

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Baltinglass Municipal District held in the Civic offices, Blessington on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Edward Timmins  
Councillor Patsy Glennon  
Councillor Avril Cronin  
Councillor Gerry O'Neill  
Councillor Jason Mulhall  
Councillor Peter Stapleton

**In Attendance:** Ms Theresa O'Brien, District Manager  
Mr. Liam Cullen, District Administrator  
Ms. Aideen Russell, Assistant Staff Officer, Via Zoom  
Ms. Lisa Mc Dermott, Assistant Staff Officer  
Ms. Catherine Byrne, Assistant Staff Officer, Via Zoom  
Ms. Anne Marie Butler, Clerical Officer, Via Zoom  
Ms. Christina Brophy, Clerical Officer

**Apologies:** Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer.

Cathaoirleach Timmins opened the meeting by offering his sincere condolences to the family of Nuala Haughey.

All councillors asked to be associated with same and a minutes silence was observed.

May Mrs. Haughey Rest in perfect peace.

Cllr. Timmins welcomed the elected members to the Annual meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District. He extended a special welcome to Cllr. Mulhall and Cllr. Stapleton explaining it is an honour to be elected and representing the people. He wished them both success for their 5 year term and he is happy to help them and work together.

Cllr. Timmins also paid tribute to retired Cllr. Mr. Vincent Blake and commiserations to Mr. John Mullen who has done great work and contributed massively to community groups. Cllr. Timmins proposed to write to John Mullen to express these views.

Cllr. Glennon asked to be associated with this as Mr. Mullen was a great colleague.

Cllr. Cronin asked to be associated with this as Mr. Mullen was a dedicated and dignified colleague.

Cllr. Stapleton asked to be associated with this and noted Mr. Mullen was out the day after elections helping out with Tinahely Tidy Towns.

Cllr. O'Neill asked to be associated with the comments for both Mr. Vincent Blake and Mr. John Mullen, remarking that it is tough to lose out on the count. Cllr. O'Neill also wished to welcome the two new Councillors and paid tribute to Edward who he said has done a great job as Cathaoirleach.

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Cllr. Timmins wished Theresa O' Brien a very warm welcome to her new position of Municipal District manager, citing she has previously been a great support to councillors and he has no doubt she will work very well and it was an excellent choice to appoint her to this position.

Cllr. Glennon said he has always had a mutual respect with Ms. O' Brien and wishes her well.

Cllr. O' Neill also welcomes Ms. O' Brien to the West of the County and remarked she has always been very easy to work with.

Cllr. Cronin, Cllr. Mulhall and Cllr. Stapleton also welcomed Ms. O' Brien.

## **1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Timmins called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Cronin proposed Cllr. Glennon for this position citing that he carries out all his work quietly and is respectful to all colleagues. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mulhall who stated Cllr. Glennon has been supportive throughout the year and does not favour praise.

Cllr. O' Neill proposed himself for this position stating as the poll topper during elections he thought it would only be fair to elect him. He stated he is willing to be fair to everyone.

There was no seconder to the proposal.

Cllr. Glennon is elected as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Timmins presented Cllr. Glennon with the chain of office.

Cllr. Glennon said he is honoured to be elected to this position, he did not envisage that this would happen but he is very grateful. He also commented that this can be a challenging position but he will be a very fair Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Glennon also went on to thank Cllr. Timmins for a job well done for the past year. Cllr. Glennon also remarked that Cllr. Timmins was Poll Topper previously and he did not automatically get the position of Cathaoirleach. He remarked everyone needs to work together and this is not the time for scoring points.

Cllr. Glennon also wished to extend a warm welcome to Cllr. Stapleton and Cllr. Mulhall and Theresa O' Brien and said he hopes they all receive the respect they deserve in their positions.

## **2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach**

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

Cllr. Timmins proposed Cllr. Cronin for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach, stating that she has contributed enormously to the district over the past 5 years.

Cllr. Stapleton seconded this proposal citing that Cllr. Cronin has always had a great ability to work alongside other councillors.

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Cllr. O' Neill proposed himself for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. He said he wants it recorded that this is only a gimmick, he thinks there must be a lot of talk going on behind the scenes that he is not privy to. He also wants to challenge Cllr. Glennon regarding a Social Media post where he spoke about Councillors and Cllr. O' Neill wants to know who it refers to, again asking for this to be recorded.

Cllr. Glennon stated the article speaks for itself.

There was no seconder to this proposal.

Cllr. Cronin is elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

### **3. To agree schedule of meetings for July 2024 to May 2025**

The schedule of meetings as circulated with the agenda was proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Timmins and unanimously agreed by all elected members.

### **4. Any other Business**

Cllr. Timmins again reiterated that he wished Cllr. Glennon well in his new position.

Cllr. Cronin thanked Cllr. Timmins for his work over the past year and she wished a warm welcome to the two new BMD staff members, Ms. Brophy and Ms. Mc Dermott.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone and brought the Annual Meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District to a close.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**