

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting Wicklow Municipal District Meeting**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - 3pm**

**District Chamber, Town Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Shay Cullen, Paul O'Brien, John Snell, Gail Dunne, Mary Kavanagh, Irene Winters.

**In attendance:** District Manager Brian Gleeson, District Administrator Joan Sinnott, District Engineer Kevin Scanlon, Assistant Staff Officer Anne Marie Kelly, Simon Burke Wicklow People.

**District Manager** Opened the meeting at 3.00pm.

### **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH.**

Cllr Irene Winters proposed Cllr Shay Cullen for the office of Cathaoirleach and Cllr John Snell seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations for the position. Cllr Shay Cullen was thereby elected.

Both Cllr Irene Winters and Cllr John Snell felt it fitting that Cllr Shay Cullen should be elected Cathaoirleach to reflect the huge mandate given to him by the electorate.

Cathaoirleach Shay Cullen thanked his fellow Members for proposing him for the position. He welcomed newly elected Councillor Paul O'Brien to the Municipal District. He expressed his desire to continue working for the entire district with fellow Members, Municipal District Staff, Town Team and District Forum. He stated in particular the need to work towards maximising the tourism potential within the District and the need to increase this, and that the provision of tourist accommodation is crucial. He hopes that business can continue to be encouraged and supported, along with the promotion of improved transport facilities in the county. He expressed his hope that the Library and Fitzwilliam Square projects will bring a lift to the town, and that we can make sensible decisions regarding climate change. He thanked his fellow Members for their support.

The members congratulated Shay on his election as Cathaoirleach and congratulated Cllr Irene Winters on her election as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council.

### **ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH**

Cllr Shay Cullen proposed Cllr John Snell for the office of Leas-Cathaoirleach and Cllr Gail Dunne seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations for the position. Cllr John Snell was therefore elected.

### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

It was suggested to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month in line with previous years, with the exception for September, November & December where the meeting would clash with the Local Property Tax and Budget meeting, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> December being too close to Christmas.

**Proposed:** Cllr John Snell  
**Seconded:** Cllr Gail Dunne

## **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

No changes were proposed to the current standing orders, and they were therefore adopted.

Proposed: Cllr Irene Winters.  
Seconded: Cllr John Snell.

## **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES**

### **Joint Policing Committee.**

3 Wicklow Municipal District Members required.

Cllr Irene Winters appointed:	Proposed Cllr Shay Cullen	Seconded Cllr John Snell.
Cllr Paul O'Brien appointed:	Proposed Cllr John Snell	Seconded Cllr Gail Dunne.
Cllr Shay Cullen appointed :	Proposed Cllr John Snell	Seconded Cllr Paul O'Brien.

### **Local Traveller Consultative Committee (LTCC).**

1 member Wicklow Municipal District required.

Cllr Irene Winters appointed: Proposed Cllr Shay Cullen.  
Seconded Cllr John Snell.

### **East Coast Regional Task Force.**

1 member Wicklow Municipal District required.

Cllr John Snell appointed: Proposed Cllr Paul O'Brien.  
Seconded Cllr Irene Winters.

It was requested by the members that feedback from this committee be given to the Municipal District Members, and included on the Agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

### **Wicklow County Tourism Ltd.**

1 member Wicklow Municipal District required.

Cllr Paul O'Brien appointed: Proposed Cllr Gail Dunne.  
Seconded Cllr John Snell.

### **Ballynagran Community Liason Committee.**

2 members of Wicklow Municipal District required.

Cllr Gail Dunne appointed: Proposed Cllr Shay Cullen.  
Seconded Cllr John Snell.

Cllr John Snell appointed: Proposed Cllr Gail Dunne.  
Seconded Cllr Paul O'Brien.

It was requested to include the current grant scheme as an item for discussion on a future agenda, with a view to ascertaining if a wider geographical radius could be considered for those eligible to apply for grant funding from this scheme.

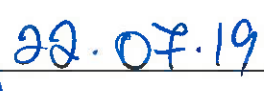
Members were invited to request for items to be added to the Agenda, if they wished to discuss that issue at a meeting. If members require an update on a project, they were asked to contact the District Engineer in advance of the meeting, so as that update could be included in the Engineers Report.

Cllr Irene Winters congratulated those involved in the cleaning and maintenance of Wicklow Town, in particular Rueben O'Neill and his staff, and Wicklow Tidy Towns. Wicklow Town was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> overall in the recent IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) survey.

Meeting concluded at 3.51pm.

Signed:   
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:   
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:   
22.07.19

