

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2015 3PM
TOWN HALL**

Present: Cathaoirleach Pat Casey, Councillors Daire Nolan, Shay Cullen, Pat Kavanagh, John Snell, Irene Winters.

In attendance: District Manager Loraine Lynch, District Administrator David Porter, District Engineer Paul Byrne, Administrative Officer Jackie Carroll Community Cultural and Social Development, Clerical Officer Caroline Lynch.

Cathaoirleach Pat Casey opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Cllr Casey expressed his disappointment that the Council are no nearer to finding a tenant for the Town Hall. He commented on the appearance of the building which is in need of painting. He acknowledged Michael Nicholson's contribution and thanked Loraine Lynch who took over as District Manager half way through his term. Cllr Casey thanked the Members and wished the new Cathaoirleach well. Cllr Casey thanked the staff of WMD for their assistance during his year as Cathaoirleach. Cllr Casey then called for the election of the Cathaoirleach.

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. John Snell thanked Cllr Casey. He acknowledged the amalgamation of the Town Council's was always going to be a difficult process. He congratulated Cllr Casey on his upcoming wedding and he nominated Cllr. Irene Winters as Cathaoirleach. He acknowledged Cllr. Winter's experience as a Town Council councillor and Municipal District councillor.

Cllr. Shay Cullen also paid tribute to the outgoing Chair. He said that Cllr. Casey was very fair to all the Members and gave everyone due time. He also wished him well on his forthcoming marriage. He seconded Cllr. Snell's proposal.

Cllr. Daire Nolan also paid tribute to Cllr. Casey and wished him well for the future and his upcoming marriage.

Cllr. Casey handed over the Chain of Office to Cllr. Irene Winters.

Cathaoirleach Irene Winters thanked everyone for the proposal and comments. She echoed Cllr. Casey's comments. She remarked that an excellent job had been done but it is an ongoing process. The role of WMD is expanding. She thanked the staff, those who had retired, transferred and those who stayed in the Municipal District. Cllr

Winters stated that the biggest crisis facing the Council is social housing. Cllr. Snell is the Chair of the Housing SPC and every effort must be made to secure all available government funding. She said it is a shame the Town Hall is still vacant and that a building within the control of the Local Authority is in poor condition. She feels if let it would bring life back to this end of the town. She noted that a due diligence report is currently being prepared on Wicklow Harbour and the County Council may have a roll to play in the running of this asset. She advised the members that she is always available to all the Members and It is one district and everyone has to work together. Cllr Winters looks forward to a good year.

Lorraine Lynch thanked Cllr. Pat Casey. She acknowledged it was a difficult year with the amalgamation of the Town Councils and she wished Cathaoirleach Winters the very best in her new position.

ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Cathaoirleach Irene Winters called for proposals for the election of Leas-Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Winters proposed Cllr. John Snell. Cllr. Daire Nolan seconded this proposal.

Cllr. Snell thanked the proposer and seconder.

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS

David Porter advised that the meetings schedule is similar to last year. The dates can be changed if they interfere with a bank holiday. The Members pointed out the March meeting is scheduled for 28th March which is Easter Monday. The Members agreed to change this to 21st March, 2016.

The meeting closed at 3:20pm

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: _____