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, 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019, AT 10.00 AM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Sheahan.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Foley, Galvin, Scanlan, and Ruddle.

## **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, Social Development Directorate (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Executive Engineer, Housing (Mr. J. Rigney), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sheahan, opened the Meeting by congratulating all Members on being elected to the Council. He stated that he had enjoyed two terms as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West and referred to the work carried out by the District during the past five years. He also stated that more recognition is needed within the community for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

The Members thanked Cllr. Sheahan for his time as Cathaoirleach and also paid tribute to former Councillor, S. Browne for his contribution to the previous Council.

## 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 Ruddle

"That, Councillor Jerome Scanlan 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 Scanlan elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

The Members congratulated Councillor Scanlan on his appointment as Cathaoirleach and wished him well in the year ahead.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Scanlan expressed his appreciation on being appointed Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West and congratulated all Members on being elected to the Council. He acknowledged the hard work and marvellous contribution made by Councillor Browne during his term as local representative. He also referred to the tremendous effort made by Councillor Ruddle during the election campaign. He stated that he was looking forward to the year ahead and thanked the staff of the District for their assistance over the past five years. He stated that the revitalisation and renewal of Newcastle West Town was a priority and the number of unoccupied houses within the District needed to be addressed also.

## 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 L. Galvin Seconded by: Councillor J. Sheahan

"That, Councillor Tom Ruddle 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 Ruddle elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

The incoming Leas-Chathaoirleach stated that this was his first District Meeting as local representative and thanked everyone for their assistance to date. He referred to Newcastle West Development Association and the good work which has taken place within the District to date which he hoped to continue.

The Director on behalf of Management and staff also paid tribute to the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished them well in the year ahead.

The Meetings Administrator then advised that a request had been received for the attendance of a deputation from Abbeyfeale Community Leisure Ltd at a future meeting of the District. On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Foley, it was agreed to receive the deputation at the July Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

This concluded the Meeting.

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