

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE, 2016 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor W. O'Donnell

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, Mitchell, Ryan, Sheehy, Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and gave the following address:

"I am honoured to have served as Chairperson of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for the past 12 months. We are still very much on a learning curve however I am happy that our District is now bedding in well and I know that we are the envy of other areas.

The key to the success of our Municipal District is that we have embraced change and we have accepted the bona fides of Change Management and although we may be sceptical at times, we have given Change Management a fair chance in everything that they have brought to us and in every new project and proposal that has been put before our Committee.

This I believe has been a good year for our District and much progress has been made in dealing with the various issues that have presented themselves to us and indeed continue to present themselves on an ongoing basis. In addition to procedural changes that I have mentioned we have also made best use of the new powers that have been vested in the Districts and, in particular, we have dealt with budgetary matters in a collective and consensual manner. The general municipal allocation gives new scope to Area Councillors to promote projects and works and I believe that all parts of our Municipal District have received their fair share of the allocation. Our work in allocating the GMA has been made all the easier by the detailed proposals that have been put to us by our Engineers and Officials and we have taken their advice on what projects they believe should be given priority. To use a sporting cliché, the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District is now a great team effort.

I would like to thank all the Community Groups and Organisations that have come to us during the year to make presentations and to engage with us on issues in their own area. This ongoing communication with Community Groups and Organisations is essential and it is essential that we should accommodate whenever required.

I would like to pay tribute to the various individuals and groups that have received civic receptions during the year. The civic reception is an honour not only for the recipient but is also an honour for

us and we have been honoured to pay tribute during the year to John the Baptist Community School on winning All Ireland Ladies Senior B Football Final, Members of Hospital Handball Club, Killeely Dromkeen - Pride of Place Winners, Ballylanders Ladies Senior Football Club on winning County Final and J. P. McManus. It was a particular honour for us to have J.P. McManus attend a civic reception here in Kilmallock and to facilitate the naming of this meeting room in his honour. It was a great day for Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and certainly the event raised the profile of the Municipal District as a unit of government. I would in particular like to thank Willie Ryan and Helen O'Neill for their effort in arranging the civic receptions and catering on our behalf and we do indeed owe a great thanks to Willie and Helen for the fantastic events that they arranged.

I would like to thank the various Directors of Service that have served the area during the year and it is indeed unusual that we had 3 Directors during the course of 2015/16. Firstly I would like to thank Kieran Lehane for his service to the area and he definitely brought us through very turbulent waters during the first year of the new Municipal District. I would like to thank Josephine Cotter Coughlan for her work in the area and in particular she brought with her a great knowledge of community and a greater understanding of how we can best serve the people of our area. Finally I would like to thank Sean for his continued service to the area. Sean has showed great interest in our area and has also shown a great interest in us as Elective Representatives and he has shown a great personal commitment to the work that we do in the Municipal District.

I would like to thank all our officials for their hard work and dedication during the year. I would like to thank the entire spectrum of staff associated with the work that is carried on in our area, indoor staff and outdoor staff and indeed the officials in headquarters who continue to give us support. Can I particularly thank Tina and Siobhan for their efficient running of our Municipal District Meetings and apologise that we have at times run a little late. Can we also send our best wishes to Liz Moloney who was with us in the early part of the term.

Can I finally wish the best to everyone for the coming year and in particular the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor”.

The Members thanked Councillor O'Donnell for all his hard work and commitment during his term as Cathaoirleach and complimented him on his efficient and fair running of the Meetings.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District

The outgoing Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the Office of Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Proposed by Councillor Donegan;
Seconded by Councillor Gleeson;

“That, Councillor Eddie Ryan be appointed Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock to hold office to the next Annual Meeting or until his successor is appointed.”

As there were no other nominations, the outgoing Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Ryan elected as Cathaoirleach and offered him his congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Ryan thanked his Proposer and Seconder and said that he was looking forward to working with all the Members, Management and Staff in the coming year.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the Office of Leas-Chathaoirleach for the coming year.

Proposed by Councillor Donegan;
Secoded by Councillor O'Donnell;

“That, Councillor Gerald Mitchell be appointed Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock to hold office to the next Annual Meeting or until his successor is appointed.”

As there were no other nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Mitchell elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach. He offered him his congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

The incoming Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor Mitchell, congratulated Councillor Ryan on being elected Cathaoirleach. He thanked his Proposer and Seconder and all the Members for their support.

The Acting Head of Finance congratulated the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach on their election and said that he was looking forward to working with them for the coming year.

Councillors Teefy and Sheehy expressed their disappointment that gender equality, as outlined in the Programme for Government, was not reflected in the appointments made to the positions of Cathaoirleach/Leas-Chathaoirleach for the coming year.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____