

## SPECIAL REPORT- IPA CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH 2017

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Irish Parking Association event took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at The Gibson Hotel and was a great success, attracting over 120 delegates.**

Keynote speaker at the 2017 Chairman's Lunch was Mr. Sean O' Neill, Director of Corporate Communications for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) who informed delegates of that organisation's macro infrastructural plans for the next 20 years and highlighted the important role that the parking sector can play in the future transport network in Ireland. The IPA were also honoured to be joined by Mr. Peter Lowe, President of the British Parking Association (BPA) 2017-18 and in his brief address to the meeting he set out the close relationship between the two national trade associations and how this can be further developed in the coming years. A special presentation was made to IPA Chairman Keith Gavin by his fellow IPA board members in appreciation of his work over the year and then the delegates were treated to a performance by leading Irish comedian Patrick McDonnell whose routine was very well received. Many delegates stayed behind to avail of the networking opportunity with fellow parking professionals afforded by the event. The pictures below provide a snapshot of the day:



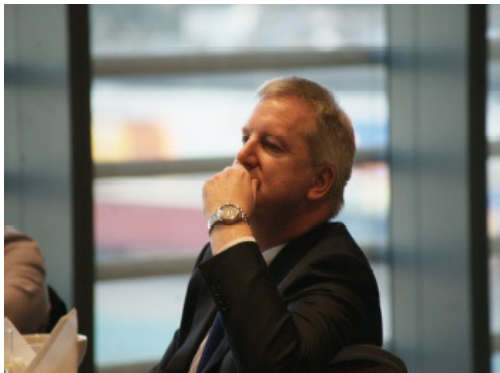
*Keynote Speaker- Sean O' Neill TII*



*Special Guest- Mr. Peter Lowe BPA*



*Keith Gavin- IPA Chairman*



*IPA Directors caught in rapt attention at the proceedings- L-R: David Cullen (Treasurer); St. John O' Gara (Secretary) & Jason Ballard*



*St. John O' Gara marking special presentation to IPA Chairman Keith Gavin*



*IPA founding member and former Chairman Paddy Doherty with Mark Keoghan (Brown Thomas Car Park)*