

# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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## AN COMHCHOISTE UM THALMHAÍOCHT AGUS MUIR

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND THE MARINE

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*Dé Céadaoin, 30 Meán Fómhair 2020*

*Wednesday, 30 September 2020*

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Tháinig an Comhchoiste le chéile ag 12.45 p.m.

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The Joint Committee met at 12.45 p.m.

Comhaltaí a bhí i láthair / Members present:

Teachtaí Dála / Deputies	Seanadóirí / Senators
Michael Collins,	Victor Boyhan,
Michael Fitzmaurice,	Mark Daly,
Paul Kehoe,	Tim Lombard.
Martin Kenny,*	
Michael Ring.	

\* In éagmais / In the absence of Deputy Matt Carthy.

Teachta / Deputy Jackie Cahill sa Chathaoir / in the Chair.

## **Business of Joint Committee**

**Chairman:** A quorum is four members with one from each House and we have that. Apologies have been received from Deputies Martin Browne and Matt Carthy. Deputy Martin Kenny is attending in substitution for Deputy Carthy. Apologies have also been received from Deputy Leddin who must chair another committee at this time.

I ask members to ensure, for the duration of the meeting, that their mobile telephones are switched off completely and switched to airplane safe or flight mode, depending on their device. It is not sufficient for members to just switch their phones to flight mode as it maintains the level of interference with the broadcasting system.

I welcome all members to the first meeting of the joint committee. Individually, members are key to the effective functioning of a committee and, in turn, committees play a key role in the effective functioning of the Houses. I, therefore, am delighted to see that all of the committees are meeting this week. We are far from returning to normal but their resumption is a step in the right direction.

I thank all members of the previous committee for their hard work and contribution to the work of that committee. I welcome all members to this committee, particularly those who are new to the committee. I look forward to working with them all.

Members have received the agenda. We have a number of items to consider such as the work programme and the schedule of meetings to the end of the year. Additionally, the Covid-19 pandemic and related public health measures present a challenge to how committees conduct their business. I propose we go into private session to consider these items. Is that agreed? Agreed.

*The joint committee went into private session at 12.50 p.m. and resumed in public session at 1.26 p.m.*

## **Election of Vice Chairman**

**Chairman:** We will now consider proposals for the election of a Vice Chairman.

**Deputy Paul Kehoe:** I nominate Senator Tim Lombard.

**Chairman:** That is fine. Are there any other nominations? As there are not, I declare Senator Lombard elected Vice Chairman. Will the Senator accept the nomination, or will he rush out the door?

**Senator Tim Lombard:** Never, Chairman.

**Chairman:** I was only coddling.

**Senator Tim Lombard:** I thank the Chairman.

**Chairman:** That is fine. I thank everyone for their time and co-operation. I look forward to working with all the members for the duration of this committee's tenure. I assure them that I will make every effort to ensure that the time they spend on committee work will be productive

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and will result in positive outcomes.

The joint committee adjourned at 1.27 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 October 2020.