

**Minutes of the annual meeting of the Athy Municipal District held at 10.00 am on
Monday, 17 June 2019 in Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor M Wall (Cathaoirleach) Councillors A Breslin, V Behan, B Dooley and I Keatley.

Officials Present: Mr N Morrissey (District Manager), Mr D O'Flaherty (District Engineer), Ms M Mclvor and E Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Ms K Keane (Administrative Officer), Ms P Berry (Marketing Officer), Ms A Cummins (Meetings Administrator) and Ms O Mooney (Meetings Secretary)

AY01/0619

Suspension of Standing Orders

The outgoing Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders at 10.00 am for forty minutes.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Wall and agreed by all the members that standing orders be suspended for forty minutes until 10.40 am.

The meeting commenced at 10.40 am.

AY02/0619

Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach welcomed the new council and council staff to the meeting. She congratulated those who were elected and thanked those who had not been re-elected for their service. She welcomed Councillor Behan to the municipal district. She added there was a huge volume of work ahead for the area and she said the councillors normally work well as a team.

Councillor Keatley thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for her good work especially during budget time. He suggested that the Cathaoirleach should serve in the order of their election. It was proposed by Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Dooley that Councillor Wall be nominated as Cathaoirleach. As there were no other nominations

forthcoming, Councillor Wall was deemed elected. Councillor Wall thanked his proposer and seconder and he stated that the members would all work together. He thanked the members who had left over the last five years and he welcomed Councillor Behan to the municipal district. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, as an election year can be difficult and she held her position with respect and decorum. He stated the Athy Town Team were meeting on 18 June 2019 and upcoming projects were due to start soon. He added there were challenges facing rural areas especially Irish Water issues and he hoped that these issues would be resolved.

The District Manager thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach. He welcomed Councillor Behan and extended commiserations to those not re-elected. He congratulated Councillor Wall in his role as Cathaoirleach and he added that that the new Cathaoirleach would drive and deliver projects in the area and work with the town team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Dooley that Councillor Wall be deemed elected.

AY03/0619

Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Councillor Breslin was proposed by Councillor Dooley, and seconded by Councillor Behan. As there were no other nominations, Councillor Breslin was deemed elected. **Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Dooley, seconded by Councillor Behan that Councillor Breslin be deemed elected.

AY04/0619

Minutes

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on Monday, 13 May 2019.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Keatley that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on Monday, 13 May 2019 be taken as read.

AY05/0619

Matters Arising from Minutes

**Erection of Illuminated Warning Signs on bend on the R747 at Portersize, Ballitore
(AY14/0519)**

Councillor Keatley asked for an update on this matter. The District Engineer stated that these signs would be erected in a few weeks.

AY06/0619

Meetings Calendar

The members considered the meetings calendar for the remainder of the year. Councillor Keatley noted that on standing orders, the start time for the meeting was 10.00 am. He asked whether the start time could be changed. Ms McIvor stated that the issue of start times had been discussed at the last full council meeting and it was listed on the agenda for the next Protocol & Procedures Committee meeting. She added that the standing orders would have to be amended if it was agreed to change the start time. She said she would await the decision of the Protocol & Procedures Committee meeting and would come back to the members with the outcome.

Resolved that the meetings calendar be agreed for the remainder of the year.

The meeting then concluded.