

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 29th JUNE 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillor D. Mitchell, Cathaoirleach
Councillors M. Crean, T. Fortune, J. Neary, L Scott & G. Walsh

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones District Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Meetings Administrator
Ms. K. Coughlan, Meetings Secretary

Apologies: Mr. R. O’Hanlon, District Engineer

At the outset, the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor D. Mitchell, spoke about his time in the role of Cathaoirleach. He thanked the Council staff for their flexibility during the Covid 19 restrictions and for the many works and facilities provided to assist the community and local businesses during these difficult times.

Councillor Mitchell expressed disappointment that the CPO for the Delgany to Blacklion Cycleway and footpath had not yet been published. He welcomed the business that had been generated locally from the proposed Codling Offshore Windfarm and he stated that consultants were working on the possibility of increasing DART services to Greystones. He welcomed the provision of electric vehicle charging points at the harbour and at Tesco and the proposed charging points for Shoreline Leisure. He thanked his fellow Councillors for their co-operation during the year.

All the Councillors thanked Councillor Mitchell for his work during his year as Cathaoirleach and wished him well.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor M. Crean proposed that Councillor L. Scott be elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year and this was seconded by Councillor J. Neary.

As there were no other proposals for Cathaoirleach, Councillor Scott was deemed elected.

Councillor Scott thanked her fellow Councillors for electing her and she thanked Councillor D. Mitchell for his work over the past year. She referred to the challenges of the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and she acknowledged the many positive things that resulted from that such as the community support network that grew so quickly, the provision of outdoor dining spaces and increased walking and cycling areas. She looked forward to supporting the Greystones community, especially businesses, as things get back to normal and to continuing her work with local groups across the district to protect fragile green and blue spaces.

Councillor Scott said she would work on engaging with all members of the community more effectively, particularly older and younger people, to improve facilities for young people and to continue working on other projects such as 'Park and Stride' and 'Walking Bus' initiatives, 'Period Poverty' and working with the Greystones Delgany Sustainable Energy Community.

2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Councillor T. Fortune proposed that Councillor M. Crean be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year and this was seconded by Councillor L. Scott.

As there were no other proposals, Councillor M. Crean was deemed elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor Crean thanked the members for their nomination and looked forward to working with them going forward.

The District Manager, on behalf of all the GMD staff, thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor D. Mitchell on his work over the past year. He congratulated Councillor L. Scott on being elected as Cathaoirleach and Councillor M. Crean on being elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished them well.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.