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**MAYOR IN FIRE
DRAMA**

Celebrations in St Mary's Parish nearly turned into tragedy but for the quick thinking and courage of Mayor Tommy Allen.

Neighbours afterwards spoke of the Mayor's bravery in dealing with a blaze which nearly caused him serious burns.

The Mayor was walking past the home of Mrs Bella O'Connor, 41 Athlunkard Street, at around 6.45pm, when a distressed Mrs O'Connor told him that her house was on fire.

Mayor Allen dashed into

the house to find the kitchen ablaze. He decided there and then that they could deal with the situation.

He organised a "fire chain", as all the neighbours passed buckets, basins and kettles full of water from neighbour Rose Gleasons house to put out the blaze.

While the kitchen was damaged in the blaze mayor Allen and his crew put out the inferno.

"I decided to take action because I thought it was savable. The neighbours were fantastic," said Mayor Allen.

A neighbour said that Mayor Allen "destroyed" his suit in his efforts to extinguish the blaze.

"I don't give a damn about my suit. The main thing is that nobody was injured and the house was saved," he modestly replied.

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