

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON TUESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2025, AT 12.00 NOON.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor L. Galvin, Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Foley, Ruddle, Scanlan and Sheahan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Town Centre First Officer, Rural Development (Ms. K. Burke), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. H. Supple), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. J. Sheehan), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

**APOLOGIES:**

Director, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Duclot).

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Galvin, opened the Meeting and thanked the Members, Director, Meetings Administrator, Roads and Housing staff for their assistance throughout the year.

He stated that excellent work had been progressed in the District during the past year but however made reference to the need to address the shortfall in funding both in the District and overall in the Local Authority. He outlined some of the other challenges in the District some of which include housing, Part VIII's and the condition of roads in the District.

He wished the very best to the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.

The Members and staff thanked Councillor Galvin 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 Foley  
Seconded by: Councillor Ruddle

*“That, Councillor Michael Collins 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 Collins elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

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

On taking the Chair, Councillor Collins expressed his appreciation on being appointed Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West and thanked Councillor Galvin for his excellent stewardship during his term as Cathaoirleach. He stated that he is a big advocate of Municipal Districts and to the enhancement of the Districts. He stated that more recognition should be given to the role of the Cathaoirleach and that the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District should be elevated. He asked that a dedicated office be made available for the Cathaoirleach in the Municipal District office. In replying, the Town Centre First Officer stated that she would raise this matter with the Director.

He referred to the huge amount of work carried out in the District for the greater good of the District. He made reference to the Directly Elected Mayor and to the six Councillors in the Newcastle West District the majority of whom have over twenty one years working well on behalf of their constituents. The Cathaoirleach thanked the previous Director for the amount of good and important projects delivered in the last year and during the previous term of the Council, making reference in particular to the Limerick Regional Athletics Hub, the Limerick Greenway and Fuller’s Folly in Newcastle West.

He thanked the Members, Director, Meetings Administrator, Roads and Housing staff for their assistance throughout the year.

## **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 Galvin

Seconded by: Councillor Sheahan

*“That, Councillor Francis Foley 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 Foley 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. Reference was made to a number matters including the enhancement of the Municipal District and modernisation of the Motor Tax office to allow more privacy to the customers.

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

This concluded the Meeting.

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

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