 2026
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

