

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
of the Municipal District of Baltinglass  
Held in Civic Offices, Blessington on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Mr. Sean Quirke, District Manager  
Mr. Declan Geraghty, District Engineer  
Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Dionne Dixon, District Administrator

**Apologies:** Councillor Pat Doran

Cathaoirleach Vincent Blake opened the meeting by thanking the elected members for their help and support during his year as Cathaoirleach. He also paid tribute to the hard work carried out by the staff, throughout Baltinglass Municipal District to the engineers to the district manager and to the District administrator and her predecessor. He commented that he had many highlights of his year including Blessington securing the title of Leinsters most Enterprising Town. He commented that he was disappointed that €90,000 was diverted from roads to recycling in the District and hoped that this would not be a repeat occurrence in this year's budget.

The members all paid tributes to Councillor Blake commenting that he had been very fair as Cathaoirleach and congratulating him on his many achievements throughout the year.

On behalf of all the council staff, Mr Sean Quirke, thanked Councillor Blake for his work and co-operation during his time as Cathaoirleach and hoped that he would continue to provide the District with the benefit of his great knowledge and experience into the future.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Councillor Vincent Blake called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach and Councillor Edward Timmins nominated Councillor Tommy Cullen for the position of Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Vincent Blake. There were no other proposals made and the members agreed that Councillor Cullen be elected as Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Blake thanked his proposer and seconder, and said it was a great honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Baltinglass Municipal District. He also advised the other members present that he hoped that the allocation of next year's Discretionary funds would be decided upon much earlier this year so that projects could be agreed and underway at the beginning of next year.

Each elected member paid tribute to Councillor Cullen and wished him well for the coming year. Mr. Sean Quirke congratulated Councillor Cullen on behalf of all the staff and advised that he looked forward to working with him over the next year as Cathaoirleach.

## 2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Pat Doran was proposed for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach by Councillor Vincent Blake and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Edward Timmins

There were no other proposals made and the members agreed that Doran be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

## 3. Schedule of Meetings

The Schedule of Meetings as circulated with the agenda, was agreed by all elected members.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass.

Signed:   
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:   
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: 23rd July 2018