

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the  
Municipal District of Baltinglass  
Held in the Civic Offices, Blessington on  
26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Mr. Fergal Keogh, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Pat Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Liam Cullen, District Administrator  
Ms. Aideen Russell, Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Ms. Breege Kilkenny, District Manager  
Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer

Cathaoirleach Mullen opened the meeting by offering his sincere condolences to Cllr. Glennon on the passing of his beloved Sister Catherine Edgeworth (nee Glennon), who passed peacefully away on June 13<sup>th</sup>. All Councillors asked to be associated with same and a minutes silence was observed. May Catherine Rest in Perfect Peace.

Cathaoirleach Mullen welcomed the elected members to the Annual Meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District. He thanked his colleagues for their help and cooperation during the last year. He said it was an enjoyable year which had gone quickly and noted that the weather on his first day had been good and the sun was shining again today. Cathaoirleach Mullen paid tribute to his family for their support, the sacrifices made and their tolerance. He noted his first and a very enjoyable event as Cathaoirleach was to accompany a bus filled with the Roses of Tralee. The Tinahely Show was another hugely successful event. He spoke of further key events which

he was proud to be a part of, Baltinglass RRDF, The Greenway, The Pop Up Pool, to name but a few. Some he stated were slow to get up and running but are now progressing well. The Pop up Pool was a great success. Personally Cathaoirleach Mullen was extremely happy with the progress made through small initiatives carried out throughout the district regarding Mental Health Awareness. Cathaoirleach Mullen thanked all the staff of Baltinglass Municipal District, especially Mr. Cullen for all his time and assistance. Cathaoirleach Mullen finished up by stating that it had been both a privilege and an honour to serve Baltinglass Municipal District throughout the year.

All members conveyed their thanks to Cllr. Mullen on his reign as Cathaoirleach, congratulating him on a job well done.

Mr. Keogh expressed his thanks on behalf of Ms. Kilkenny and all the Baltinglass staff to Cllr. Mullen for his hard work, enthusiasm and commitment during the year, stating that Cllr. Mullen had been a very nice person to deal with. Mr. Keogh wished Cllr. Mullen all the best for the coming year.

## **1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Mullen called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Blake proposed Cllr. Timmins for the position. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Glennon. There were no other nominations and the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Timmins be elected as Cathaoirleach.

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

Cllr. Timmins said it was a great honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Baltinglass Municipal District. He thanked his predecessor, Cllr. Mullen, for the great work he did over the twelve months in office. Which he said, was always carried out in a fair manner. Cllr. Timmins acknowledged Cllr. Blake's generosity in allowing the nomination to go through unopposed, stating it was the mark of the man, who worked tirelessly for the electorate but never sought the limelight, a quality everyone would like to have. He went on to thank all the staff in the district, he spoke of the demands put on them, especially our district engineers, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Graham, who always did their best to help and were always available to talk to you. He said

that Mr. Cullen is superb, goes above and beyond his role as District Administrator to help in any way he can. Cllr. Timmins is looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year. He spoke of the Baltinglass RRDF and The Chief Executive's commitment to ensure that we are on the ground in the autumn. He also spoke about the issues with the Greenway and the hope that they will be resolved with An Bord Pleanála by February 2024. Cllr. Timmins will continue to work for the electorate, who he feels are at a slight disadvantage in the west of the county when it comes to housing, especially for our young people, first time buyers, who need to be able to build private houses and have affordable houses available to them.

Each member paid tribute to Cllr. Timmins 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. Blake was proposed for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach by Cllr. Cronin and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mullen. There were no other nominations for the position and the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Blake be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

## **3. To agree Schedule of Meetings for July 2023 to May 2024**

The Schedule of Meetings as circulated with the agenda was proposed by Cllr. Glennon, seconded by Cllr. Blake and unanimously agreed by all elected members.

## **4. Any Other Business - None**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**