

## **MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

### **HELD IN DISTRICT CHAMBER, TOWN HALL**

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2025 at 15.00pm**

**Present:** Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Graham Richmond, Cllr Danny Alvey, Cllr Shane Langrell, Cllr Paul O'Brien, Cllr John Snell, Cllr Gail Dunne (online)

**In Attendance:** District Manager, Brian Gleeson  
District Engineer, William Halligan  
District Administrator, Georgina Franey

Members of Councillor Graham Richmond's family

District Manager, Brian Gleeson, opened the meeting at 15.00pm and welcomed Cllr Graham Richmond's daughters.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach Gail Dunne thanked the Members for their support during the past year stating that he didn't realise a year ago that it would be such a difficult year in relation to his health. He paid tribute to the Leas Cathaoirleach, Graham Richmond for deputising. He also thanked the District Manager, District Engineer and District Administrator and all the staff of Wicklow Municipal District. He wished the new Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach well in the coming year.

The Members each paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach saying that he was always ready to advise and assist in any way. Members stated that it was a fitting tribute to Councillor Dunne that the Local Area Plan was approved as he had a huge input. They added that he was a great public representative and friend and hoped to have him back in the Council Chamber soon.

The District Manager also wished Councillor Dunne well and said he hoped he would be back before too long.

### **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Councillor Shane Langrell proposed Councillor Graham Richmond for the office of Cathaoirleach. Councillor Danny Alvey seconded the proposal. There were no further nominations for the position. Councillor Graham Richmond was therefore elected.

The Members congratulated Cathaoirleach Graham Richmond and wished him well for the coming year.

The new Cathaoirleach said it was not a role he took on lightly. He paid tribute to his three daughters and noted that being a father was the most important role of all. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Gail Dunne who was always there to support him.

He said all six members were committed to improving life in the community and he complimented his fellow members for working so well together, particularly during the recent LAP. He also commended the District Manager and District Engineer for all their work and particularly noted the recent purchase of the site at Magheramore. He also paid special tribute to the District Administrator for all her assistance and advice during the year.

Cllr Richmond proposed that a Cathaoirleach's reception be help for the members of the Wicklow Male Voice Choir in recognition of the exceptional manner in which they represented the Wicklow community at the recent twinning event in Eichenzell, Germany. This was seconded by Councillor Gail Dunne.

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

Councillor Gail Dunne proposed Councillor Paul O'Brien for the office of Leas Cathaoirleach and Councillor Graham Richmond seconded the proposal.

Councillor John Snell proposed himself for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Councillor Paul O'Brien seconded the proposal.

Councillor Snell referred to the disadvantages experienced by an Independent Councillor in securing the role of Cathaoirleach but stated that nonetheless he will continue to work for his constituents. A vote was then called for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach, the results were as follows:

<b>Elected Member:</b>	<b>Vote for Cllr Paul O'Brien:</b>	<b>Vote for Cllr John Snell:</b>
Cllr Paul O'Brien	✓	
Cllr Gail Dunne	✓	
Cllr Shane Langrell	✓	
Cllr Danny Alvey	✓	
Cllr Graham Richmond	✓	
Cllr John Snell		✓

Councillor Paul O'Brien was therefore elected to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

#### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

It was suggested that the September PPC Meeting and Ordinary Meeting be changed from 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> September due to August break. If the Gardai are in agreement the PPC Meeting will take place at 11.00am and the Ordinary Meeting will follow at 11.30am.

It was proposed by Councillor Paul O'Brien, seconded by Councillor John Snell and agreed that the Schedule of Meetings be approved, subject to the above amendment.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 15.30pm.

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_