

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2007.**

**PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair and subsequently An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair

**NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.

**NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.

**NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, T. Fitzgerald.

**SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, L. McGonigle.

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston.

**SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.

**APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir M. O'Connell

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. D. Hegarty, Law Agent  
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. U. Ramsell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. C. Foley, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1. ELECTION OF AN tARDMHÉARA**

An tArdmhéara M. Ahern addressed the meeting:-

Comhairleoirí, Bainisteoir na Cathrach, A Dhaoine Uaisle

Is mór an onoir domhsa bheith anseo anocht chun tracht a cur os bhúr gcomhair ar an bliain iontach atá thart.

Councillors, City Manager Mr. Joe Gavin, Ladies and Gentlemen

Can I first of all say that I thank God for myself and Eileen being here tonight in one piece at end of what was a really great year for us.

In my speech when I became Lord Mayor last year I said that in recent times Ireland has become one of the best places in the world in which to live and that this city is one of the best places to live in Ireland.

At the end of the year during which it was my great privilege to hold the office of Lord Mayor of this city my view, that both of these things are correct, is even stronger.

In my view Ireland has at least maintained its position as a very desirable place to live and Cork has progressed to be an even better place than it was twelve months ago.

Our infrastructure has improved. The opening of the Kinsale Road Flyover has made a great improvement in east west travel and it has triggered a very much needed improvement in the journey time to and from our Airport.

Some preparatory work has been sanctioned for the further two flyovers proposed, Bandon Road and Sarsfield Road Roundabouts and I believe that our roads network needs a quick completion of both of those projects to maintain the excellent traffic mobility of recent months.

I believe also a decision to grant funds to the proposed road between the Curraheen Dog Track and CIT/Rossa Avenue would greatly relieve the very heavy traffic in the Bishopstown Area.

The opening of the new extension to our City Hall will give us a One Stop Shop and additional work space sufficient to close the many offices we rent across our city and thereby bring all of our officials under one roof.

Some of you will know that the Royal British Institute of Architects honoured this building as one of the four that merited awards in Ireland this year. It is interesting to note that three of the four awards made went to buildings in this city, the other ones being the new extension on the northern perimeter of CIT and the Environmental Research Institute Building in UCC.

The past year has seen the proposed boundary extension progress further with the publication of a map showing the would be extended Cork City. We still await a formal response to our extension proposal but I believe that we should, in this year, progress our proposal, preferably with the agreement of the County Council, but in the absence of such agreement we should progress it nevertheless.

A local Area Plan for the South Docks Area has been published supporting the view that the area will have 20,000 residents and a working population of 25,000.

The Compulsory Purchase Order of the Showgrounds and adjacent lands which was confirmed during my Mayoralty will help to increase the flexibility of planning for the South Docks area.

The designation by the European Union last October allows State Aid to companies setting up in the Docklands Area. This of course will make investment in the area a more attractive option.

I had many visitors to the Lord Mayors office during the year and all who were returning to the city after a few years absence, were loud in their praise about how Cork City has improved in the intervening time.

With the refurbishment of the major shopping areas in our city in recent years still continuing the experience of visiting our city will be even better in future years.

The retail options for shoppers in our city continue to grow. With the addition of the new retail centre in Cornmarket Street and the commencement of the Academy Street/Bowling Green Street/Emmet Place development as well as the Dunnes Stores expansion in St. Patrick's Street Cork will be much better served with expanded retail choices.

A new company Cork City Partnership has been set up to promote tourism and conference business in our city. With a board of directors drawn from the City and County Councils as well as the Cork Chamber, Cork Business Association, The Irish Hotels Federation, The Port of Cork, Cork Airport Authority and Fáilte Ireland I expect that it will have a positive impact in a very short time.

Last year I called for a local area plan for the centre city area. I am pleased to say that the process has begun with the publication in the past fortnight of the Cork City Centre Strategic Area Plan report. In that report the future considerations for the key development sectors of Retail, Office, Public Realm, Arts Culture and Tourism and City Centre Living were set out and the actions that the City Council consider essential to the future planning and development were identified.

Last year also I called for a report to identify what the next level of "leading edge" international employment would be and what we would need to do to generate that type of employment in the docklands area.

I have received such a report from the Docklands Directorate and I have circulated it. Further copies are available to any one who wishes to get one.

At the end of 2006 Cork was listed, for the first time, by Irish Business against Litter as a "litter free area". Cork was ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the list. Despite being moved up in ranking to 19<sup>th</sup> place in the June 2007 listing the city was designated as being "moderately littered". The report suggests that litter on our approach

roads, roads which are not our responsibility, has been the cause of the slippage in our designation.

In the past week I had the privilege of officially opening six City Council housing schemes that provided 600 houses for those seeking social or affordable housing. This is a very creditable number, and I believe a record, and our housing directorate deserves our thanks for the enormous amount of work they put into planning and completing these schemes.

These six hundred housing units, which are of excellent quality are a testament to the commitment of our city to providing a good mix of housing options for those who seek our services in this regard.

Our Library service has expanded with the opening of the Bishopstown Branch. This branch has been sought for many years and its presence at the Wilton Shopping Centre provides a well needed addition to our Library services in the Western suburbs.

The Central Library facility at the Grand Parade is to be expanded. A contract was signed during the year that will provide a doubling of the floor area presently occupied by the Council in the Grand Parade. This will allow our Library personnel to upgrade the service provided at the Central Library by the addition of extra facilities, departments and space.

A new Library service piloted in the South East Ward by the Mayfield Branch has been adopted city wide to provide a mobile library for those who are housebound. The service will involve a delivery & collection process to the homes of the immobile and the elderly and will make available Books, Audio Books on CD and Tape as well as DVD's and Large Print books.

During the year I visited the Cork Communities in the cities of London and New York. Both communities still have a very strong interest in our City and its progress.

I am delighted to welcome here tonight Mr. Joe Quinn who is the P.R.O of the Cork Association in London. An association that cares greatly for some Cork emigrants that have fallen on bad times. I will be proposing, when Budget time arrives, that we make a provision to support the very good work that they are doing for our citizens in London.

I also had the pleasure of visiting two of our twinned cities Rennes and San Francisco. Rennes once again demonstrated that they value our twinning arrangement and I have no doubt but that our relationship with Rennes is our most successful and active twinning arrangement.

The San Francisco Twinning Committee is very enthusiastic and they would love to see a lot more joint projects. I really believe that with a bit of effort we could turn our twinning relationship with San Francisco into one that would greatly benefit both of our cities.

Sport in our city continues to be important and our citizens continue to achieve. Our City supports sport in a big way with the provision of many playing pitches and this year we introduced for the first time Capital Grants for sports organisations.

I am glad to say that the Cork City Marathon, revived this year after a gap of 21 years, was a great success with as many as four thousand participants. Held on the June weekend it attracted many visitors to our city and I am sure it will grow and grow from this year onwards. I would like to commend all who had an input to the event. It was supported by many of the agencies and clubs in the city and their work reflected well on the city.

Cork City is, in my opinion, in great shape. It never looked better but its people are its most important asset. The many voluntary organisations that operate in our home place provide an invaluable source of support. We also have many state and business organisations and the churches. We have the Army the Navy and the Gardaí Cork Chamber and the Cork Business Association to mention but a few who continually support the city and the office of Lord Mayor.

They can and are called upon whenever the need arises and they are very supportive of anything that promotes our city and the welfare of its people.

We are blessed also with the commitment of our local press to promoting the well being of our community.

It is very easy to forget that there are many people for whom living is not easy in our city. I have an image of a Christmas visit to Cork Prison where I saw a young man who seemed to take out his frustration on a football by continually kicking it against the wall of the prison exercise yard and on the same morning I saw a young boy do much the same thing with a football while his mother and three siblings looked on in the yard of a Domestic Violence refuge centre.

We must at all times remember that beneath the surface of all that looks good are other stories of people that need our help. It will not be a good city if that help is not forthcoming.

I would like to thank my party for nominating me for the Mayoralty and my fellow Councillors for giving me the privilege of being Lord Mayor of Cork. It is a great privilege. During the year I continually described being Lord Mayor as being the best job in Cork. As I finish the year I have no doubt but that it is the best job in Cork.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Deputy Lord Mayor and those who deputised for me throughout the year. I would like to thank the City Council for the leadership they gave to ensure progress in the past year. I thank them for their courtesy to me as Lord Mayor and I apologise to them for any mistakes I made as Chairman of this council.

I would like to commend the City Manager, Joe Gavin for the excellent job that he is doing for our city and thank him for the support he gave me during the year.

I would like to also thank the staff of Cork City Council for their hard work and their support.

I would like to thank particularly those who served as Lord Mayors secretaries at various times during the year Catherine Foley, Tanya Schleich, Lorraine Dorgan, Una Murphy, Pat Coughlan and Gráinne Ní Mhuirthile.

I thank also Chris Dorgan for the many speeches that he prepared for me and Pat Duggan who, with great humour, was always available to record an event with his camera.

I would like to thank Noreen Mulcahy & Ursula Ramsell for their good guidance throughout the year and who together with Ita Madden and Trish Hourican generously gave their time to the many nighttime Civic Receptions.

Receptions could not happen without the work of John Kenneally and his team particularly Pat Russell and Noel Kearney who gave sterling service.

Jordan Bracken the driver of the Lord Mayor's Car is an exceptional individual who makes life easy for a Lord Mayor. Let me just say that he provides a Rolls Royce service in a Ford Mondeo.

He is very easy to be with and we enjoyed the many trips to the matches with him. We saw twenty one matches this year.

I would like to thank Eileen for her support during the year. I am biased but I thought she was great. She never once made a speech but she never stopped talking either. She had to deal with all the problems I had to deal with plus me. She had, of course, to deal with fitting in her hair appointments but I, for obvious reasons, did not have that problem.

I would like also to thank my five sons Ian, Adrian, Conor, Michael and Declan and their wives and families as well as my sisters and brothers Cora, Noel, Betty, Thomas and Carmel and of course the O'Leary family for their marvellous support during the year.

People continually ask what my best moments were and it is certainly very hard to rank them but I will remember particularly the visits to the schools, the Christmas Concert, the Civic and Community Awards and the Freedom of the City day with Michael Flatley.

People also ask me if I put on weight during the Mayoralty. I weighed in at an overweight 13 stone last year and I am weighing out at the same weight.

As for funny things that happened I remember whilst visiting the prison being asked for a half day by some of the prisoners. I remember arriving for the Ladies Marathon at about ten to one for a one o'clock start and being unable to move through the eight thousand or so competitors, and having to climb over barriers, together with the chain, and getting an almighty gee up to get to start the race.

I remember being asked how much would you get if you sold the chain to which I answered about five years. I remember being stuck in a lift in the Erinville Maternity Hospital on Christmas morning and I suppose that gave a different slant to a confinement at the Erinville.

Many of you will know that today also marks the end of my working life as a full time employee.

I started work on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April in 1960 on the production line at Henry Fords and I have had 11 different jobs in the intervening 47 years and two months. I was twice made redundant that is of course before tonight. But thankfully the total time I was out of work was three weeks.

During the year Eileen and I met many people from Cork and from outside of Cork. We enjoyed meeting all of them. We had a great year. We were very privileged. We thank the people of Cork for the respect that they once again showed the office of Lord Mayor and we thank you the members of Cork City Council for the really great privilege you afforded to us both.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

An tArdmhéara M. Ahern requested nominations for the office of Ardmhéara:

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir D. Counihan.

Comhairleoir C. O' Leary proposed and Comhairleoir J. O'Brien seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir A. Spillane.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR COMHAIRLEOIR D. COUNIHAN:**

Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (22)

**FOR COMHAIRLEOIR A. SPILLANE:**

Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary. (3)

An tArdmhéara M. Ahern declared Comhairleoir D. Counihan elected to the office of Ardmhéara.

An tArdmhéara D. Counihan then addressed An Chomhairle:

A chomhairleoirí, a Bhainisteor na Cathrach, a Aire Micheál ó Máirtín, a theachtaí dála, agus a chairde uaisle idir chleír agus tuath.

An onoír atá bronnta orm anocht – is deachair é a shárú. Tá mórtas agus umhlaíocht orm as a bheith tofa mar Ardmhéara ar Chathair Chorcaí – an chathair stairiúil ghleígeal seo.

Is é an céim is airde a fheadfadh aon Chorcaíoch a bhaint amach – a bheith ina Ardmhéara ar a chathair fhéin. Dá bharr san, braithim an-uamhal nuair a chuimhním siar ar na fir agus ar na mná uaisle agus cróga a d’imigh romham sa phost seo. Cuimhním go h-áirithe ar an mbeirt Ardmhéara chróga – Tomás Mac Curtaín agus Traolach Mac Suibhne -daoine uaisle a dhein an íbirt iomlán ar son an oifig seo a chosaint breis agus ochtó bliain ó shin.

The signal honour that you, my fellow colleagues in Council have conferred on me is indeed awesome and awe-inspiring. I am deeply honoured and privileged to have been chosen by you to be Lord Mayor of this ancient, historic and vibrant city.

It is the apex in municipal government that any Corkonian can achieve – to be chosen as Lord Mayor of one’s own native city and to wear the chain of office which was worn by so many back as far as 1787 a.d. I am, therefore, humbled when I look back and recall the outstanding personalities who have held this office. Some of them are here present to-night. Each has left their own individual imprint on the civic affairs of this city. I remember especially Tomás Mac Curtain and Terence Mc Swiney - both who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve this office almost 90 years ago. Initially I wish to pay tribute to the outgoing Lord Mayor – Cllr. Michael Ahern for the quiet, dignified manner in which he conducted the affairs of the City both within the council itself, where he gave each member ‘cothrom na féine’ at Council Meetings, and with the wider



Cork citizens. He was very ably assisted in his role by his Lady Mayoress, Eileen, who showed great courtesy and graciousness to all who came in contact with her, they were excellent ambassadors for the city. All here present, I'm sure, will wish them every success in the future and a well earned rest for a job well done.

I come to this office at a time of unprecedented change in our community. When first elected over 20 years ago, Cork was a very different place. Unemployment, poverty, emigration and poor housing scarred the fabric of our City. But now what do we see? as Sir Christopher Wren, that most famous of English architects who designed and built St. Paul's cathedral in London said "If you were to seek a monument to past generations – just look around you". As we do so, we see so many developments of this era. I will mention some of the principal ones but I'm sure there are many more:

The regeneration of the city centre in all its aspects such as streetscapes, office development sector, commercial sector and the retail function. This is in line with the late Sean Lemas' thinking that Local Authorities should evolve into development corporations for their areas.

The European Capital of Culture in 2005 attracted an additional one million visitors and generated an extra €90 million benefit for the local economy.

While all this economic activity was taking place aspects of our cultural development were not sidelined as the following will indicate:

An extension to our city museum.

The opening of the Lifetime Lab on the Lee Road,

The visitor centres at both North Main St and Blackrock Castle,

The Gluckman gallery provided by U.C.C.,

The acquisition of St. Luke's church,

The conversion of Jack Lynch's former family home in Cork to a residence for artists,

The development of Christchurch as a music and visual arts centre, and many others.

The physical development of our young Cork citizens has its place in the scheme of things too. Some few years ago Council appointed a Sports Officer with a dedicated budget to liaise with the various sporting organisations and to develop sport and recreational facilities for our young people. We will be seeing more Sonya O'Sullivans, Derval O'Rourkes, Christy Rings, Roy Keanes and Ronan O'Garas in the future.

There are, I'm sure, many other sporting/recreational plans coming to fruition also but the general thrust of my remarks will be understood by all.

All these developments could not be carried out by City Council on its own. The Council is a planning authority, a housing authority, a roads authority and a sanitary authority with such powers and functions as are granted to it by government. What it can do, and what it has been very successfully been doing, is to create a climate in which some of the foregoing developments can take place either with state, commercial, private or semi-state sectors participation.

The City Council's route map is our development plan, renewed and revised at 5 yearly intervals, and materially contravened whenever necessary for the benefit of the city. It represents the collective wisdom of our 31 members here in partnership with the City Manager and his staff, setting out as to how best our city can be improved for the future. Partnership is a relatively new buzz-word in contemporary Irish affairs. It has evolved in governmental policies in recent years as a mechanism bringing together government, trade unions, the farming community, the social partners and others. Its objective is primarily to ensure economic stability by the avoidance of industrial strife. This concept is not new to us in local government and has been with us since the major reform of 1898. What it in effect means is that the 31 members and the City Manager acting collectively chart the future developments of the city. It is a concept not fully appreciated by some quarters of the general public. No one side has dominance over the other and the very best is achieved by the harmonious interdependence of the two. It's a bit like the song – "love and marriage – go together like a horse and carriage – you can't have one without the other"!

An area of activity on which I would wish to devote some time to during the forthcoming twelve months would be in the field of community development. Arising from this interest I have come across a seminal research work by a well known American sociologist-Robert Putnam entitled "bowling alone" which examines the community scene in the United States. It's not the same type of bowling that our esteemed bishop John Buckley is so adept at! What I refer to is indoor bowling. This in depth study of American community life is based on a range of activities such as local leadership, time diaries, watching TV. etc. The conclusions of this study show that "the broad picture is one of declining membership in community organisations over the past 25 years (in the U.S.)."

The community organisations in Cork contain many ordinary people (and I include myself as such an activist) doing extraordinary things. All have the focus of caring and sharing for their neighbours. This city has a network of community councils and could be regarded as a community based city. Their members operate to a philosophy of working with people rather than for people, since their establishment in the late 1960's by Canon Donal Linehan and one of my predecessors Alderman Pearse Wyse. Each council is parish based and its membership is comprised of local people elected by each street/estate together with representatives of the various statutory and voluntary agencies in the area. These locally elected councils in conjunction with the City Council members, interact with the City Council itself in varying degrees on local issues.

But there are warning clouds gathering on the horizon regarding the effectiveness of their future role and the voluntary input which motivates their membership. The virtual demise of the coordinating body for these associations i.e. Cork C.A.N. and the declining membership in some community groups are some of these symptoms.

It would be my intention to fully/address these issues so that Cork C.A.N. can develop a new and more effective role in the future with a fresh mandate by the development of leadership in local community organisations. The membership of community organisations in Cork is owed a great debt because they carry out an indispensable role in the provision of services and activities stretching from young people to senior citizens. No monetary value on the social capital inherent in these activities could ever be assigned to them. They are invaluable and priceless. The sign of concern that I see is principally the decline of new volunteers into these associations. More and more of the same stalwarts, many of whom are involved from day 1 since their inception, are still willingly undertaking an ever increasing level of responsibility in a declining membership situation. This holds true for some sporting, social, cultural and political organisations also.

Tá suim faoi leith agam fein ó aimsir m'óige in ár dteanga dhúchais – teanga na Gaeilge. Táim fhéin im bhall den ghrúpa stiúrtha anseo i gComhairle na Cathrach agus táim bródúil as an meíd dul chun cinn atá déanta ach is féidir níos mó fós a dhéanamh. Aithním go bhfuil an teanga chomh tabhachtach lenár gceol, ár rinne agus gcluichí. Geallaim díbh go ndéanfaidh mé mo sheacht ndícheall an teanga náisiunta a úsáid ar gach ócaid is féidir, ach go mór-mhór i measc an aosa óg. Tá dul chun cinn áirithe le feiscint i roinnt des na siopaí mór-thimpeall na cathrach ach is doigh liom gur féidir linn an sceál a fheabhsú. Deánfad mo dhícheall chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do gach iarratas a cuirfear fé mo bhraíd chun ár dteanga uasal, ársa a cheiliúradh, a chothú, agas a fheabhsú sa bhliain atá le teacht.

While I have referred to a brief number of issues so far there are many more that are also being dealt with in great depth. Since a local authority is a multi-faceted entity the following are of no less importance and require equal attention: The exciting docklands development; a borough boundary extension; waste management strategy; transport and traffic management (incorporating parking policy in the city); further implementation of the C.A.S.P.. (Cork Area Strategic Plan) in so far as it affects the city; declining population in the city centre (recent surveys show a 3% fall between 2002 and 2006 - population now at 119,000 people); urban planning policies; progress on the rapid programmes, development of the river lee as a potential tourist attraction for the future; the social assimilation of our fellow European brothers and sisters who have come to live and work in our city; a combined event/conference centre in which this council is planning to put €12 million as an equity investor (which signifies that it will take

a share of the business); the re-development of Kent Station. I'm certain there are more.

All of the above developments clearly show that Cork has finally ceased the whinging about the other capital, Dublin, failing to share out the spoils of development. Our new "let's do it ourselves" approach is clearly achieving results.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation in many directions: to my fellow party colleagues for selecting me as a candidate for this office, to the members of the other parties who supported my nomination, and to those who did not, I bear no ill-will. To my late parents for providing me with life's opportunities, to my wife and family who have supported me in my role in politics by their understanding of absences from home at various times; to the members of the Fianna Fáil party organisation who put me on the political road first day; to the many friends who gave me unstinted practical support and advice all over many years but most particularly of all at election time; to the electorate of the south east ward who elected me to this chamber, to my friends and working colleagues in local government. I have spent almost ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) half of my working life there and which experience enabled me, when I crossed the "Rubicon" from one side as an official to the other side as an elected member, to bring that experience to bear on my thinking here i.e. and to understand the things that can be done and the things that cannot be done.

To my working colleagues in the University where I then came to share friendship and to understand better the true values of education.

To friends and relations who travelled distances to be here tonight.

To the City Manager and his dedicated staff for their courtesy and assistance since his joining the staff here. I feel confident that this will continue.

Cork is a great city. It has the potential to become greater still. The position of Lord Mayor holds a special place in the affections of the people of Cork which has been earned by previous occupants down the centuries. So therefore, let us all Council Members, City Manager and staff, the various representative groups in the city and above all the people of Cork generally work together so that in 100 years time, it can be said of us at that future time that "we in our time" did our level best on behalf of the city we all care about so much". I trust I have made no omissions.

With God's help and yours I hope we can achieve that objective together.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh agus go gcumhdaí dia sibh go léir.

## 2. **ELECTION OF LEAS ARDMHÉARA**

Nominations were requested for office of Leas Ardmhéara.

Comhairleoir S. Martin proposed and Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

Comhairleoir A. Spillane proposed and Comhairleoir J. O'Brien seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

### **FOR COMHAIRLEOIR T. SHANNON:**

Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (21)

### **FOR COMHAIRLEOIR C. O'LEARY:**

Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. O' Leary. (4)

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir T. Shannon elected Leas Ardmhéara.

An Leas Ardmhéara then addressed the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHÉARA  
CATHAOIRLEACH**