

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District  
held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 11.00am  
*Meeting held in Meeting Room, “Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience”, The  
Rectory, Mountshannon***

**In attendance:** Cllr. Tony O’Brien  
Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan  
Cllr. Conor Ryan  
Cllr. Pat Burke  
Cllr. Pat Hayes

**Officials:** Ann Reynolds, Director of Services  
Brian McCarthy Senior Planner and Killaloe MD Coordinator  
Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe MD  
Teresa Hughes Lannon, Tourism Officer  
Deirdre Sampson, Clerical Officer, Killaloe MD

Members of the media attended.

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The Cathaoirleach Cllr. P. Hayes opened the meeting.

Cllr. P. Hayes welcomed all to the beautiful historic surroundings of the shores of Lough Derg. Cllr. P. Hayes urged the media in attendance to soak in their surroundings and to inform the public on the wonderful amenity now open in East Clare. Cllr P. Hayes reflected on his role as Cathaoirleach in Killaloe MD over the past year and thanked the Elected Members and Killaloe MD staff for their all their work, assistance and co-operation, adding that progress has been made on a number of significant projects over this period and it reflects a strong commitment to the people of Killaloe MD. Cllr. P. Hayes also thanked members of the media present and referred to the importance of their role. Cllr. P. Hayes commented on the exemplary ‘Killaloe MD Strategy and Workplan for Killaloe MD’ and that Killaloe MD was the envy of the county as a whole. Cllr. P. Hayes congratulated Cllr. A. O’Callaghan on his year as Mayor of Clare and added that it was an honour for Killaloe MD to have had three Mayors elected in a row. Cllr. P. Hayes highlighted the successful selection of two RRDF applications for Killaloe MD – Crusheen and Killaloe and hopefully progress and to come. Cllr. P. Hayes sought to clarify

the situation regarding the pedestrianisation for the bridge in Killaloe being a joint decision by Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council executives and Elected members. Cllr. P. Hayes looked forward to projects upcoming such as the Mountain Bike Trail feasibility study and the traffic calming measures for 4 villages and also the Mobility Plan in Crusheen. Cllr. P. Hayes commented that Killaloe MD was in a very good and positive position going forward but also faced challenges like housing for future generations and seeking funding for upgrades to the R352. Cllr. P. Hayes congratulated Ms. Ann Reynolds on her appointment to Director of Service and thanked Mr. Brian McCarthy, Mr. Declan Flanagan and the entire Killaloe MD team. Cllr. P. Hayes added that it was admirable to have been possibly the first MD to pass a Part VIII during the year also, reflecting the important he and the Members of Killaloe MD place on local democracy and representing the communities of East Clare.

Cllr. P. Hayes wished the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach well on their year in office.

Cllr. T O'Brien concurred with Cllr. P. Hayes' sentiments and thanked Elected Members and staff alike.

Ms. Ann Reynolds thanked the Elected members and staff for the welcome afforded her on arrival as Director of Services. Ms. Reynolds commented on how well structured the MD was and admired the partnership between Elected members and staff.

Cllr. A. O' Callaghan thanked Cllr. P. Hayes for his role as Cathaoirleach and also thanked Deputy Joe Cooney who was Cathaoirleach to his election to Dáil Éireann. Cllr. A. O'Callaghan thanked Director of Service Ms. Ann Reynolds and all the team in Killaloe MD and looked forward to the year to come.

Mr. B. McCarthy Senior Planner and Killaloe MD Co-Ordinator thanked outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. P. Hayes on behalf of all the staff of Killaloe MD.

### **Item 1            Election of the Cathaoirleach for the next 12 months**

Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. P. Hayes asked for a proposal for Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

Cllr. C. Ryan proposed Cllr. P. Burke as incoming Cathaoirleach of Killaloe Municipal District, this was seconded by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan. Cllr. P. Burke took up the role of Cathaoirleach of Killaloe Municipal District and Chair of the Meeting.

Cllr. P. Burke indicated that it was an honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Killaloe MD during this historic week for his home parish of Whitegate/Mountshannon with the opening of the Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience. Cllr. P. Burke reminisced on imploring with the then Director of Tourism to visit the possibility of acquiring "The Rectory" building as opposed to a new build for the Visitor Experience. Cllr. P. Burke added how invaluable the multi million euro asset is to Clare County Council as a result, including the public realm works on the Main Street in Mountshannon. Cllr. P. Burke congratulated Cllr. P. Hayes on his term in office and added that the co-operation in working together as a group is admirable. Cllr. P. Burke also congratulated Cllr. A. O' Callaghan on his term as Mayor of Clare and said he looked forward to the year ahead.

**Item 2 Election of Leas Chathaoirleach for the next 12 months**

Cllr. P. Hayes proposed Cllr Tony O'Brien as Leas Chathaoirleach and Cllr. C. Ryan seconded this.

**Item 3 Approval for payment or allowance to the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District**

This was proposed by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes.

**Item 4 Agreement on Schedule of Ordinary Meetings of Killaloe Municipal**

This was proposed by Cllr. T. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. C. Ryan.

Director of Services Ms. Ann Reynolds congratulated both Cllr. P. Burke and Cllr. T. O'Brien on their election to office and wished them well in their roles. Ms Reynolds commented she had worked with both previously and looked forward to having an excellent working relationship with both.

Senior Planner and Killaloe MD Co-Ordinator, Mr. B. McCarthy, on behalf of the staff of Killaloe MD, congratulated both Cllr. P. Burke and Cllr. T. O'Brien's election as Cathairleach

and Leas-Cathaoirleach. Mr. McCarthy said it was truly historic for Cllr. P. Burke to be inaugurated as Cathaoirleach in such a fantastic location in his home parish. He thanked Cllr. P. Hayes for his co-operation and hard work as Cathaoirleach of the MD and looked forward to working with Cllr. P. Bruke in his new role as the Cathaoirleach of Killaloe MD and Cllr. O'Brien as Leas Chathaoirleach.

Both Cllr. P. Burke and Cllr. T. O' Brien thanked both Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Reynolds for their congratulations.

### **Item 5Nominations to the Grant Funding Working Group**

It was agreed between the members that both Cllr. P. Burke and Cllr. P. Hayes would continue representing the Killaloe MD on the working group of allocation of grants.

**Next Meeting of Killaloe MD confirmed for Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 9.30am in Killaloe MD Offices, Scarriff, Co. Clare.**

The meeting concluded.



**Brian McCarthy**  
**Senior Planner, Killaloe MD Coordinator and Meetings Administrator**