

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the Municipal District of Baltinglass**

Held in Hollywood Community Centre, Hollywood on 22nd June 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

- Cathaoirleach Gerry O'Neill
- Councillor Vincent Blake
- Councillor Edward Timmins
- Councillor Patsy Glennon
- Councillor John Mullen
- Councillor Avril Cronin

In attendance:

- Ms. Breege Kilkenny, District Manager
- Mr. Dermot Graham, A/District Engineer
- Mr. Pat Byrne, Executive Engineer
- Mr. Garvan Hickey, District Administrator
- Ms. Andrea Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer

Cathaoirleach O'Neill opened the meeting by welcoming the elected members to Hollywood. He asked all present to observe a minutes silence in memory of Garda Horkan who died in the line of duty last week in County Roscommon. Cllr. Glennon conveyed his sympathies to Garda Horkan's family on behalf of the community of Hollywood and the members of Fianna Fáil. Cllr. Blake also conveyed his own and the members of Fine Gael sympathies to all who serve with An Gardaí and asked that the minutes silence also be observed for all who have lost their lives to Covid19 pandemic. Cathaoirleach O'Neill informed members that he had offered sympathies to the Superintendent in Baltinglass District on behalf of the members of Baltinglass Municipal District.

Cllr. O'Neill as outgoing Cathaoirleach thanked all Wicklow County Council staff for all their work over the last year. He paid tribute to Mr. Declan Geraghty, who retired in September 2019, for his hard work during his years in Blessington and paid special thanks to the staff of Baltinglass MD who worked closely with him over the past year. Cllr. O'Neill also thanked

everyone for their good wishes and support during his period of ill health and recent accident.

Cllr. O'Neill noted that housing provision for the people of the District had been one of his main priorities during his term as Cathaoirleach. He welcomed the recent opening and allocation of thirty four houses in the Slí na Sláinne estate in Baltinglass. He hopes to see more housing in the area and especially in Blessington town. Cllr. O'Neill thanked all colleagues for their help and co-operation over the last year and noted it was great working with new councillors. Cllr. O'Neill informed members that he always tried to chair the meeting in a fair manner and wished the incoming Cathaoirleach the best of luck, noting that there is a large body of work that needs to be done with the new County Development Plan.

Cllr. Blake and Cllr. Mullen both conveyed their thanks to Cllr. O'Neill on his term as Cathaoirleach.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. O'Neill called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach and Cllr. John Mullen nominated Cllr. Patsy Glennon for the position of Cathaoirleach. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Edward Timmins. There were no other nominations and the members agreed that Cllr. Glennon be elected as Cathaoirleach. Ms. Breege Kilkenny, District Manager, expressed her thanks to Cllr. O'Neill for his authenticity and dedication to the local area and congratulated Cllr. Glennon on behalf of all the staff and advised that she looked forward to working with him over the next year as Cathaoirleach. Mr. Hickey, District Administrator, also thanked Cllr. O'Neill for his guidance and hard work over the past year.

Cllr. O'Neill congratulated Cllr. Glennon on his election as Cathaoirleach, noting his strong commitment to the development of Hollywood and the Municipal District. Cllr. O'Neill welcomed members of the Glennon family to the meeting.

Cllr. Glennon thanked his predecessor, Cllr. O'Neill, for his kind words and to all who supported him in the local elections last year and since becoming a Councillor. He thanked elected members and previous members for their guidance and support and said it was a great honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Baltinglass Municipal District and that he would endeavour to be fair and treat all with respect. Cllr. Glennon also thanked members of his family for their support and encouragement over the years.

Each member paid tribute to Cllr. Glennon and wished him well for the coming year.

2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

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

Cllr. Avril Cronin was proposed for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach by Cllr. Blake and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mullen.

There were no other nominations for the position and the members agreed that Cllr. Cronin be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.


3. To agree Schedule of Meetings for July 2020 to May 2021

The Schedule of Meetings as circulated with the agenda was proposed by Cllr. Blake and seconded by Cllr. Cronin and agreed by all elected members. It was noted that the October and December meetings are scheduled to be held on the third Monday in the respective months.

4 Any Other Business


The Cathaoirleach wished all the best of luck and brought the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass to a close.

Signed:



CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
27/07/2020