

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
of the Municipal District of Baltinglass  
held in Civic Offices, Blessington on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 10.30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Vincent Blake  
Councillor Thomas Cullen  
Councillor Pat Doran  
Councillor Gerry O'Neill  
Councillor James Ruttle  
Councillor Edward Timmins

Also Present: Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services  
Mr. Declan Geraghty, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Máire Halvey, District Administrator

Apologies: None

Cathaoirleach Councillor James Ruttle opened the meeting.

Councillor Ruttle thanked the Members for their help and co-operation during his year as Cathaoirleach and also the staff.

The Members paid tribute to Councillor Ruttle – Councillor Cullen congratulated Councillor Ruttle and stated that he had been very fair. Councillor Vincent Blake stated that he wished to join with the other councillors in congratulating Councillor Ruttle and stated that while there was a lot of criticism of the new structures, he saw it as an opportunity for Baltinglass Municipal District to progress with roads, water, sewerage, etc. and carry out works on behalf of the people. Councillor Timmins congratulated Councillor Ruttle on his year as Cathaoirleach and said that he had treated everyone equally. Councillor O'Neill offered his congratulations and well done.

Director of Services, Mr Sean Quirke, thanked Councillor Ruttle for his work.

## **1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Councillor James Ruttle called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Councillor Edward Timmins was proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach by Councillor Vincent Blake, seconded by Councillor Thomas Cullen.

The Members agreed that Councillor Timmins be elected as Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Timmins thanked his proposer and seconder and said that it was much appreciated.

Councillor Vincent Blake congratulated Councillor Timmins and that there was a long tradition in the family since 1950's. Councillor Blake said that a lot of work would be needed to make the most of the funding the municipal district has and urged everyone including the Director of Services to focus on getting the funding the municipal district deserves. Councillor Jim Ruttle said that it went back even further to his grandfather,

Michael Timmins. Councillor Tommy Cullen also congratulated Councillor Timmins on his appointment and wished him the best in his role as Cathaoirleach as did Councillor Pat Doran and Councillor Gerry O'Neill. Director of Services, Mr. Sean Quirke, congratulated Councillor Timmins and looked forward to working with him over the next year as Cathaoirleach.

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

The incoming Cathaoirleach Councillor Edward Timmins called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. Councillor Vincent Blake was proposed for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach by Councillor Edward Timmins, seconded by Councillor Pat Doran.

## **3. Schedule of Meetings**

It was agreed by the Members that meetings are to be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10.30 a.m. for the period July 2016 to June 2017, apart from the month of August when no meeting will be held and the month of December when the meeting will be held on the third Monday because of a public holiday falling on the fourth Monday of that month.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Edward Timmins stated that the meetings would be held in Civic Offices, Blessington unless otherwise agreed by the Members.

**Signed: Edward Timmins**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Signed: Máire Halvey**

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**