

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 14.30am in The Tholsel**

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**Presiding:** Councillor Michael Sheehan

**In Attendance:** Councillor John Fleming  
Councillor Bridin Murphy  
Councillor Pat Barden  
Councillor Michael Whelan  
Councillor Anthony Connick

**Officials Present:** Tom Enright – Chief Executive  
Alan Fitzhenry – District Manager  
Eamonn Hore - District Director  
Ger Walsh – Staff Officer  
Michelle Duffin – Asst Staff Officer

**Others Present:** David Looby - Press  
Mary Browne – Press  
The family of Cllr Connick

**Apologies:**

Councillor Sheehan welcomed his colleagues to his final meeting as Cathaoirleach. He reviewed the events of his term and those planned for the future and thanked his family and in particular his husband Edward as well as the other Members, for their support and the Executive and staff for their hard work and assistance to him, as well as thanking Cllr Fleming, as Leas Cathaoirleach, for deputising for him when necessary.

He welcomed members of Cllr Connick's family and paid tribute to Cllr Connick's parents.

Cllr Fleming, Cllr Barden, Cllr Connick, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Whelan congratulated Cllr Sheehan on his term as Cathaoirleach and thanked him for his work and support and commitment over the year.

The District Manager thanked Cllr Sheehan as the first Cathaoirleach he had worked with and for his assistance during that time.

The District Director thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his leadership both at home and abroad when representing the Council and the Chief Executive thanked him for the commitment he had given to the role and for his representation of the Electorate over the year. The Chief Executive also thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Fleming for his work over the term.

## **1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Cllr Connick was proposed as Cathaoirleach by Cllr Barden. This was seconded by Cllr Murphy. There were no other nominations and all were in agreement.

Cllr Connick was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach. He was congratulated by all members, the District Manager and the District Director who looked forward to working with him on an ambitious programme over the next year. He took the Chair.

He thanked the outgoing Chair, Cllr Sheehan, his fellow Councillors, the District Manager and District Director and the staff, and spoke about his plans and hopes for his year as Cathaoirleach and welcomed his family to the chamber for his election. In particular, he mentioned his brother Sean who was unable to attend that day and his late parents, who would have been so supportive of him.

## **2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

Cllr Barden was proposed as Leas Cathaoirleach by Cllr Connick and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

Cllr Whelan was proposed by Cllr Sheehan and seconded by Cllr Fleming.

A roll call was taken and Cllr Barden received votes from Cllr Connick, Cllr Murphy and from Cllr Barden himself. Cllr Whelan received votes from Cllr Fleming, Cllr Sheehan and from Cllr Whelan himself.

Cllr Barden and Cllr Whelan's names were put forward for a draw and it was proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Sheehan that the first drawn would be elected.

Cllr Whelan was first drawn and was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach. He was congratulated by all Members, by the District Manager and by the District Director.

## **3. Standing Orders**

3.1 SO1 The Schedule of District Meetings was presented to the Members.

3.2 SO5 The time of the District Meetings was presented to the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Sheehan and seconded by Councillor Fleming to keep the day and hour as they currently stand. No amendments were made to the Standing Orders.

## **4. Any Other Business**

It was proposed by Cllr Whelan and seconded by Cllr Murphy and agreed by all, that €600 would be allocated to Marine Watch.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

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

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_