

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH JUNE 2021, AT 11.00 A.M
IN KILCANNON GARDEN CENTRE MEETING ROOM.**

Attendance: Councillors: Barbara-Anne Murphy (Cathaoirleach)
Kathleen Codd-Nolan
John O'Rourke
Cathal Byrne
Aidan Browne
Jackser Owens

Officials: Ms. Carolyne Godkin, A/Director of Services
Ms. Bernie Quigley, A/District Manager
Ms. Mary Clince, A/Staff Officer

Cllr. Murphy opened the meeting as the standing Cathaoirleach of Enniscorthy Municipal District. Cllr. Murphy stated that the past year was a difficult one and unprecedented, however, even during this difficult time the Members worked in unison for the good of the Enniscorthy District.

Cllr. Murphy thanked her fellow Elected Members for their support during her term as Cathaoirleach and thanked Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan for her constant support as Leas Chathaoirleach. Cllr. Murphy also took this opportunity to thank the staff of the Enniscorthy Municipal District, including Ms. Carolyne Godkin, A/Director of Services, Mr. Ger Mackey, Ms. Bernie Quigley, Ms. Mary Clince. Cllr. Murphy also mentioned the members of the media and noted their dedication in reporting which was greatly appreciated.

Cllr. Murphy thanked the people of the Enniscorthy District and her family for their support and wished her successor every success. Cllr. Codd Nolan thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for her work in these extraordinary times.

Cllr. Owens commended the outgoing Cathaoirleach for the work carried out during this difficult year. Cllr. Owens asked that the Independent Members be given an opportunity to take up the position of Cathaoirleach for the coming term.

Cllr. O'Rourke endorsed the kind sentiments to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, who he said gave each Member equal time and respect, with all matters being dealt with very efficiently. Cllr. O'Rourke stated that dignity was a great thing, a trait that Cllr. Murphy had in abundance shown in how she portrayed herself to the people of the district.

On behalf of the Executive, Ms. Godkin thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Chathaoirleach for their work and patience in what was a challenging year for everyone and looked forward to the return of face to face meetings going forward.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Murphy called for proposals for Cathaoirleach of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

Cllr. Codd Nolan proposed Cllr. Cathal Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Browne.
Cllr. O'Rourke proposed Cllr. Jackser Owens, seconded by Cllr. Owens.

A roll call was undertaken.

Cllr. Cathal Byrne received four votes, as follows:-

Cllr. Aidan Browne
Cllr. Cathal Byrne
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy

Cllr. Jackser Owens received two votes, as follows:-

Cllr. John O'Rourke
Cllr. Jackser Owens

Following completion of the roll call Cllr. Murphy declared Cllr. Cathal Byrne elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy and transferred the Chain of Office to Cllr. Byrne.

Cllr. Byrne commended Cllr. Murphy on her work as Cathaoirleach and thanked his proposer and seconder. Cllr. Byrne stated that it was a great honour to serve as Cathaoirleach and undertook to treat all Elected Members fairly and with respect.

Cllr. Byrne stated that the next 12 months would see a number of opportunities, in particular he spoke of the creation of better quality jobs through the completion of the first building on the Technology Park along with the rejuvenation of the Old Dublin Road. Cllr. Byrne looked forward to the commencement of the Flood Relief Scheme and the Municipal District meeting with Ministers McGrath and O'Donovan to progress this Scheme.

Cllr. Byrne continued by stating that he would like to see more young people involved in policy and decision making and suggested that Comhairle na nOg members might be invited to attend District meetings.

Cllr. Byrne also referred to the opportunity to recognise our culture and history in the future and hoped to see the return of our festivals. Also mentioned by Cllr. Byrne was an opportunity to address the housing crisis with the provision of increased supply of social housing.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Byrne called for proposals for Leas Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy seconded by Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan, the Members unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr. Aidan Browne. No other nominations were made.

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. Browne elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy.

The Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Browne thanked the Members saying it was an honour and a privilege to serve the people of Enniscorthy and district.

3. Schedule of Meetings.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to continue holding the monthly meetings of Members of the Municipal District of Enniscorthy on the 3rd Monday of every month at 3.00 p.m.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH

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