Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Annual Meeting held on the 30th June 2023 at 10.00hrs in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford

Presiding:

Cllr Lisa McDonald

In Attendance:

Cllr Jim Moore

Cllr Jim Codd

Cllr Ger Carthy (remote)

Apologies:

Cllr Frank Staples

Officials Present: Tom Enright - Chief Executive

Annette O'Neill - District Director Nóirín Cummins – District Manager Gerry Forde – S.E. Environment Enda Waters – District Engineer Laura Gargan – Assistant Staff Officer

Dean Waters - Staff Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, welcomed all those in attendance to her final meeting as Cathaoirleach, acknowledging the presence of Chief Executive, Tom Enright.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, then thanked the Members and the Executive for assisting her during her term and stated that it had been a pleasure working closely with them all, before outlining the progress and achievements the District had made during her term as Chair.

The Members thanked Cllr Lisa McDonald for her drive, enthusiasm, initiative, and overall contribution as Chairperson of the District and acknowledged her excellent work during the previous 12 months.

The District Director thanked Cllr Lisa McDonald for her leadership and professionalism during the year, and for continuing the work of creating the identity and structure of the new District with the delivery of projects and programmes, and the delivery of the new RMD Strategic Plan which would see Rosslare Municipal District deliver on the priorities and needs of the people and communities throughout the District.

The District Manager thanked Cllr Lisa McDonald on behalf of all the District Staff for her courtesy, cooperation, and excellent work ethic, before delivering a presentation outlining the many achievements, project delivery, and continued funding allocations through sources such as the Community Recognition Fund, Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme, Active Travel Scheme, and Risk Remediation Scheme.

On behalf of the Executive, the Chief Executive commended Cllr Lisa McDonald for her vision, leadership, and professionalism during a fantastic year, and congratulated her for consolidating and further enhancing the presence and profile of the District. He also

acknowledged the importance of the RMD Strategic Plan which would form the basis for the delivery of strategic infrastructure, safeguarding the future of the District.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

On the proposal of Cllr Lisa McDonald, seconded by Cllr Jim Moore, Cllr Jim Moore was nominated.

Cllr Ger Carthy proposed Cllr Jim Codd.

At this point Cllr Jim Codd departed from the meeting.

As there was no seconder to Cllr Ger Carthy's proposal the nomination was not complete and could not be considered further.

At this point as there were no further nominations, Cllr Jim Moore was duly elected.

Cllr Jim Moore took the Chair.

In the interests of clarity, the District Director advised the meeting that had Cllr Jim Codd chose to second Cllr Ger Carthy's nomination, and as there then would have been 2 nominations with an equal number of votes, the drawing of lots would have been required to decide the election of the Cathaoirleach as per the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

Cllr Jim Moore thanked the Members and stated that it was a great honour and privilege to be elected as Chairperson of the Rosslare Municipal District for a second time by his colleagues, and that he looked forward to working closely with the Members and Officials over the coming year. Also stating that he hoped the Municipal District would continue building on its achievements of the proceeding 4 years by proactively working together as elected members, with the support of a dedicated executive, representing the people and communities of the District.

Cllr Jim Moore also acknowledged the ongoing support from his wife Lucy, family, friends, and those who support his efforts as a public representative.

The Members congratulated him on his election and wished him a successful year in the role, noting his excellent leadership qualities, calmness, knowledge, and wealth of experience in public office.

The District Manager congratulated Cllr Jim Moore on his election, stating that she looked forward to working with him over the coming year, further establishing this unique and rural District.

The District Director also congratulated Cllr Jim Moore and advised him that the RMD staff would continue to work closely with him and the other Members to ensure a successful year, building further on their collective achievements to date, and continuing the development and enhancement of the District.

The Chief Executive congratulated Cllr Jim Moore on his election, acknowledging the great professionalism and experience he would bring to the role.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

On the proposal of Cllr Jim Moore seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy, Cllr Lisa McDonald was nominated as Leas Cathaoirleach. The proposal was endorsed by all present.

As there were no further nominations, Cllr Lisa McDonald was duly elected.

Cllr Lisa McDonald thanked the Members for their support and said she looked forward to assisting the Chair and working with the other Members and the Executive during the year ahead in a collaborative approach.

The Members congratulated Cllr Lisa McDonald on her election to the role of Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished her well for the coming year.

On behalf of the Executive, the District Manager congratulated the newly elected Leas Cathaoirleach, assuring her and the Cathaoirleach that they would receive the full support of the District staff in their new roles.

3. Schedule of Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr Lisa McDonald, seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy, the *Schedule of Meetings 2023/24* was agreed as presented.

4. Standing Orders.

On the proposal of Cllr Lisa McDonald, seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy, the Draft Standing Orders - June 2023 were adopted as presented.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 19th July 2023

Cllr Jim Moore An Cathaoirleach

Rosslare Municipal District