

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2018, AT 12.30 PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Collins, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Foley, Sheahan and Galvin.

Apologies: Councillor Scanlan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Service Operations (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Collins, opened the Meeting by summarising his year as Cathaoirleach and thanked both the Members and staff for their assistance throughout the year. Highlights of the year, he said, included the launching of the Five Year Development Plan for Newcastle West, the Newcastle West Pool impact study, the development of a Regional Athletics Hub within Newcastle West and the adoption of the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan. He also noted that a number of Municipal District receptions had been held to honour groups and individuals within the community and this was an important function of the Municipal District. He also thanked the Members for their support and participation at Meetings and stated that he very much enjoyed the year, which had been both busy and challenging. In conclusion, he wished the very best to the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach, assuring them of his full support.

The Members thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Collins, for all his hard work in the course of the previous twelve months. They also thanked the outgoing Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Foley.

The Director on behalf of Management and staff, also paid tribute to Councillor Collins.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District

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

Proposed by Councillor Galvin
Seconded by Councillor Foley

“That, Councillor John Sheahan be appointed Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West 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 Sheahan elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District and offered him his congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Sheahan thanked his Proposer and Seconder and said that he was looking forward to working with the Members, Management and Staff in the coming year. He stated that the role of the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District had expanded and as this was the final year of the 5 year term of this Council, a review of the Cathaoirleach position within all Districts should be undertaken.

He stated that he was looking forward to progressing the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan and the Glin Public Realm Plan. He noted that towns and villages within the district needed the support of the Council to develop plans for their future and referred to the commencement of plans for both Dromcollogher and Athea. He also referred to the elderly and infirmed within the community and the need to provide assistance to these groups when required.

2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District

The Cathaoirleach then invited nominations for the office of Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District for the coming year.

Proposed by: Councillor Foley
Seconded by: Councillor Collins

“That, Councillor Liam Galvin be appointed Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West to hold office to the next Annual Meeting or until his successor is appointed”.

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

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

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____