

**Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal  
District Annual Meeting held on Friday, 21 July 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Board Room, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor V Liston (Cathaoirleach), Councillors B Caldwell, M Coleman, and Councillor C Galvin.

**Remote Attendance:** Councillors N Killeen, Í Cussen and Councillor J Neville

**Officials Present:** Ms C Barrett (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (District Engineer), Ms C O’Grady(Senior Executive Officer), Mr T Shanahan (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Woodhouse (Meetings Secretary)

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Councillor Liston welcomed councillors, staff and public to the meeting and informed them that Councillor Neville, Cussen and Killeen were joining the annual meeting remotely. Councillor Liston reflected on a great year with great work achieved including

- Progress on the Wonderful Barn Project
- A second playground in Lexlip, thanking Intel for their funding
- The pop-up pool, noting data from this will be vital in supporting the case for a permanent pool
- Work on the Town Renewal Plans, inclusive of foundation work for URDF funding and the strong community involvement to date.
- New housing projects including allocations for older people
- Youth facility now progressing to design stage
- The second bridge in Celbridge
- Active travel projects
- The purchase of the Parochial House
- Climate Action Plan
- The Heritage Programme including Donaghcumper Ruins

- The Tidy Towns Awards
- Heritage protection
- Support Groups including youthwork and the men and womens sheds
- The successful community festival
- Celbridge success on becoming an Age Friendly Town and accessibility measures.

Councillor Liston highlighted that all achievements throughout the year were only possible through the successful collaboration between all members and the council. She expressed thanks to both the Meeting Secretary and the Meeting Administrator for their guidance and support throughout the year.

Thanks were expressed to the District Manager for her calm approach, help and assistance in progressing projects throughout the year. Thanks given also to all sections of the council for their help and assistance.

Councillor Liston thanked Councillor Killeen for her assistance and support as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Councillor Liston finished by expressing what a privilege it had been to be Cathaoirleach and work alongside the other members to lead positively across the Municipal District and the County in the best interest of the local communities.

All the members commended Councillor Liston for her contribution during the year, in particular for the kind, calm and fair manner in which she carried out her role.

The District Manager congratulated Councillor Liston on her commitment and collaborative working and achievements throughout the year especially regarding LPT allocations and the way discussions were chaired.

### **CL01/0723**

#### **Election of Cathaoirleach.**

Councillor Liston invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Cussen proposed Councillor Caldwell and was seconded by Councillor Neville.

Councillor Galvin proposed Councillor Killeen and was seconded by Councillor Killeen.

As there were two nominations a vote was required.

It was first asked for all those in favour of Councillor Caldwell.

Councillors Coleman, Neville, Cussen, Liston and Caldwell raised their hands

It was then asked for all those in favour of Councillor Killeen.

Councillors Galvin and Killeen raised their hands.

Councillor Caldwell received the majority of votes, he was therefore deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

**Resolved:** in accordance with Section 37 (a) and (c) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended that on the proposal of Councillor Cussen, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the majority of members present, Councillor Bernard Caldwell be deemed elected Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Caldwell took the chair.

The members congratulated Councillor Caldwell in his new role as Cathaoirleach and thanked Councillor Liston for being approachable, fair, respectful and for her collaborative working throughout the year. Especially with the LPT allocations.

Councillor Caldwell thanked the members for their nominations and that he looked forward to working alongside them in the following year.

## **CL02/0722**

### **Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach**

Councillor Caldwell invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

Councillor Liston proposed Councillor Galvin for the position and this was seconded by Councillor Coleman.

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Galvin was deemed elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Liston, seconded by Councillor Coleman and agreed by all the members that Councillor Galvin was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District.

The members congratulated Councillor Galvin in her new role as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

The meeting concluded.

These Minutes were adopted at the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District meeting on 15 September 2023

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

Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator