

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, 30TH JUNE, 2021, AT 12.30 PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Foley.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Galvin, Scanlan, Ruddle and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Community Development Directorate (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. J. Sheehan), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone in attendance to the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the District. He stated that the Annual Meeting had been adjourned as a mark of respect to Councillor Sheahan on the recent passing of his mother Mrs. Anne Sheahan. The Cathaoirleach, Members and, Director, on behalf of Management and Staff offered sympathy to Councillor Sheahan on his unexpected loss. In replying, Councillor Sheahan expressed his appreciation to the Cathaoirleach, Members and staff of the District for the adjournment of the Meeting.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Foley, opened the Meeting by thanking both the Members and staff for their assistance throughout an unusual year where Meetings took place virtually when required due to the Covid19 pandemic. He referred to the work which was progressed in the District during the past year which included the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan and the Limerick Greenway. He wished to thank all involved in the progression of these projects. He also thanked the Meetings Administrator, Roads and Housing staff for their assistance during the year.

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 Foley, for all his hard work during a challenging twelve months due to the Covid 19 pandemic. They also thanked the outgoing Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor Michael Collins.

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

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 J. Sheahan

Seconded by: Councillor T. Ruddle

“That, Councillor Liam Galvin 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 Galvin elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

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

On taking the Chair, Councillor Galvin expressed his appreciation on being appointed Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West and acknowledged the hard work and contribution made by Councillor Foley during his term as Cathaoirleach. He also thanked the Members, Management and Staff for their assistance during the year.

He stated that one of the highlights of the year included the development and huge success of the Limerick Greenway and wished to thank all involved in the progression of this project. He also referred to the possible holding of a Municipal District Meeting at Barnagh on the Limerick Greenway but this is subject to Covid19 restrictions. He acknowledged the significant progress made with regard to the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan and stated that a deputation from the Newcastle West Municipal District should meet with the TII to discuss funding proposals for this project when Covid19 restrictions are lifted.

Councillor Galvin also referred to anti-social behaviour in the District and the need for the provision of housing in our smaller towns and villages.

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 J. Scanlan

“That, Councillor T. 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”.

Proposed by: Councillor T. Ruddle

Seconded by: Councillor M. Collins

“That, Councillor J. Sheahan 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 was a proposer and seconder for Cllr. Sheahan’s nomination, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Sheahan elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

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.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____