

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT, HELD IN THE TOWH HALL AT 11.00 A.M., THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE, 2026

Present:

Cllr. Pat English, Mayor
Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Deputy Mayor
Cllr. John Fitzgerald
Cllr. Richie Molloy
Cllr. Tom Acheson

In attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Town Manager
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, District Administrator
Ms. Gillian Flynn, District Engineer
Ms. Mary Irwin, Staff Officer
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assistant Staff Officer.

Item 1 Zoom Protocol

The Mayor confirmed that there was nobody in attendance at the meeting by Zoom.

Councillor Pat English, Mayor welcomed everybody to the Meeting. He thanked Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, Deputy Mayor and all the members for their support and assistance throughout his mayoralty. He expressed his thanks to the staff of the Borough District both indoor and outdoor for the assistance given to him during his term as Mayor. Reflecting on his term as Mayor, Councillor English said he was delighted to see major progress on various projects such as:-

- The Affordable Housing Scheme recently announced for Clonmel
- The Suir Island Amenity Park and Bridge
- The opening of the Abbey Street performance space,
- The active travel scheme for the Davis Road and Old Bridge.
- The ongoing development of the new garda station.
- The upgrading of the Suir Blueway
- The ETB/TUS integrated College and the Library
- The installation of the CCTV in the town.
- The towns urban renewal project
- The establishment of the Vacancy and Dereliction Team to tackle dereliction in the town.

He highlighted Clonmel's leading role in employment and investment, noting that this year has seen further expansion. Significant funding has been secured for Boston Scientific, MSD, Medite and Abbott Vascular alongside the opening of Shaw's new store at the Showgrounds Shopping Centre.

He referred to the passing of the BID proposal which is very positive for the town and wished all involved in the BID process every success.

He spoke about the recent funding announcement of €20m for the proposed Link Roads on the north side of town which will unlock lands for housing development and improve traffic flow within the town.

He referred to the recent conferral of the Freedom of the Borough of Clonmel on President Catherine Connolly which was a wonderful occasion.

He remembered the late Vera Hewitt who passed away during the year.

He thanked his wife, Carol and his family for all their support during his term as Mayor. He also expressed his thanks to Seamus Healy, T.D. and his colleagues in the Workers and Unemployed Action Group for their loyal support and encouragement over the years.

The Mayor concluded by stating that it was an honour and a privilege for him to serve as Mayor of his hometown for the sixth time.

The members of Clonmel Borough District and Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Town Manager all congratulated Cllr. English on his term as Mayor. They described him as very approachable, fair and diplomatic highlighting his ability to bring people together to progress various projects. They said that it was a very busy and successful term with a lot of great projects coming to fruition.

Item 2 – Election of Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2026/2027

Cllr. Pat English sought nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald nominated Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose for the position of Mayor. Cllr. Richie Molloy seconded the proposal.

As there were no other nominations for the position, Councillor Siobhán Ambrose was elected as Mayor of Clonmel Borough District for the year 2026/2027.

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose thanked Cllr. John Fitzgerald and Cllr. Richie Molloy and all members for electing her as Mayor stating that it was a huge privilege and honour for her to serve as Mayor of Clonmel for the third time. She congratulated Councillor English on his term of office as Mayor. She thanked her mother Joan who was a huge support to her and her late dad, Tom in their political careers. She remembered her late father who was a former Mayor of Clonmel who was present in the Chamber when she was last elected Mayor in 2020. She said she is looking forward to working with the members, the management and staff of Clonmel Borough District highlighting the range of multi million euro projects that are currently in progress or planned including:-

- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Projects to upgrade O'Connell Street and the restoration of Parke's Chemist.
- Kickham Barracks Development which will see up to 1,000 students accessing the site each week, when complete.
- The installation of CCTV in the town.
- The new library building at Emmett Street
- Clonmel Garda Station
- Advanced Building Solution at Questum

She welcomed the investment in health care facilities including the €75 million investment in Tipperary University Hospital and the opening of a new unit at St. Anthony's which will provide much needed additional beds for the care of the elderly. She added that, during her term as Mayor, she will work to support local businesses and collaborate with the Council to tackle dereliction and vacant units in the town centre. She also expressed her support for the BIDs group in rolling out new initiatives for the town. She acknowledged the significant financial support that the council contributes to the numerous festivals and other cultural events that take place around Clonmel annually. She highlighted the tourism opportunities speaking

about the success of the Suir Blueway and the proposed Clonmel-to-Cahir Greenway which along with other projects such as the development of Suir Island amenities and the proposed Flights of Discovery visitor centre has the potential to bring thousands of tourists into town. She will endeavour to use her role to advocate for additional supports on behalf of vulnerable people, those with additional needs, people with mental health issues and victims of sexual or domestic abuse. She will also look into the provision of a new facility for teenagers where they can meet their friends in a specially designated space for them.

She noted that housing remains one of the biggest challenges facing the district and welcomed that Clonmel has been approved for the county's first affordable housing scheme. She also welcomed the €20m funding announcement for Clonmel which will see the rollout of two new link roads with the potential to unlock additional private lands for housing.

She concluded by saying that she is looking forward to working with the elected members, Borough District Manager, Council Officials and Staff to support, promote and develop Clonmel and the nine villages in the Clonmel Borough District for the benefit of all who live and visit them.

All the members congratulated Councillor Ambrose on her election as Mayor and wished her every success in the year ahead.

Jonathan Cooney, Town Manager also congratulated Councillor Ambrose on her election as Mayor and looked forward to working with the Mayor and Members in the year ahead.

Item 3 – Election of Deputy Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District 2026/2027

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Tom Acheson proposed Cllr. John Fitzgerald.

Cllr. Pat English seconded Cllr. Tom Acheson's proposal.

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations, to which there were no other proposals. He deemed Cllr. John Fitzgerald to be elected as Deputy Mayor for 2026/2027.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald thanked Cllr. Tom Acheson and Cllr. Pat English for their proposal and said he looked forward to working with Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, the members and officials for the betterment of the Town. He said it was a great honour to be elected as Deputy Mayor of Clonmel Borough District. He reflected on the tradition of local government in his family with his grandfather, father and brother all serving on the Council. All the members congratulated Cllr. Fitzgerald on his appointment as Deputy Mayor.

Jonathan Cooney, Town Manager also congratulated Cllr. Fitzgerald on his appointment as Deputy Mayor and wished him every success in the year ahead.

Item 4 – Fix Schedule of Meetings for 2026/2027.

July 2026– June 2027

8th July 2026

16th September 2026

21st October 2026

18th November 2026

9th December 2026

20th January 2027

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17th February 2027

24th March 2027

21st April 2027

19th May 2027

16th June 2027

This item was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

Signed: Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose Date: 8/7/26
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Signed: Alain Dannel Date: 8th July 2026
District Administrator.