



**Minutes of the annual meeting of the Athy Municipal District held at 10.00 am
on Monday, 27 June 2024 in
Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor V Behan (Cathaoirleach) Councillors A Breslin, I Keatley.

Online: Councillors B Dooley and M Leigh.

Officials Present: Mr A Dunney (District Manager), Mr B McGrath (Meetings Administrator) and Ms A Noone (Meetings Secretary).

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Declaration of Conflicts or Pecuniary Interests

Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations made.

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Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting. She congratulated all members who were re-elected.

She invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.



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It was proposed by Councillor Leigh, seconded by Councillor Keatley that Councillor Breslin be nominated as Cathaoirleach. As there were no other nominations forthcoming, Councillor Breslin was deemed elected.

Councillor Leigh acknowledged Councillor Breslin's unwavering dedication to public service and Athy Municipal District, and how her experience and knowledge would stand to her in her role as Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Keatley echoed the above sentiments and commended Councillor Breslin for her commitment as a Councilor over the last number of years.

Councillor Dooley also endorsed Councillor Breslin as Cathaoirleach and stated that the huge number of votes she had received was a direct acknowledgement of her hard work and dedication to the Athy Municipal District.

Councillor Behan congratulated Councillor Breslin and added that she was professional, had strong public leadership and embodied women in politics and was a testament to Athy.

The District Manager paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach for all her hard work and respect she had shown the staff and congratulated the new Cathaoirleach and wished her the best of luck for the coming year in term.

Councillor Breslin took the chair.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their support and kind words. She added that the five members returning showed how hard work had paid off. There had been a huge body of work carried out in the last five years. She congratulated Councillor Behan as outgoing Cathaoirleach and said it was great to have another woman in politics in Athy Municipal District. She thanked the members and staff and added there was a huge volume of work ahead for the area and she said the councillors worked well as a team.



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Resolved in accordance with Section 37 (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 2021 as amended that on the proposal of Councillor Leigh, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by all members that that Councillor Breslin be deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of Athy Municipal District.

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Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Keatley was proposed by Councillor Breslin, and seconded by Councillor Dooley. As there were no other nominations, Councillor Keatley was deemed elected.

Councillor Breslin pointed out that Councillor Keatley had done a huge volume of work and it was a privilege to nominate him as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Dooley also noted that Councillor Keatley had the knowledge and expertise to carry out the role.

Councillor Keatley acknowledged the members kind words and looked forward to working with them over the next year.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Dooley that Councillor Keatley be deemed elected as Leas Chathaoirleach of Athy Municipal District.

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Minutes

To adopt the minutes the monthly Athy Municipal District meeting held on Monday, 20 May 2024.



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Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Behan that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on Monday, 20 May 2024 be adopted.

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Meetings Calendar

The members considered the meetings calendar for the remainder of the year.

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

Councillor Keatley advised that the meeting time of 10.00 a.m. was an issue and wondered if the members could explore changing the time.

The Cathaoirleach advised that it was something that could be looked at.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the members and advised that going forward meetings would be conducted in a professional and concise manner and looked forward to working with the members and staff. She asked that the members might consider starting informal discussions on LPT over the summer. The members all agreed.

The meeting concluded.