



**AGM of Waterford Chamber
MINUTE OF MEETING**

Date of Meeting: 29th September 2025

Location: Granville Hotel, Waterford

1. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were presented to the meeting and were taken as read.

It was proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

Proposer: Kevin Doolin / Seconder: Éadaoin Carrick

2. Address by Outgoing President – Kevin Doolin

The outgoing President, Kevin Doolin, addressed members and reflected on his year in office. He thanked the Chamber Board, Executive, Chamber team and members for their support and contribution during the year.

He welcomed the incoming President, Éadaoin Carrick, and wished her and the incoming Board every success for the year ahead.

3. CEO Report – Gerald Hurley

Gerald Hurley reported on Chamber activity over the preceding 12 months and reaffirmed Waterford Chamber's commitment to championing the business community, shaping policy and supporting economic growth across Waterford city and the wider region.

He noted the Chamber's continued advocacy at Government level, including engagement in relation to Waterford Airport, the growth and development of SETU, retail, housing and infrastructure. He stated that the Chamber would continue to build coalitions in support of balanced regional development and the capital investment required by the region.

The CEO also reviewed the Chamber's programme of events and initiatives, including the Waterford City Region Advantage Dinner, Toys4Engineers, the President's Summer Gala and the Waterford Business Awards, noting strong member engagement and networking.

He reported continued momentum behind Think Waterford First, including the Gift Card programme and Accreditation Scheme, and encouraged employers to consider Waterford Gift Cards when making awards under the Small Benefit Exemption Scheme so that more expenditure would remain within the local economy.

Looking ahead, he confirmed the Chamber's intention to continue delivering high-impact events and programmes, progress Waterford 2075 and other strategic projects, strengthen international links, and support members through practical programmes and advocacy.

4.	Honorary Treasurer's Financial Report The Honorary Treasurer Georgina Carpendale presented the Chamber financial report to the audience. Members were advised that copies of the audited financial statements / auditor's report were available in accordance with the Chamber's normal practice.
5.	Reappointment of the Auditors Kevin Doolin expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Chamber Board to MK Brazil and the board look forward continuing our relationship with them into the future. Proposer: Niall Harrington / Seconder: Paul Nolan MK Brazil were appointed as auditors for 2025/2026.
6.	Election of Directors The meeting was advised that this was an election year under the Chamber Constitution. In accordance with the Constitution, the three longest-serving directors were not eligible for re-election at the AGM, although they may be eligible to be co-opted to the Board at a later date. The directors identified for retirement were Niall Harrington, Niall Griffin and Regina Mangan. Nine serving directors who were eligible for re-election indicated that they wished to remain on the Board. As fewer than two new candidates had come forward, a contested election was not required. The eligible directors were therefore returned / elected without a ballot, subject to confirmation of the exact constitutional wording and the final list of directors. The meeting recorded its thanks to the retiring directors for their service to Waterford Chamber.
7.	Election of President It was confirmed that Éadaoin Carrick was the Board's nomination for President of Waterford Chamber. Proposer: David Sinnott / Seconder: Marian Walsh Éadaoin Carrick was endorsed by the members and declared elected President. She thanked the Board and members for their confidence and outlined her intention to champion Waterford as a regional capital and economic driver, while supporting SMEs, female entrepreneurs, innovation and sustainable growth.
8.	Election of Deputy President It was confirmed that Marian Walsh of Carron + Walsh was the nomination for Deputy President. There being no further nomination recorded in the available material, Marian Walsh was declared elected Deputy President.

	Proposer: Niall Harrington / Seconder: David Sinnott
9.	Election of Deputy President On the proposal of Marian Walsh, seconded by Deirdre Houlihan, Kevin Doolin was elected Deputy President.
10.	Honorary Treasurer Georgina Carpendale was proposed for re-election as Honorary Treasurer by Éadaoin Carrick and seconded by Niall Griffin. The proposal was carried and Georgina Carpendale was declared re-elected Honorary Treasurer.
11	Ex-Officio Member It was noted that outgoing President Éadaoin Carrick would remain on the Board and Executive in an ex-officio capacity.
12	Any Other Business Gerald Hurley thanked the outgoing President, the Board and Executive, Chamber members and the Chamber team for their work and support during the year. The meeting welcomed the incoming Board under President Éadaoin Carrick and Deputy President Marian Walsh. There being no further business, the meeting concluded.