

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Athy Municipal District held at 10.00 am on Monday, 23 July 2018 in the Athy Municipal District Building, Rathstewart, Athy, Co Kildare

Members Present: Councillor I Keatley (Cathaoirleach), Councillors A Breslin, M Dalton, M Miley and M Wall.

Officials Present: Mr N Morrissey (Municipal District Manager), Mr D O'Flaherty (Municipal District Engineer), Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Ms F Byrne (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K O'Malley (Meetings Secretary).

Apologies: Councillor T Redmond

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Election of Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the 2018 annual meeting of the Athy Municipal District. He welcome Mr Niall Morrissey, the new Municipal District Manager for the Athy area, and stated that it was appropriate that Mr Morrissey as Director of Services of the Roads Department, be appointed the Athy Municipal District Manager given the importance of the Southern Distributor Road (SDR) to Athy. Councillor Keatley stated that the former Municipal District Manager Mr Joe Boland would attend later on and a presentation would be made to him after the meeting.

The Municipal District Manager stated that he was delighted to be working in Athy, it would be a good challenge and he looked forward to working with the members.

Councillor Keatley thanked the staff for their help and co-operation during the year and stated that it was a great privilege and honour for him to have served as Cathaoirleach. Councillor Keatley stated that the past year was a great year for Athy with the progression

of the SDR and the opening of the new library which was a huge milestone for the overall regeneration of Athy.

Councillor Keatley stated that there were still challenges in the town with the closure of Coca Cola. He noted that there was now a focus on tourism and heritage in the county with the opening of the Gordon Bennett monument by the Mayor of Kildare and the progress in granting of permission for the Blueway.

Councillor Keatley congratulated Councillor Miley on his term as Mayor of Kildare and stated that it was a great privilege for Athy. He thanked Mr Joe Boland and stated that he had been a great servant to the Athy Municipal District over the years. Councillor Keatley thanked Leas-Cathaoirleach Breslin and stated that she had been a great support to him and had covered him at meetings on several occasions throughout the year.

Councillor Keatley thanked everyone and invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Wall thanked Councillor Keatley and stated that he was to the fore front of all projects and he had found him to be a very fair person who listened to the members concerns and brought them together. He also stated that Councillor Miley had worked well to promote the south of the county and congratulated him on his term as Mayor of Kildare stating that it was great to have a Mayor of Kildare from the Athy Municipal District.

Councillor Wall proposed Councillor Breslin for the position of Cathaoirleach stating that it was a pleasure working with her and what she offered the people of Athy and stated that in her last period as Cathaoirleach she showed herself to be very capable.

Councillor Keatley seconded Councillor Wall's proposal stating that Councillor Breslin had been of great assistance to him as Leas-Cathaoirleach and had done great work and would bring a balance to the members in the final year of the municipal district term. As there were no other nominations, Councillor Keatley deemed Councillor Breslin elected as Cathaoirleach.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Keatley that Councillor Breslin was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of the Athy Municipal District Committee.

Councillor Breslin took the chair and thanked the members for their support and stated that they work as one unit and have done excellent work in the past few years. She stated that there had been some set backs such as unemployment and the closure of businesses in Athy but that Athy was seen in a good light by everyone around the table. Councillor Breslin paid tribute to Councillor Keatley stating that he was an excellent Cathaoirleach and had done good work.

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Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Athy Municipal District.

Councillor Dalton proposed Councillor Keatley. Councillor Wall seconded the proposal.

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Breslin deemed Councillor Keatley elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Keatley stated that he looked forward to working with the members and that they would do their best in the coming year.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dalton, seconded by Councillor Wall that Councillor Keatley was deemed elected as the Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Athy Municipal District Committee.

The meeting concluded.