

# **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, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020, AT 11.30 AM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J. Scanlan.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Foley, Galvin, Ruddle and Sheahan.

## **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, Social Development Directorate (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. G. O'Connor), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Valley), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Acting Executive Engineer, Housing (Mr. D. Toomey), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Scanlan, opened the Meeting and wished the very best to the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach. He thanked both the Members, and staff for their assistance throughout the year and the press for reporting of proceedings.

The Members thanked Councillor Scanlan for his time as Cathaoirleach and wished him well.

### **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 M. Collins

Seconded by: Councillor L. Galvin

*“That, Councillor Francis Foley 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 Foley elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

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

On taking the Chair, Councillor Foley expressed his appreciation on being appointed Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West and acknowledged the hard work and contribution made by Councillor Scanlan during his term as Cathaoirleach.

He stated that he was looking forward to working with the Members, Management and Staff in the coming year.

He also stated that he was looking forward to progressing a number of projects in the District including Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan, Abbeyfeale Burial Ground, and a Public Toilet for Abbeyfeale. He referred to the importance of Distributor Roads for both Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale. He also referred to the funding made available for the further development of the Great Southern Greenway and acknowledged the continuing footpath and upgrade works being carried out in our villages. He referred to Covid19 and the importance of encouraging the community to support local businesses and the need for state funding to be provided to support these businesses.

## **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 F Foley

Seconded by: Councillor J. Scanlan

*“That, Councillor Michael Collins 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 Collins elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

The incoming Leas-Chathaoirleach wished the very best to the incoming Cathaoirleach, assuring him of his full support

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

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_