**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Annual Meeting**

# held on the 19th June 2025 at 14.30 hrs in New Ross Chamber,

# The Tholsel, Quay Street, New Ross

**Presiding:** Cllr Bridin Murphy

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Dwyer

Cllr John Fleming

Cllr Marty Murphy

Cllr Michael Sheehan

Cllr Pat Barden

**Apologies:** Eamonn Hore - District Director

**Officials Present:** Alan Fitzhenry– District Manager

David Murphy – District Engineer (Roads)

Michelle Duffin – Assistant Staff Officer

Aine Waters - Staff Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bridin Murphy, confirmed that the requisite quorum was in place, welcomed all those in attendance and commenced the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach introduced the first agenda item, and before inviting nominations for the position of An Cathaoirleach, thanked the Members and stated that it was a great honour to serve as Chairperson of the New Ross Municipal District. Cllr B. Murphy noted some of the highlights of the previous year, such as the opening of Brennan’s Lane, and the premier of Small Things Like These in St. Michael’s Theatre. Cllr B. Murphy thanked the members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, the Director, District Manager and the District staff for their hard work. Cllr B. Murphy wished the new Cathaoirleach best of luck in the role for the coming year.

Cllr Dwyer, as Leas Cathaoirleach, offered congratulations to Cllr B. Murphy on her term as Cathaoirleach, stating it was a pleasure to serve alongside her.

Cllr Fleming also offered congratulations on a great year to Cllr B. Murphy.

Cllr Sheehan noted the challenge of taking the chair in a new term and setting the pace for the coming years, and congratulated Cllr B. Murphy on an outstanding year and for being an amazing representative of New Ross. Cllr Sheehan also thanked the families of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Cllr Barden congratulated Cllr B. Murphy on a great year for the District.

Cllr Murphy congratulated Cllr B. Murphy on a great year, noting that it was his first year as Councillor and thanks Cllr B. Murphy for helping him along the way.

The District Manager offered congratulations on behalf of the District Director, noting it was a very busy year and how much work the district had completed in the year with specific mention of the following projects:

* Delivery & opening of Brennan’s Lane
* Substantial completion of Duncannon Fort
* Unique events such as the Small Things Like These screening
* Fringe Fleadh
* Taoiseach visit to Kennedy Summer School
* Sophie Becker and Linda Kelly homecomings
* CCTV Scheme
* Motorhome Park, Skatepark & Norman Centre updates
* Quay Street funding secured
* Sports Capital funding for Pearse Park secured
* Representing the district in Moncoutant, Danville, Savannah and London
* Project development funding secured for St Michael’s Theatre roof

1. **Election of Cathaoirleach**

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, Cllr John Dwyer was nominated as Cathaoirleach. The nomination was agreed and endorsed by all present.

As there were no further nominations, Cllr John Dwyer was duly elected.

Cllr John Dwyer took the Chair.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Dwyer, thanked the Members and stated that it was a great honour and privilege to be elected as Chairperson of the New Ross Municipal District. Cllr Dwyer noted the camaraderie of the current councillors and how well they work together despite their differences. Cllr Dwyer went on to say that the dedicated team in New Ross have the potential to make New Ross the premier town in Wexford, noting the recently completed projects, such as High Hill & Brennan’s Lane, as well as the upcoming projects. Cllr Dwyer also stated the importance of the support and hard work of Director Eamonn Hore and District Manager Alan Fitzhenry, as well as the district team.

1. **Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

On the proposal of Cllr Bridin Murphy, seconded by Cllr Michael Sheehan, Cllr John Fleming was nominated as Leas-Cathaoirleach. The proposal was agreed and endorsed by all present.

As there were no further nominations, Cllr John Fleming was duly elected.

Cllr John Fleming thanked the Members for their support and said he 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 John Fleming on his election to the role of Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished him well for the coming year.

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

1. **Schedule of Meetings**

On the proposal of Cllr Bridin Murphy, seconded by Cllr Marty Murphy, the *Schedule of Meetings* *2025/26* was proposed and agreed as presented.

1. **Standing Orders.**

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025 were adopted as presented.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed on the 9th July 2025

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**Cllr John Dwyer**

**An Cathaoirleach**

**New Ross Municipal District**